

STEVENSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, January 22nd, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Council for the Town of Stevensville came together at Council Chambers, this being the time set for the regular meeting of the Town Council. Mayor Dewey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember's Barker, Holcomb, Smith and Michalson were all present. Members of the public were also present.

The Council and all present then rose, faced the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes from:

January 8th Town Council Meeting

Councilmember Holcomb made a motion to approve minutes from the January 8th Town Council Meeting as presented. Councilmember Barker seconded the motion and all voted "aye". Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of bi-weekly claims:

Council reviewed the claims as presented.

Councilmember Holcomb made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Councilmember Barker seconded the motion. Council inquired about several claims and recommended a better system to show the Mayor has approved the claim prior to a purchase. Mayor Dewey explained he reviews and approves all claims prior to them being brought to Council. **The vote was called and all voted "aye". Motion carried 4-0.**

Administrative Reports:

Airport

Airport Manager Paul O'Bagy introduced himself and asked for suggestions on what information they would like to see in his airport monthly report.

Building

Council reviewed the Building Official's November report.

Fire

Fire Chief Jeff Motley presented the December Fire Report and thanked Council for approving the first reading of Ordinance No. 163. He also reported on the status of the new ambulance and the fire engines from Missoula.

Court Annual Report

Council reviewed Judge O'Connor's annual Court report.

Guests:

There were no guests.

Correspondence:

- Pantry Partners Thank You Letter
- Stevensville Clothes Closet Thank You Letter
- Letter from Jim Crews regarding the bidding process of salvage vehicles

Public Comments:

There were no other public comments.

Unfinished Business:

There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business:

A. Discussion/decision– Resolution No. 422, A Resolution Establishing a Graffiti Prevention & Removal Policy for the Town of Stevensville, Montana

Mayor Dewey introduced Resolution No. 422 in an effort to help mitigate the graffiti issue at Lewis and Clark Park.

Councilmember Holcomb made a motion to approve Resolution No. 422, A Resolution Establishing a Graffiti Prevention & Removal Policy for the Town of Stevensville, Montana. Councilmember Barker seconded the motion. Council inquired and recommended the resolution be reviewed by the Town’s insurer, MMIA. Discussion was held on timeliness of removing the graffiti. **The vote was called and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.**

B. Discussion – Installation of Security Cameras at Lewis & Clark Park Due to Repeated Vandalism, Stevensville H.S. Students

Stevensville High School students, Shay Harris and Ryan Labenske, presented their proposal to install security cameras at Lewis & Clark Park to deter vandalism. They also offered to fund raise in an effort to help with the cost of the cameras and signage.

Council held discussion regarding the Town’s responsibility to fund the cameras, the need for cameras, fence repair and security lighting. Council determined this issue needs to go before the Park Board to bring back recommendations to Council. Security lighting was discussed as being the first priority. Using a portion of the Jean Thomas Fund was also discussed.

Further discussion was held regarding the Park Board and lighting estimates.

Sherri Harris, Park Board member and resident at Bear Cub Lane, commented on the need for more patrol in the parks from the Police Department.

Discussion ensued regarding police patrols and security lighting.

Ann Capovani, thanked Mayor & Council for addressing this issue. She then commented on the safety of young children, drug bags found in the playground, and recommended lighting for the playground as well.

Vicki Motley, commented on the Park Board previous discussions of security and lighting in the preliminary Park Master Plan.

Mayor clarified that there are two lighting issues; one being an immediate short-term existing lighting currently being addressed and long term new lighting placement that can be addressed by the Park Board.

Cathy Cook, 435 Whitetail Way, commented on the youth soccer paying a fee to the Town for use of the facilities with no working bathrooms and reoccurring vandalism which costs their organization every year. She informed Council she has come before them every year for several years and asked Council to stop talking about this issue and act on it. She recommended Council install security cameras and hire more law enforcement, for a safe place for our youth and community.

Ann Schmitz, commented on the need to hold vandals accountable, the cost to the Town and community volunteer hours for the park assets, youth not feeling safe in Stevensville parks, the need for cameras and law enforcement patrols.

C. Discussion/decision – Consent to Mayor’s Appointment of Jerry Phillips to the Planning & Zoning Board

Mayor Dewey introduced his appointment of Jerry Phillips to the Planning & Zoning Board.

Councilmember Holcomb made a motion to consent to the Mayor’s Appointment of Jerry Phillips to the Planning & Zoning Board. Councilmember Barker seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.

Executive Report

Mayor Dewey reported on the following items:

- Proposed Budget Amendment preparation. A Committee of the Whole meeting will be set for February 5th for review and discussion prior to a public hearing.
- Surplus equipment bid process with bid openings Feb 1st and garage sale type event for miscellaneous on Saturday, January 27th.
- 9 applications for the General services Clerk position were received. Interviews will be conducted by Fire Chief Motley, Human Resource Rep April Van Tassel and the Mayor in the upcoming week.

- Public Works Director George Thomas will begin work on the Lewis & Clark bathrooms this spring, as soon as weather permits.

Council inquired why the 1993 Fire Pumper truck was not included in the surplus equipment sale. Mayor Dewey explained holding off on its disposal until its replacement from Missoula is in service.

There was further discussion regarding Lewis and Clark bathrooms not being completed.

Town Council Comments:

Councilmember Smith commented on addressing security cameras for Lewis and Clark Park prior to getting the Park Board re-established.

Board Reports

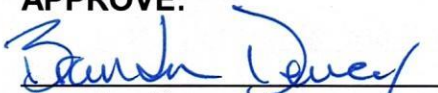
Councilmember Holcomb reported on the TEDD/TIFD Board meeting.

Councilmember Smith reported on his visit to the airport.

Councilmember Holcomb made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Michalson seconded and all voted "aye". Motion carried 4-0.


Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

APPROVE:



Brandon Dewey, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacy Bartlett, Town Clerk