

STEVENSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, December 8th, 2016
Immediately following the Special Meeting

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 Crews called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. immediately following the Special Meeting. Councilmember's Barker, Holcomb, Freeman and Michalson were all present. There were several members of the public present also.

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

Approval of minutes from:

November 10th Town Council Meeting and November 17th Special Meeting

Councilmember Holcomb made a motion to approve the November 10th Town Council Meeting minutes and the November 17th Special Meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Barker seconded the motion.

Councilmember Freeman made a motion to amend the November 10th meeting minutes under Town Council Comments to reflect his resignation from the Council due to him relocating out of the Stevensville area and no longer being able to serve on Council. Councilmember Holcomb seconded the motion to amend the minutes and all voted "aye". Motion carried 4-0.

The vote was called on the motion to approve the minutes as amended 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. Fire Chief Motley reported on the training fund over expenditure, informing Council the cost will be split with the Rural Fire District with their portion being reimbursed to the Town. This will bring that line item back within budget. **The vote was called and all voted "aye". Motion carried 4-0.**

Interim Finance Officer Brandon Dewey updated Council on Finance issues including the cash report claims fund and payroll fund that had not been properly kept current in Black Mountain Software by entering cleared checks. He reported this has been corrected with the new balances for those funds being accurate. He also reported the Airport has received \$880,096 for the Airport Project and those funds have been paid out to contractors on that project.

Administrative Reports:

Building

Council reviewed Building Inspector Dennis Monroe's report from November.

Fire

Fire Chief Motley presented the Fire Department report for November.

Streets/Alleys

Streets Supervisor Ed Sutherlin reported on Streets/Alleys. He reminded everyone that snow removal on sidewalks in front of homes and businesses are the owners' responsibility.

Water/Sewer

Water/Sewer Supervisor George Thomas reported on water and sewer. He informed Council one well is down but repairs are being made to get it back up and running again and sewer plant equipment checks will be done at the end of the month.

Guests:

There were no guests present.

Correspondence:

Mayor Crews read the following correspondence into the record:

- Park Board Chair Raymond Smith's Resignation Letter
- Raymond Smith's Letter Regarding the River Park Land Swap
- Stevensville Rural Fire District Letter Regarding MOU Approval and Bay Rental
- St. Mary's Mission Thank You Note
- Ravalli County Recycling Thank You Note
- Stevensville Main Street's Letter Regarding the Proposed Land Swap at River Park
- Charter Communications Letter Regarding Pricing Changes

Public Comments:

Stevensville Main Street Association Director Joan Prather gave an update on Main Street items and events. She thanked Ed Sutherlin for his impressive scarecrow flagger at the Scarecrow Festival, the Stevensville Police Department for their help keeping everyone safe at the Country Christmas event and the Civic Club for all their work. She also reported that the Splendor on Main fundraiser held at the Bitterroot Living Center was also very successful.

Civic Club member Tonya Eckert thanked the Fire Department and everyone who helped set up the Town Christmas lights. She also reminded everyone there is a tour of River Park scheduled this Saturday at 3pm with an open discussion at Town Hall after.

Airport Manager Chris Soto updated the Council on the Airport including Forest Service possibly moving in, runway construction is complete, the new courtesy car is available, and the beacon is being worked on. More people are moving back in now that the airport is open.

Unfinished Business:

A. Discussion/decision – Resolution No. 396, A Resolution to Adopt the Growth Policy Update for the Town of Stevensville, Montana

Mayor Crews read Resolution No. 396 into the record.

Councilmember Michalson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 396, A Resolution to Adopt the Growth Policy Update for the Town of Stevensville, Montana. Councilmember Freeman seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business:

A. Discussion/decision – Approval of Grants to Others for Stevensville Museum, Pantry Partners, Clothes Closet, Genesis House, Stevensville Senior Center, St. Mary’s Mission, Stevensville Playhouse

Mayor Crews introduced the grants to others.

Councilmember Barker made a motion to approve Grants to Others for the Stevensville Museum, Pantry Partners, Clothes Closet, Genesis House, Stevensville Senior Center, St. Mary’s Mission, and the Stevensville Playhouse. Councilmember Holcomb seconded the motion. Council held discussion on the funds and organizations awarded funds. The vote was called and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Discussion/decision – Request for Improvements and Modifications for the Proposed Helitack Base at the Stevensville Airport

Mayor Crews informed Council that this issue has not been discussed by the Airport Board due to the Boards lack of quorum at their last meeting. Mayor recommended tabling this issue until the Airport Board has given a recommendation.

Councilmember Holcomb made a motion to table this item until the Airport Board has reviewed and given a recommendation. Councilmember Barker seconded the motion. The vote was called and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.

C. Discussion/decision – Council Appointment of Ward 2 Councilmember to Fill Councilmember Freeman’s Remaining Term

Mayor Crews recommended Council table their appointment until the Town Attorney gives an opinion on the possible conflict of interest of the Fire Chief also serving on Council.

Councilmember Holcomb made a motion to table this item until the Town's Attorney gives his opinion on the Fire Chief also serving on Council. Councilmember Barker seconded the motion. The vote was called and all voted "aye". Motion carried 4-0.

Executive Report:

Mayor Crews reported on the following items:

- 3 companies interested in submitting proposals on a Forest Service helitack base at the Stevensville Airport
- Mayor's proposed committee to work with Park Board on the River Park land swap, Park Board Chair Raymond Smith's resignation, prescriptive easements, his request for an opinion regarding the proposed land swap from the Town's attorney, scheduled tour and open discussion on Saturday
- Finance Officer resignation and replacement recruitment

Town Council Comments:

Councilmember Freeman commented on the resignation of the Park Board chair, the Council's decision to empower the Park Board on the proposed land swap and recommended a public apology to the Park Board chair. He also commented on tension with the staff should be looked into before we lose good/long term employees.

Board Reports

Councilmember Michalson reported on the Airport Board meeting.

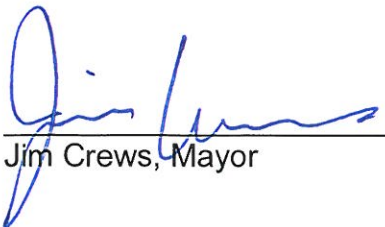
Tonya Eckert informed Council there will be a Park Board meeting on Monday, December 12th.

Councilmember Freeman requested his resignation date be changed to December 12th, due to this being the day he will be moving.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

APPROVE:



Jim Crews, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacy Bartlett, Town Clerk