

**PUBLIC HEARING
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18th, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

The Stevensville Town Council came together for a public hearing at Town Council Chambers for the purpose of considering the Proposed Termination of Recycling Contract with Ravalli County Recycling.

Mayor Crews called the hearing to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmember's Barker, Holcomb, Freeman and Michalson. Also present were several members of the public. (See Sign-in Sheet)

Mayor reviewed the history of the recycling program and presented the proposal to terminate the contract for recycling services. He informed Council there was no written comment and then opened the hearing for public comments.

Public Comments

Robert Kares, Kootenai Creek Road, and volunteer for Ravalli County Recycling, commented in favor of the recycling program. He further commented on issues with the recycling services due to being a volunteer program, the large volume of aluminum cans and paper, and due to the concern for the environment, the program being well worth the cost. By keeping the program, you are keeping the environment clean.

There were no further public comments.

Mayor opened the floor for questions regarding the recycling program.

Robert inquired about the cost of recycling to the Town and Mayor reviewed those costs and stating the Town has not received an invoice since May, 2016. Mayor then informed the Public that the recycling is paid for by the residents of the Town and those outside the Town are not contributing to the costs.

Dawn Geiger, asked if residents could take their recycling to Hamilton and if there is a charge for that. Mayor responded they can take recycling to Hamilton and he did not know if there was a charge. Dawn also commented that this has become a garbage dump and it was not fair for Town residents to pay for the program that people outside the Town can use. She did not know if she was in favor for the recycling or not.

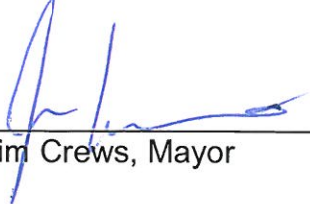
Robert further commented on recycling, his volunteerism and recycling costs.

Mayor commented on businesses that create the product need to create a recycling program for those products.

Council held discussion regarding the costs of recycling for the remainder of the contract and the cost to the Town to continue versus terminating the program. Mayor informed the Council that if continued through the end of the contract term it could cost approximately up to \$7200 and that there would be no cost to terminate the contract.


The hearing adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

APPROVE:



Jim Crews, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacy Bartlett, Town Clerk