

STEVENSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, January 14, 2016
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 Ludington called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember's Holcomb, Michalson, Crews and Barker 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:

December 10th Town Council Meeting

Councilmember Holcomb made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Crews seconded the motion and all voted "aye". Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of bi-weekly claims:

Council reviewed the claims as presented.

Councilmember Crews made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Councilmember Holcomb seconded the motion and all voted "aye". Motion carried 4-0.

Administrative Reports:

Building

Council reviewed Building Inspector Dennis Monroe's report for December.

Fire

Fire Chief Motley presented the Fire Department report for December.

Streets/Alleys

Streets Supervisor Ed Sutherlin was not present. Water/Sewer Supervisor George Thomas reported on snow removal and plowing.

Water/Sewer

Water/Sewer Supervisor George Thomas reported on water and sewer issues.

Guests:

Mayor introduced Ravalli Republic reporter Michelle McConnaha and her husband.

Correspondence:

Mayor Ludington read the following correspondence into the record:

- Letter from Governor Bullock regarding a \$6,000 planning grant award
- Letter from Governor Bullock regarding a \$27,000 planning grant award
- Thank you letters from Pantry Partners, Clothes Closet and St. Mary's Mission for the grants to others

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Unfinished Business:

A. Standing Agenda Item: Sewer Project

1. Discussion/decision – Change Order #4, Waste Water Treatment Plant Project

HDR Project Manager Tom Hanou gave an update on the Waste Water Treatment Plant Project including issues with equipment delivery which is holding up the project. Council held discussion on the delivery issues.

Tom then presented Change Order #4 for an increase of \$13,564.85.

Tom informed Council that RD (Rural Development) agreed to fund the fill of the oxidation ditch once this project is complete.

Councilmember Holcomb made a motion to approve Change Order #4 for an increase of \$13,564.85. Councilmember Michalson seconded the motion. The vote was called and all voted "aye". Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor called for a 5 minute recess.

The meeting reconvened.

New Business:

A. Discussion/decision – Funds for Stevensville Fire Department Purchase of a Ladder Truck

Mayor presented the proposed purchase of a ladder truck and recommended Council approve the purchase which will require a public hearing and budget amendment.

Chief Motley presented details of the 1985 Pierce 55' ladder truck, bidding process, winning bid price of \$12,500, and the apparatus's current certification. Chief Motley then informed Council of the benefit of having this equipment to access all the taller structures in the Town and at the Airport and his request for funding with \$10,000 from the budgeted funds for R2040 (light rescue/ambulance) and another \$5,000 from the CIP to get the apparatus in service.

Councilmember Holcomb made a motion to approve moving forward with a budget amendment for the purchase of a ladder truck. Councilmember Crews seconded the motion. The vote was called and all voted "aye". Motion carried 4-0.

B. Discussion/decision – Council Election of the 2016 Council President

Councilmember Crews recused himself from voting due to his request to be elected Council President.

Mayor Ludington reviewed the Council Rules with regarding the Council election of Council President.

Councilmember Holcomb made a motion to elect Jim Crews as Town Council President for 2016 and Councilmember Michalson seconded the motion. Councilmembers Holcomb, Barker and Michalson all voted "aye". Councilmember Crews abstained. Motion carried 3-0.

C. Discussion/decision – Mayor's Re-appointment of Dustin Wood and Appointment of Lake Shinn, Craig Thomas and Don Lorenzen to the Stevensville Board

Mayor Ludington recommended his appointments to the Airport Board.

Councilmember Crews made a motion to re-appoint Dustin Wood and the Appointment of Lake Shinn, Craig Thomas and Don Lorenzen to the Airport Board. Councilmember Holcomb seconded the motion and all voted "aye". Motion carried 4-0

D. Discussion/decision – Mayor's Recommendation of Councilmembers to Town Boards; Airport Board, Park Board, Planning & Zoning Board, Stevensville Main Street Association and TIFID Board

Mayor Ludington recommended the appointment of Councilmembers to Town Boards as follows:

Councilmember Crews – Airport Board

Councilmember Barker – Park Board

Councilmember Michalson - Planning & Zoning Board

Councilmember Holcomb - Stevensville Main Street Association Board and TIFID

Councilmember Holcomb informed the Mayor she would not be able to serve on the Main Street Board due to her work schedule and commute. Further discussion was held with regard to serving on the SMSA board.

Councilmember Crews made a motion for Council to vote on each board appointment separately. Councilmember Holcomb seconded the motion and all voted "aye". Motion carried 4-0.

Councilmember Crews made a motion to appoint Councilmember Michalson to the Planning & Zoning Board. Councilmember Holcomb seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilmember Holcomb made a motion to appoint Councilmember Crews to the Airport Board. Councilmember Michalson seconded the motion and all voted "aye". Motion carried 4-0.

Councilmember Michalson made a motion to appoint Councilmember Barker to the Park Board. Councilmember Crews seconded the motion.

Further discussion was held regarding the Main Street Board and TIFID appointments. Mayor Ludington informed Council of the reasoning behind his appointment recommendations.

The vote was called for the Park Board appointment and all voted" aye". Motion carried 4-0.

Councilmember Crews made a motion to appoint Councilmember Holcomb to the TIFID (North Stevensville Tax Increment Finance Industrial District) Board. Councilmember Barker seconded the motion and all voted "aye". Motion carried 4-0.

Councilmember Crews informed Mayor and Council that he would be willing to serve as a Council representative, but not a board member of the Stevensville Main Street Association.

Councilmember Michalson made a motion to appoint Councilmember Crews to the Stevensville Main Street Association. Councilmember Holcomb seconded the motion and all voted "aye". Motion carried 4-0.

Executive Report:

Mayor Ludington reviewed some of the Towns accomplishments over the past couple of years and informed Council of the many issues coming forward that will need to be worked on.

Mayor also commented on local government training on Feb 4th and read an email from a citizen complimenting Ed Sutherlin for his assistance with her vehicle that was stuck in the snow. Mayor then commented on the staff trying to keep up with the snow.

Town Council Comments:

Councilmember Michalson commented on needed security for the cemeteries and requested this be added to the list of upcoming projects.

Councilmember Barker commented on traffic rolling through the 4 way stop at Main and Third, and recommended more monitoring at that intersection. Councilmember Holcomb commented that she has advocated for a stop light at that intersection for the past couple of years. Further discussion ensued regarding the intersection at Main and Third Streets.

Councilmember Crews inquired about the Christmas share tags, police staffing and then commented on the Charter internet upgrade.

Mayor updated Council on the franchise contract with Charter Communications.

Councilmember Crews commented on Chief Marble assisting a family with tires to get a vehicle moved off the street and recommended town address all the vehicles parking long term on the streets. He also welcomed Craig Thomas as one of the new Airport Board members.

Councilmember Michalson requested Chief Marble address the fireworks still being set off in town at night.

Board Reports

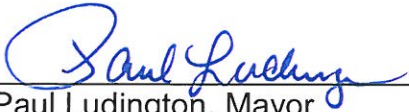
Councilmember Holcomb and Park Board Chairman Ray Smith reported on the Park Board.

Councilmember Crews reported on the informal airport meeting on Tuesday and informed public of next meeting scheduled on January 19th.

Councilmember Michalson inquired about Planning & Zoning meetings. Further discussion ensued.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

APPROVE:



Paul Ludington, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacy Bartlett, Town Clerk

