

STEVENSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, December 10th, 2015
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, Hunter, Perrin and Crews 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 24th Town Council Meeting

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

Administrative Reports:

Building

Council reviewed the Building Inspector's report for November.

Fire

Fire Chief Motley presented the Fire Department report for November.

Streets/Alleys

Streets Supervisor Ed Sutherlin was not in attendance.

Water/Sewer

Water/Sewer Supervisor George Thomas reported on water and sewer issues. He also gave an update on the Waste Water Treatment Plant project.

Guests:

April Neidhardt was introduced as the new Finance Officer.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

Public Comments:

Gene Mim Mack commented on his appreciation for Councilperson Hunter and Councilperson Perrin for their service while on the Town Council.

Unfinished Business:

A. Standing Agenda Item: Sewer Project

Mayor Ludington and Water/Sewer Supervisor George Thomas gave an update on the sewer project and informed Council the cold weather has slowed the project down. Substantial completion is scheduled for January 23rd, however, there is skepticism whether that date will be met or not.

B. Discussion/decision– Investing Water Reserve and Water Bond Requirement totaling \$235,108 into CD's

Mayor Ludington presented the Treasurer's recommendation of investing these funds per Council's request at the November 24th meeting.

Councilmember Perrin made a motion to approve investing \$60,000 Water CIP reserve into a 12-month CD; \$84,100 Water bond SLA/depreciation reserve into a 12 month CD; and \$91,008 Water CIP and/or additional 1-year debt reserve placed in a 24-month CD. Councilmember Hunter seconded the motion. Further discussion regarding the investment of funds ensued. The vote was called and all voted "aye". Motion carried 4-0.

C. Discussion/decision – Resolution No. 382, A Resolution to Add Members of the Stevensville Rural Fire District to the Town of Stevensville Fire Department Roster for the Purpose of all Members to Receive Equal Retirement Benefits

Mayor Ludington read the Resolution into the record.

Councilmember Crews made a motion to approve Resolution No. 382, A Resolution to Add Members of the Stevensville Rural Fire District to the Town of Stevensville Fire Department Roster for the Purpose of all Members to Receive Equal Retirement Benefits. Councilmember Holcomb seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding this action being previously approved by Council, but not by Resolution and this Resolution equalizing all volunteer's benefits. The vote was called and all voted "aye". Motion carried 4-0.

New Business:

A. Discussion/decision – Generator Service Contract for Well House and Waste Water Treatment Plant

Mayor Ludington introduced the 2 contract bids for generator service. Council held discussion regarding the need for service on these units and materials costs.

Councilmember Hunter made a motion to accept the TWE contract for generator service on the well house and waste water treatment plant. Councilmember Holcomb seconded the motion. Further discussion ensued regarding the Town stocking spare parts and oil versus having the vendor supply them. The vote was called and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Discussion/decision – Appoint April Neidhardt as Human Resource Supervisor

Mayor Ludington recommended April Neidhardt as the Human Resource Supervisor.

Councilmember Perrin made a motion to approve April Neidhardt as Human Resource Supervisor for the Town of Stevensville. Councilmember Hunter seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.

C. Discussion/decision – Purchase of Porta Potty for River Park

Mayor recommended purchasing a porta potty for River Park versus continuing a monthly rental.

Discussion ensued regarding the possible need for a handicap accessible unit and placement of this unit if there is not a need for it at River Park in the future.

Councilmember Perrin made a motion to approve the purchase of a Porta Potty for River Park. Councilmember Crews seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.

Executive Report:

Mayor Ludington reported on the following items:

- April Neidhardt’s training with Treasurer Mapelli
- Mayor Ludington will be out of town from December 22nd – the 29th
- Success of the Parade of Lights Event
- Mayor’s meeting with PCI and DNRC regarding the Town’s Water Rights
- Water softener issue on Mission Street residence
- Thanks and Appreciation to Bill Perrin and Tim Hunter for their service on the Town Council
- Council Oath Ceremony – 8:30 am January 4th

Town Council Comments:

Councilmember Holcomb thanked Councilmembers Hunter and Perrin and wished them the best. She also thanked the Fire Dept volunteers for helping set up for the Parade of Lights.

Councilmember Crews thanked Councilmembers Hunter and Perrin and expressed his appreciation for their service.

Councilmember Hunter commented on it being an honor to serve and wished the Council luck for future.

Councilmember Perrin commented on his service and also wished the Council luck.

Board Reports

Councilmember Crews reported on the Airport Board meeting and the meeting with the Airport tenants regarding the upcoming runway improvement project. He also informed Council that several people have expressed interest on filling the vacancies on the Airport Board.

Councilmember Perrin reported on the Stevensville Main Street Association meeting, grant funds and upcoming events. Joan Prather announced that the Town of Stevensville was awarded a \$6,000 grant from the Montana Main Street Program for the Growth Policy Update. This grant was applied for through the Stevensville Main Street Association.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

APPROVE:



Paul Ludington, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacy Bartlett, Town Clerk