

**PUBLIC HEARING
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

The Stevensville Town Council came together for a public hearing at Town Council Chambers for the purpose of considering Ordinance No. 157, An Ordinance Establishing a Tree Ordinance in the Town of Stevensville, MT and Adding a New Article to Chapter 22 of the Stevensville, Montana Municipal Code.

Present were Mayor Mim Mack, Councilmember's Perrin, Crews, Hunter and Holcomb. Also present were several members of the public.

Mayor called the hearing to order at 7:00 pm. and reviewed the proposed tree ordinance.

Mayor then opened the meeting to public comments.

Public Comment

Robert Morawic, 411 Mission Street, commented on his concern regarding Sec 22-424 Public Tree Care and inquired about the costs associated with watering, maintaining removing street trees.

Anne Susen, 327 Main Street, commented against the tree ordinance. She then commented on a 3 person tree board, maintenance of the trees on Main Street bulb outs and costs associated to Main Street businesses; tree board members not being arborists; and the Town staff recommending her elm tree be removed due to roots entering the sewer lines.

Jeff Motley, 318 9th Street, recommended the ordinance be amended to include an arborist be on the tree board.

Ron Klaphake, Creekside Drive, commented on including one arborist on the tree board.

There were no further public comments.


The hearing adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

APPROVE:



Gene Mim Mack, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacy Bartlett, Town Clerk