

STEVENSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, July 23, 2015

Council for the Town of Stevensville came together at Council Chambers, this being the time set for the regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Council. Mayor Mim Mack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember's Holcomb, Crews and Hunter were present and Councilmember Perrin was absent. Several citizens were also present.

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

Approval of minutes from:

July 9th Council Meeting and the July 16th Committee of the Whole Meeting

Councilmember Holcomb made a motion to approve the July 9th Council meeting minutes and the July 16th Committee of the Whole meeting minutes. Councilmember Crews seconded the motion and all voted "aye". Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of bi-weekly claims:

Council reviewed the biweekly claims presented.

Council held discussion regarding the expense of the recycling program primarily due to the commercial cardboard. Mayor stated he is working with Ravalli County Recycling to mitigate the problem which may eliminate collecting cardboard.

Further discussion was held regarding the recycling contract, volume of recycling and options to mitigate the issue without shutting the whole program down.

Councilmember Crews recommended shutting down the cardboard pickup now versus later.

Councilmember Crews made a motion to approve the bi-weekly claims as presented. Councilmember Holcomb seconded the motion and all voted "aye". Motion carried 3-0.

Administrative Reports:

Airport

Airport Manager Bob Otte was unable to attend. Mayor Mim Mack read his written report regarding Airport activities.

Court

Judge Klaphake was out of Town and not available to attend. Council reviewed his reports including a collections report, monthly activity report and fines & fees summary.

Police

Chief Marble was out on vacation and not in attendance. Council reviewed the May and June reports given.

Treasurer

Council reviewed the Treasurer's monthly report including utility billing and collections.

Guests:

Director Joan Prather presented the Stevensville Main Street Association's second quarter report.

Correspondence:

Mayor Mim Mack read a letter from the Stevensville Garden Club regarding their return of the \$300 donation from the Town and decline for future participation in the bulb out planting project. Mayor then stated he would be meeting with the Garden Club to hear their concerns and attempt to keep them involved, even in a consulting role, with future bulb out planting projects.

Public Comments:

Clayton Floyd, 210 St. Mary's Drive, commented on the recycling bin and the issue with cardboard collection. He recommended educating the public on what can be recycled.

Vicki Motley, 318 9th Street, commented on a pine tree and weeping willow blocking the view onto Middle Burnt Fork Road from College Street.

Bob Michalson, 222 Turner Street, commented on Havre's Skate Park success and the proposed Stevensville Skate Park being a boost to Stevensville's economy.

Business:

A. Standing Agenda Item: Sewer Project

1. Discussion/decision: Change Order #1, Phase II Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements

HDR Engineer Cora Revis reviewed Change Order #1 and detail of the 8 CPR's included in the change order.

Council inquired as to why these changes were not included in the original design and the title of "Laurel" on CPR #3. Cora provided explanation to both inquiries.

Councilmember Hunter made a motion to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$22,404.52 for Phase II Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements. Councilmember Holcomb seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 3-0.

B. Discussion/decision – TSEP Application Approval for Water Leak Detection Study

PCI Engineer Donny Ramer reviewed the TSEP Planning Grant to evaluate water leak repair and storage options for the public water system. The TSEP Grant is \$15,000 with a matching cost of \$15,000 from the Town for a total of \$30,000.

Mayor reminded Council the \$15,000 portion to the Town was previously approved by the Council approximately one month ago.

Councilmember Holcomb made a motion to approve the TSEP Application for Water Leak Detection Study. Councilmember Hunter seconded the motion. Clayton Floyd inquired where most the money would go to. Donny Ramer responded most the money would go to leak detection due to this being where the majority of the issues are. The vote was called and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 3-0.

C. Discussion– Reconsider Stevensville Bicycle Camp Location Motion from June 25th, 2015 Council Meeting

Mayor Mim Mack informed Council that Councilmember Perrin and Councilmember Hunter requested this item be postponed until the Conditional Use Permit for a different location (Stevensville Hotel) is brought forward and approved. At the time the Conditional Use Permit approval, both Councilmember’s agree to rescind the motion from June 25th.

Mayor updated Council and the public of his Conditional Use Permit Application submittal and payment, and of Planning & Zoning Chair Brad Pollman acting as Planner on this issue in the Mayor’s behalf. The Planning & Zoning Board has tentatively set a public hearing and meeting on August 12th and will forward their recommendation to Town Council for decision on the August 13th Council meeting.

New Business:

A. Discussion/decision – Amending Town Animal Ordinance Sec. 4-2, 4-3 and 4-4 Regarding Livestock in Town Limits for the Purpose of Building a Stevensville FFA Ag Center

Students Casey Cook and Austin Potton gave a presentation to Council on their proposed FFA Ag Center to be located on Stevensville School property and their request to amend the Town Ordinance to allow for livestock within Town limits

with a maximum number of animals to be 50. This Ag Center would be used only for education of Ag students.

Mayor informed the Council and public that Town ordinances are not included in the development code, therefore the ordinance itself would need to be amended. Mayor reviewed the process to amend an ordinance. Mayor also commented on his support of the project, but stated they will need to look at defending why FFA and not other residents of Town being allowed to have livestock.

Discussion was held with regard to a crossing easement from MRL. Casey Cook stated they have not approached MRL at this time.

Further discussion ensued with regard to the number and breed of cows, pigs, goats, sheep, chickens and rabbits; educational benefit; how they would handle odor and noise complaints; predator control; proposed pens and structures; other issues needing to be addressed (Mayor referred to the City of Whitefish's Ordinance).

Cathi Cook commented that this program would be for kids that live within Town limits that cannot have their own animals.

Councilmember Crews made a motion to proceed with amending the Town Ordinance Sections 4-2, 4-3, & 4-4 specifically for the FFA Ag Center at the location proposed. Councilmember Holcomb seconded the motion and all voted "aye". Motion carried 3-0.

B. Discussion/decision – Stevensville Streetscape Phase II Grant Application

Mayor Mim Mack presented details of the proposed Phase II of the Stevensville Streetscape for Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Project and the Montana Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application. If the Town is awarded the grant, Council would at that time decide whether to move forward or not. The total estimated cost of the project is \$1,179,754.50 with no match from the Town, unless a portion of Eastside Highway, due to no highway easement, is not considered in the highway corridor.

Discussion ensued with regard to future maintenance if the project is built, lack of funding to extend lighting to the south end of Main Street, but part of the original project plan and future plans to improve the south end of Main Street.

Leslie Tadvick commented on the poor condition of other Town sidewalks. Main Street Member Cinda Holt provided detail of the grant and restrictions to Main Street along State Highway corridor and not other areas of Town.

There was discussion with regard to a possible land swap with the Capp's and including a possible swap on the Eastside Highway due to there being no

highway easement on the lower section of that highway. Mayor then stated an appraisal of River Park is underway and a resolution to the brush dump is still ongoing. He stated he hopes for a resolution by fall.

Councilmember Hunter made a motion to approve submittal of the Montana Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application for Phase II of the Stevensville Streetscape. Councilmember Crews seconded the motion. Discussion of this being a zero match grant with the exception of a possible portion on Eastside Highway. **The vote was called all voted "aye". Motion carried 3-0.**

Executive Report:

Mayor Mim Mack reported on the upcoming meetings and the proposed FY15-16 Budget Hearing move from August 20th to August 27th.

Town Council Comments:

Councilmember Crews inquired if the business owner at 518 Church had applied for a Business license.

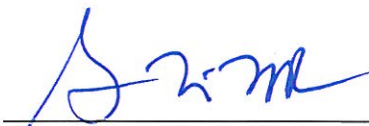
Board Reports:

Councilmember Crews reported on the Airport Board meeting. Airport Board requested Chief Marble report at the next Council meeting information about the proposed shooting range.

Councilmember Holcomb reported there was no Park Board meeting due to lack of quorum.


Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

APPROVE:



Gene Mim Mack, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacy Bartlett, Town Clerk