

STEVENSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, April 23rd, 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. Councilpersons Perrin, Holcomb, Crews and Hunter were all present. Several citizens were also present.

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

Mayor updated Council and public on the new flag over Town Hall.

Approval of minutes from:
April 9th Town Council Meeting

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

Approval of bi-weekly claims:
Council reviewed the biweekly claims presented.

Councilperson Holcomb made a motion to approve the bi-weekly claims as presented. Councilperson Perrin seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.

Administrative Reports:

Airport

Airport Manager Steve Knopp reported on the Airport issues and recommended Council accept the Mayor’s appointment of Bob Otte for his replacement.

Court

Judge Klaphake was unavailable to attend. There was no court report given.

Police

Council reviewed the Police Department April monthly report. Chief Marble was unable to attend.

Treasurer

Treasurer Mapelli’s presented her monthly report including utility billing and collections.

Guests:

- Renee Endicott gave an update on the Bear Mountain Playground progress. She announced they have raised over \$105,000 to date, have scheduled the playground build for September 16-20, and they need 2,100 volunteer shifts for several committees. She also stated they will be looking for captains to run the committees who can be available all 5 days during the build.

Council and Mayor requested the playground building plans be reviewed by the Town's Building Inspector and Public Works staff and then presented to Council at a future Council meeting.

There was discussion regarding the Council making a formal approval of the playground. This will be on a future Council meeting.

Renee then answered several questions from members of the public regarding the selling of tiles, materials being purchased and used, future playground committee meetings, remaining funds needing to be raised and options if they were not able to make the target amount needed.

- Stevensville Main Street Association board member Victoria Howell presented the Association's 1st Quarter Report. She informed Council of a grant award for Western Heritage Days for advertising and of other events past and upcoming.

Victoria then answered questions regarding new businesses and First Friday's.

- Park Board Chair Raymond Smith updated Council on 2015 Pool fee recommendations and upcoming Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday. Raymond also reported on the Sportsman Church Youth Group clean up at River Park and commended them for a job well done.

Treasurer Mapelli updated Council on the challenge of finding lifeguards for this season. There was further discussion of the Town possibly helping with the certification fees.

Victoria thanked the Town for the recent street sweeping.

Correspondence:

Mayor Mim Mack read the following correspondence into the record:

- 04-16-15 Letter from Reep, Bell, Laird & Simpson, attorney for Selway Corporation addressed to Mr. Gensemer regarding noise and light complaints.

Mayor then updated Council that there are ongoing discussions with the Town, Selway and the residents.

Public Comments:

Stevensville School Board Chair Cathi Cooke commented on community conversations group with a final meeting being held on May 7th at 6:30 pm. She invited community members to attend and be part of a positive change for the school. Cathi then announced a candidate forum for school board elections being held on Tuesday, April 28th.

Brice Cederberg, 235 Valley View Drive, commented on the closure of the yard waste disposal site and his confusion of information regarding the purpose of the closure. He then asked several questions in relation to the closure. Mayor Mim Mack answered his questions.

Leslie Tadvick, 509 Mission Street, commented on the condition of the cemetery with tombstones being scratched, "varmints" burrowing under the stones, loose and leaning tombstones. Leslie presented various pictures to the Council.

Cathi Cook commented on the trees being removed from the Maplewood Cemetery and headstones being removed for that, but not replaced for at least 2 weeks.

Bob Michalson, 221 Turner Street, commented on the ongoing cemetery issues and the need for security.

Unfinished Business:

A. Standing Agenda Item: Sewer Project

1. Discussion/decision – Approval of HDR Tom Hanou as Resident Project Representative for the Phase II Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project.

Mayor introduced Tom Hanou. Tom updated Council on the upcoming Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements and answered questions from the public on his position of Resident Project Representative.

Councilperson Perrin made a motion to approve HDR Tom Hanou as Resident Project Representative for the Phase II Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project. Councilperson Holcomb seconded the motion and all voted "aye". Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor called for a 5 minute recess at time.
The meeting reconvened.

New Business:

A. Discussion/decision - Council Consent of Stevensville Fire Department Elections

Mayor introduced the elections of Fire Chief Jeff Motley, Fire Assistant Chief Kristopher Burgett, Captain Tyson Chambers, Captain Lee Henderson, Lieutenant Levi Weiss, and Lieutenant Scott Stromberg.

Councilperson Holcomb made a motion to approve the annual Stevensville Fire Department Elections. Councilperson Crews seconded the motion. The vote was called and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Discussion/decision – Council Consent of Mayor’s Appointment of Bob Otte as Airport Manager

Mayor Mim Mack introduced Bob Otte. Bob informed Council and the public that the Airport office will be moved to the maintenance shed and invited the public to contact him with questions and concerns. Bob also thanked Steve Knopp for his help.

Councilperson Crews made a motion to accept the Mayor’s appointment of Bob Otte as Stevensville Airport Manager. Councilperson Holcomb seconded the motion. The vote was called and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.

C. Discussion/decision – Reconfiguration of Council Chambers

Mayor introduced his ideas for discussion of the reconfiguration of the Council Chambers in an attempt to improve public involvement and equal participation.

Council held discussion on the reconfiguration of the Council chambers.

Some members of the public offered suggestions.

Mayor Mim Mack will work on reconfigurations with the comments/ suggestions and bring back to the Council.

D. Discussion – Airport Environmental Assessment Hearing

Mayor reviewed the hearing process of FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) and comments submitted on the Environmental Assessment. Mayor then updated Council on his discussion with the Lee Metcalf Refuge Manager with regards to the EA.

Discussion ensued regarding comments from the public on the hearing process including intimidation at the previous airport meeting and having police presence at the meeting.

Mayor informed Council and the public that the Final Environmental Assessment will be brought forward to Council.

Bob Otte commented on no reports of bird strikes at the airport and his hope to implement regular reporting of these type of items to the Airport Board.

Executive Report:

Mayor Mim Mack reported on the following:

- ✓ Arbor Day/Town Clean Up
- ✓ Arbor Day Proclamation
- ✓ National Prayer Day Proclamation
- ✓ Annual Codification of Ordinances
- ✓ Upcoming General Elections
- ✓ Governor's Task Force on Equal Pay
- ✓ April 22nd meeting with Mr. & Mrs. Capp, Capp's attorney and the Town Attorney

Bob Michaelson inquired about the re-seeding of the Capps property.

Town Council Comments:

Councilperson Perrin commented on his conversation with Mr. Cederberg regarding the brush dump and Mr. Cederberg's suggestion of another site for people to dump temporarily.

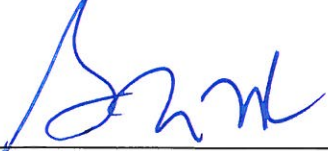
Mayor will have Streets Supervisor Ed Sutherlin report back the logistics and possibility of a temporary dump site.

Board Reports:

Councilperson Crews reported on the Airport Board meeting and the upcoming Fly-in on May 30th.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

APPROVE:



Gene Mim Mack, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacy Bartlett, Town Clerk