

STEVENSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, November 13th, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Stevensville Town Council
APPROVED
Date 11-25-14

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 7:00p.m. Councilpersons Holcomb, Crews, and Hunter were present. Councilperson Perrin was absent. 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:

October 23rd Town Council Meeting

Councilperson Holcomb made a motion to approve the October 23rd Council meeting minutes. Councilperson Hunter seconded the motion and all voted "aye". Motion carried 3-0.

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 Crews seconded the motion and all voted "aye". Motion carried 3-0.

Administrative Reports:

Building Dept

Council reviewed Building Inspector Dennis Monroe's monthly report.

Fire

Fire Chief Motley presented the October Fire Department report.

Streets/Alleys

Streets/Alley Supervisor Ed Sutherlin updated Council on streets/alleys. He also reported on a joint inventory with NorthWestern Energy of dying trees needing to be removed in Town.

Water/Sewer

Water/Sewer Supervisor George Thomas is out on medical leave. Ed Sutherlin reported on water/sewer.

Councilperson Crews recommended having NWE complete a stray voltage test in town.

Guests:

There were no guests.

Correspondence:

Mayor Mim Mack read a letter sent from Christian, Samson & Jones, PLLC representing Roy and Laurie Capps regarding easement concerns entering the Sewer Treatment Plant.

Mayor informed Council he has met with the Town's Attorney on this matter and will keep Council apprised as they move forward.

Public Comments:

Bob Michaelson read a letter from Jim & Leslie Tadvick addressed to the Mayor and Council opposing the proposed amendment to the Town Curfew.

Mayor Mim Mack asked for clarification from Mr. Michaelson regarding his comments at the previous Council meeting regarding the number of houses for sale in the Town of Stevensville. Mr. Michaelson stated the number he reported was inaccurate and there is only 15-22 houses for sale within the Town.

Unfinished Business:

A. Standing Agenda Item: Water Project

1. Discussion/decision – Change Order #6, Phase II Well House & Pressure Control

PCI Engineer Donny Ramer reviewed Change Order #6.

Councilperson Holcomb made a motion to approve Change Order #6. Councilperson Crews seconded the motion and all voted "aye". Motion carried 3-0.

2. Discussion/decision – Change Order #7, Phase III Well House & Pressure Control

PCI Engineer Donny Ramer reviewed Change Order #7.

Councilperson Holcomb made a motion to approve Change Order #7. Councilperson Hunter seconded the motion and all voted "aye". Motion carried 3-0.

B. Standing Agenda Item: Sewer Project

Mayor updated Council on the sewer project stating DEQ is still reviewing the plans for the next phase.

New Business:

A. Discussion/decision– Tree City USA Membership – Park Board

Park Board Chair Raymond Smith presented the Park Board's request of Council to move forward on becoming a Tree City USA Member.

There was discussion of creating a Tree Board and adopting a Tree Ordinance as being the final two items to be completed for membership.

Councilperson Holcomb made a motion for the Town's Administration to move forward on becoming a Tree City USA Membership. Councilperson Hunter seconded the motion and all voted "aye". Motion carried 3-0.

B. Discussion/decision – Resolution No. 291, Drug Fund

Mayor informed Council this is a revised resolution from when it was presented but was tabled at an earlier Council meeting and proceeded to read the resolution into the record.

There was further discussion regarding property seized and sold and the use of funds.

Councilperson Hunter made a motion to approve Resolution No. 291, Drug Fund. Councilperson Holcomb seconded the motion. Councilperson Crews and Holcomb voted "nay" and Councilperson Hunter voted "aye". Motion died 2-1.

C. Discussion/decision – First Reading Ordinance No. 153, Amending Town Curfew

Mayor Mim Mack introduced Ordinance No. 153 and read it into the record.

Council held discussion on the effect of businesses, emancipated teenagers, military personnel under the age of 18, current ordinance having language addressing teenagers going to and from activities and whether or not there is a need for changing the current ordinance.

Kim French commented in opposition to the curfew amendment.

Tonya Eckert commented in opposition to the curfew amendment and on the Town Police sitting in one spot versus patrolling the neighborhoods.

Councilperson Crews made a motion to table Ordinance No. 153. Councilperson Holcomb seconded the motion.

Councilperson Crews made a motion to amend the motion to table this item for 2 years. There was no second to the motion. Motion died.

Councilperson Crews made a motion to amend the motion to table this item for 1 year. There was no second. Motion died.

Councilperson Crews made a motion to withdraw his original motion. Councilperson Holcomb seconded the motion and all voted "aye". Motion to withdraw carried 3-0.

Councilperson Crews made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 153. Councilperson Holcomb seconded the motion and all voted "nay". Motion died 3-0.

D. Discussion/decision – Town of Stevensville Proclamation Opposing Large-Retail Facilities

Mayor Mim Mack presented his draft Proclamation opposing Large-Retail Facilities.

Councilperson Hunter made a motion to adopt the Proclamation Opposing Large-Retail Facilities. Councilperson Crews seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued with regards to information presented in the proclamation, positive and negative impacts of communities, and public opinion.

Bob Michaelson commented in favor of the proclamation.

The vote was called and all voted "aye". Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor called for a 5 minute recess at this time.

E. Discussion/decision – Town Property and Vehicle Insurance Coverage

Mayor Mim Mack presented the Town Property and Vehicle Insurance coverage schedule.

Fire Chief Motley recommended removing the ambulance from the Town's coverage due to Rural Fire already insuring this vehicle. He also recommended that coverage be removed on the Hypress Fill Station due to limited value and replacement cost.

Ed Sutherlin will be making recommendations on equipment and vehicles no longer being used.

Councilperson Holcomb made a motion to approve the Town's Property and Vehicle Coverage. Councilperson Crews seconded the motion and all voted "aye". Motion carried 3-0.

F. Discussion/decision – Council Meeting Dates for Upcoming Holidays
Mayor presented the tentative Council meeting on November 25th.

Councilperson Crews made a motion to hold the second meeting in November on Tuesday, November 25th and only hold one meeting in December on December 11th. Councilperson Holcomb seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 3-0.

Executive Report:

Mayor Mim Mack reported on the following:

1. Port a potty purchase for the Stevensville Airport for approximately \$700
Councilperson Crews commented on Conrad Eckert having one new port-a-potty for sale. Tonya Eckert stated she would contact the Town with the price and/or other companies for the Town to get the best price;
2. well house walk through;
3. and construction of the judge's chambers and the new carpet in Town hall.

Town Council Comments:

Councilperson Crews commented on a proposed training session with Ravalli County for emergency planning.

Board Reports

Councilperson Crews commented on the recent Airport Board meeting. He reported the December Airport Board meeting will be held at the Airport in Airport Manager Steve Knopp's hangar.

Councilperson Hunter reported on the Planning & Zoning meeting and Executive Compensation Adhoc Committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

APPROVE:



Gene Mim Mack, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacy Bartlett, Town Clerk