

STEVENSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, September 25th, 2014
7:00 p.m.
Amended 10-9-14

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 7:00 p.m. Councilpersons Perrin, Holcomb, Crews, and Hunter were all present. There were several members of the public present also.

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

Approval of minutes from:

September 11th 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 Crews seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.

Administrative Reports:

Airport

Airport Manager Steve Knopp was not able to attend and will give a full report at the October Council meeting.

Court

Judge Ronald Klaphake updated Council on the Court. Council requested Court activity reports in the future.

Police

Police Chief Marble presented the Police Department monthly report to Council and on the recent vehicle thefts.

Treasurer

Council reviewed Treasurer Mapelli’s monthly report including Utility Billing Collections, website statistics, and water usage. There was discussion on the pool operations.

Guests:

There were no guests present.

Correspondence:

Mayor informed Council of correspondence received from Susan Evans which will be presented under Public Comment.

Public Comments:

Susan Evans read a letter she wrote to Mayor and Council regarding comments made on a previous Study Commission expenditures of \$42,000. The letter offered a summary of those expenses correcting the reported \$42,000 figure. The letter requested an apology for the alleged overspending to the members of the former government study commission and was signed by all members of that commission; Susan Evans, Ben Longbottom, Brice Cedarberg, Doreen Meisner, Vern Weiss and Pari LeCoure. *Letter will be filed with these minutes.

Mayor Mim Mack read his response letter to Susan Evans, offering his apology for misstating expense amounts for the study commission and thanked that former study commission for their work.

There was further discussion regarding funding of the study commission and the amounts quoted to the public prior to the vote on the 2014 government study commission.

Raymond Smith commented on the proposed Bear Mountain play structure at Lewis and Clark Park and recommended the Park's current name not be changed. Raymond also commented on the Buy Local Program, stating the playground committee is working with a company out of New York for the playground equipment when there are local businesses that could supply the same equipment.

There was further discussion of buying local and the Town purchasing policy versus a civic club/private citizens purchasing.

Raymond then requested Council pass a Resolution regarding the proposed name change of Lewis and Clark Park. Mayor responded this is the first he has heard of this and suggested the Park Committee submit their recommendations to the Council representative on the Park Board to be brought forward for discussion and decision of the Council.

Civic Club and Park Board member Tonya Eckert commented that she will bring this issue up at the next Civic Club meeting and invited Raymond to also attend. Councilperson Holcomb stated she will then bring a recommendation back to the Council.

Discussion ensued regarding the name of the park, a \$15,000 grant being awarded, funding for this play structure being just under \$30,000 to date and buying local. ***a \$15,000 grant being awarded and reported amount of funds raised to date for the structure being just under \$30,000.***

Unfinished Business:

A. Standing Agenda Item: Water Project

Mayor updated Council on the re-roofing of the water storage tank on Middle Burnt Fork.

B. Standing Agenda Item: Sewer Project

Mayor Mim Mack updated Council on the upcoming sewer project.

C. Council Consent of Appointments for the Adhoc Executive Compensation Advisory Committee

Council members presented their appointments for the Adhoc Committee as follows:

Councilperson Holcomb – Raymond Smith

Councilperson Hunter – Eddie Olwell

Councilperson Crews – Bobby Summers

Councilperson Perrin – Bill Anderson

Mayor stated all appointments meet the qualifications.

Councilperson Crews and Councilperson Hunter were appointed by the Council as the Council representatives for the Committee.

Councilperson Perrin made a motion to approve the Adhoc Executive Compensation Advisory Committee appointments as being Councilperson Crews, Councilperson Hunter, Raymond Smith, Eddie Olwell, Bobby Summers, and Bill Anderson. Councilperson Holcomb seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Mim Mack commented on the Council’s request to contact Local Government Center Dan Clark to work with the Adhoc Committee and requested the Council representative’s work with the other committee representatives to coordinate meeting dates which will need to be publically noticed.

D. Discussion/decision – Agenda Items for Future Committee of the Whole (COW) Meetings

Council held discussion on agenda items for future COW meetings including Town physical facilities, Town emergency plan (terrorist acts, park and cemetery security, major power outages), sidewalk funding and water rates.

Members of the public commented on installing an 8 foot fence for security of cemetery and parks and on solar lighting.

Council considered discussion of the Town's emergency plan being a priority item.

Mayor will present a list of COW agenda items and scheduled dates.

Mayor Mim Mack called for a 5 minute recess at this time.
The meeting was reconvened.

New Business:

A. Discussion/decision – Department of Labor & Industries Wage Claim

Mayor Mim Mack presented the DL&I findings and determination on the wage claim filed by former Judge Martha Birkeneder and steps followed regarding such by the Town.

Discussion ensued with regards to the current Judge's pay. Mayor Mim Mack stated currently Judge Klaphake is being paid as an independent contractor; however the Town is seeking further clarification, which may change the way he is paid.

There was also discussion on employees with prior year's government service and how that is compensated for.

B. Discussion – Letter from Chief Marble regarding Curfew for the Town of Stevensville

Chief Marble presented his recommendation to Council to change the juvenile curfew hours for the Town to 10:00 p.m. every day versus the current 10:00 p.m. on weekdays and midnight on the weekend nights.

Discussion was held regarding the intent of the curfew, statistics of juvenile crimes and curfews, juvenile driver license restrictions, parental accountability, reasons for juvenile's being out at night and criminal activity by juveniles.

There was also discussion of how the police department would use this new curfew, juveniles driving home from activities versus juveniles on foot and language of such in the current ordinance. A member of the public recommended a website, usamayors.org which addresses curfews.

Council requested more information on statistics on other curfew times and statistics of crime rates to be discussed at a future COW meeting.

C. Discussion – Proposed Purchasing Policy for the Town of Stevensville

Mayor Mim Mack presented the proposed purchasing policy and commented that the next two agenda items are included in this policy, but were broken out separately for discussion.

Council held discussion on the purchasing policy and equipment inventory.

Discussion – Proposed Buy Local Program for the Town of Stevensville

Mayor Mim Mack presented the proposed buy local program. Council held discussion regarding buying local.

D. Discussion – Local Business Certificate Application for the Town of Stevensville

Mayor Mim Mack presented the local business certificate application. Council held discussion regarding such and authorization of and recommended amendments.

Mayor Mim Mack will make the recommended amendments and present back to Council in the form of a resolution at the next Council meeting.

Executive Report:

Mayor Mim Mack informed Council of MMIA training on November 20 in Missoula and requested Council contact the Clerk if they are interested in attending. Councilperson Crews and Holcomb stated they would attend.

Council held discussion on the pothole repair and re-striping of parking spaces.

Town Council Comments:

Councilperson Crews thanked the Mayor for bringing the purchasing policy forward.

Councilperson Perrin commented on the Parking Committee's findings and recommendation on Town parking.

Mayor Mim Mack reported on cemetery restoration training Brandon Dewey attended on behalf of the town.

Board Reports:

Councilperson Holcomb reported on the Park Board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.

APPROVE:



Gene Mim Mack, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacy Bartlett, Town Clerk