

STEVENSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, August 14th, 2014
7:00 p.m.

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, Crews and Hunter were present. Councilperson Holcomb was absent. There were several members of the public also present.

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

Mayor Mim Mack reviewed the Public Comment Guidelines printed on the back of the agenda.

Approval of minutes from:
July 24th Town Council Meeting

Councilperson Crews made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Councilperson Perrin seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Councilperson Perrin 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

Council reviewed Building Inspector Dennis Monroe’s July report.

Fire

Fire Chief Motley presented the July report for the Fire Department. He informed Council they have access to the 911 CAD system again so will begin producing paper reports next month.

Streets/Alleys

Streets/Alley Supervisor Ed Sutherlin reported on the paving projects, drainage issues, and the rebar behind the Stevensville Café.

There was discussion regarding 6th and College drainage issues and striping the parking areas on the newly paved sections including in front of CJ’s Den. Ed informed Council if these areas are striped, they will lose parking spaces due to

striping in accordance to Highway Department regulations. He recommended waiting to see if there are parking issues without the stripes. He also stated the striping in front of CJ's Den is the Highway Department's jurisdiction.

Water/Sewer

Water/Sewer Supervisor George Thomas reported on water and sewer. He reported they are having issues with the new wells "stealing water from each other" during high usage times, which is causing loss of production. They are monitoring this with the engineers. There was further discussion regarding the wells, production and water pressure issues. Ed and George requested if people are having water pressure issues to please contact the Town.

Councilperson Crews requested scheduling a walkthrough of the water and sewer facilities.

Guests:

Mayor introduced Rick Eneas, Galusha Higgins Galusha.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

Public Comments:

There was no public comment.

Unfinished Business:

A. Standing Agenda Item: Water Project

Mayor reported on the water rights application meeting he attended last week. There was further discussion regarding the water rights and past filed permits.

B. Standing Agenda Item: Sewer Project

Mayor reviewed HDR's tentative schedule for the sewer project.

New Business:

A. Discussion/decision – FY12/13 Final Audit Report, Rick Eneas, Galusha Higgins Galusha

Rick Eneas presented the FY12/13 Final Audit Report.

B. Discussion/decision – Letter of Support for Middle Burnt Fork Creek Crossing, Mike Whelehon, PCI

Mike Whelehon presented his request for support on a bridge crossing on Middle Burnt Fork Creek.

Councilperson Hunter made a motion to approve a letter of support for the Middle Burnt Fork Creek Crossing. Councilperson Crews seconded the motion and all voted "aye". Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor recessed the meeting for a 5 minute break at this time.

C. Discussion/decision – First Reading of Ordinance No. 150, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 24, Traffic and Vehicles of the Stevensville, Montana Municipal Code

Mayor Mim Mack presented Ordinance No. 150 and reviewed Police Chief Marble's request for this amendment. He then read the Ordinance into the record.

Members of the public commented on the language being too confusing and requested the language be modified. Council did not agree with the language being too confusing.

Councilperson Hunter made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 150 and set public hearing and second reading for Thursday, August 28th. Councilperson Perrin seconded the motion and all voted "aye". Motion carried 3-0.

D. Discussion/decision – North Stevensville Tax Increment Financing Industrial District (TIFID) FY2015 Strategic Work Plan

Councilperson Perrin presented the North Stevensville TIFID 2015 Work Plan.

Councilperson Crews made a motion to approve the North Stevensville Tax Increment Financing Industrial District (TIFID) FY 2015 Strategic Work Plan. Councilperson Hunter seconded the motion and all voted "aye". Motion carried 3-0.

E. Discussion/decision – FY14-15 Budget Items:

1. Allocation of Unused Mills

Mayor reviewed previous discussions in the budget workshops regarding the unused mills and the proposal to allocate 50% of the mills this fiscal year and 50% next fiscal year.

Council held discussion on the 3.4 unallocated mills from FY2000-2001 and how and where to best allocate them.

Councilperson Perrin made a motion to approve allocating 1.7 mills to the Sidewalk Replacement Fund. Councilperson Hunter seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding implementing a priority list of sidewalks to repair, setting a start date for the repairs and funding options for residents for the repairs. The vote was called and all voted "aye". Motion carried 3-0.

2. Honorariums for Volunteer Positions

Mayor presented the current honorariums and the Council's request to increase the honorariums to the same rate of the Council positions. There was discussion regarding the Town being able to sustain this increase and Council considered

increasing the volunteer positions to \$175 and decreasing the Council to \$175 making them all equal and reducing the overall annual cost.

Councilperson Perrin made a motion to table this item until the August 28th Council meeting when Councilperson Holcomb could be present. Councilperson Crews seconded and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Permissive Levy for Employee Health Care

Mayor reviewed the previous discussions regarding a permissive levy for the employee health care and the calculated tax increases of such. Discussion ensued with regard to paying out of the general fund or levying the increases and establishing a base year in 2014.

Councilperson Perrin made a motion to create a permissive levy without levying any funds in this fiscal year. Councilperson Hunter seconded the motion. Vicki Motley commented against raising taxes. Jeff Motley commented on Council making this decision prior to a public hearing. Discussion ensued with regard the budget hearing process and budget approval. **The vote was called and Councilperson Hunter and Councilperson Perrin voted “aye”. Councilperson Crews voted “nay”. Motion carried 2-1.**

4. Allocation of CDBG Funds

Mayor reviewed the remaining CDBG Funds being discussed in the proposed budget to be allocated to the CIP fund. He made recommendation to Council of using these funds to create an economic development fund.

Council held discussion on the history of the CDBG funds, expenditures of those funds and fund uses of an economic development fund.

Councilperson Perrin made a motion to approve allocating \$43,765 of the CDBG funds to Economic Development Fund and include it in the budget process. Councilperson Hunter seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 3-0.

Executive Report:

Mayor Mim Mack updated Council on the following items:

- ✓ BVAC Closure
- ✓ Injury from pool fence and subsequent fence repair
- ✓ Main Street Assn Grant Application for a \$5,000 grant through the State Main Street Assn. If awarded, the Town could apply these funds as the Town’s match on a CDBG grant that would fund the review and update the Town’s Growth Plan.
- ✓ Officer Mason’s termination during the SRO probation period
- ✓ Mayor’s appointment of Police Commission Board Members will be presented at the next Council meeting and the new Commission will be involved in the hiring of a new officer.

Discussion ensued regarding the COPS grant requirements.

Town Council Comments:

Councilperson Crews reported a tour the Town facilities will be given next Tuesday.

Councilperson Perrin commented on the Creamery Picnic and his recommendation to form a committee to review the Mayor's salary.

Councilperson Crews commented on the Creamery Picnic and statements he has received about the event turning into a flea market. Councilperson Hunter commented that this is an event put on by the Stevensville Civic Club and all comments and suggestions should be brought to them not the Town Council.

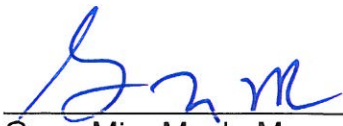
Board Reports:

Councilperson Crews reported on the Airport Board meeting and his election by the board as the new chair.

Councilperson Perrin reported on the TIFID meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

APPROVE:



Gene Mim Mack, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacy Bartlett, Town Clerk

