

STEVENSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, July 24th, 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 present also.

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

Approval of minutes from:

July 10th Town Council Meeting

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

Approval of bi-weekly claims:

Council reviewed the biweekly claims presented.

Councilperson Crews made a motion to approve the bi-weekly claims as presented. Councilperson Hunter seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 3-0.

1. Discussion/decision – Paying August Claims out of Cycle due to the Treasurer’s vacation

Councilperson Perrin made a motion to approve August claims being paid out of cycle due to the Treasurer’s vacation. Councilperson Crews seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 3-0.

Administrative Reports:

Airport

Airport Manager Steve Knopp reported on the Stevensville Airport.

Court

Judge Ronald Klaphake updated Council on the Court.

Police

Police Chief Marble was called out and unable to attend. Clerk Bartlett presented the Police Department monthly report to Council.

Chief Marble entered the meeting and answered Council questions regarding the monthly report. A citizen also inquired about a Town noise ordinance.

Treasurer

Council reviewed Treasurer Mapelli's monthly report including Utility Billing Collections, Pool update, website statistics, and water usage.

Guests:

Stevensville Main Street Association Director Joan Prather presented the Second Quarter Report.

There was discussion regarding grant monies for Lewis and Clark security lighting. Mayor Mim Mack stated the Town has received the grant money, but is holding until there is more information received on the proposed playground.

Correspondence:

Mayor read a note from the Stevensville Main Street Association thanking Chief Marble for police coverage at Western Heritage Days.

Public Comments:

Leslie Tadvick read a letter from Jim Crews regarding an offer to donate training material for the Stevensville Police Department. Jim Crews then presented the laser and target to Chief Marble.

Bob Michalson commented on the Mayor's salary for the water/sewer projects and inquired when this will end. Mayor Mim Mack responded that this is a budgetary item currently being discussed in budget sessions.

Mr. Michalson also commented on statements made by the Mayor and Council as being in the business of selling water and stated he feels this is the wrong way to represent a public utility.

Michael Sharkey inquired if the Mayor was not overseeing the water and sewer projects, would the Town not hire someone else to oversee the projects.

Kim French commented on the public having a right to question the Mayor being paid and commented against bringing a bike tour to Stevensville.

Unfinished Business:

A. Standing Agenda Item: Water Project

PCI Donny Ramer gave an update on the water project and reviewed the final inspection, punch out list and close out. Discussion ensued with regard to the completion of the project.

Councilperson Crews inquired about fruit trees along Wildfowl Lane being destroyed and if they were going to be replaced. Donny Ramer will contact sewer project engineer, Mike Whelehon and get more information regarding this.

1. Discussion/decision on Phase III Water Improvement Project Certificate of Substantial Completion

Councilperson Perrin made a motion to approve Phase III Water Improvement Project Certificate of Substantial Completion. Councilperson Crews seconded the motion. The vote was called and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 3-0.

B. Standing Agenda Item: Sewer Project

Mayor Mim Mack updated Council on the upcoming phases of the sewer project.

New Business:

A. Discussion/decision – Installation of a Flag Retirement Box at Veterans Park – Harry Potton

Harry Potton addressed Council requesting approval to install a flag retirement box at Veterans Park. This is a joint effort between the Bitterroot Elk’s and Stevensville Legion. Flags collected will be burned by the Boy Scouts in an annual ceremony.

Council thanked Harry for the many years he has collected flags. Mayor Mack asked Harry to coordinate with the Town staff on the installation and if the Town can assist in any way.

Councilperson Crews made a motion to approve the installation of a flag retirement box at Veterans Park. Councilperson Hunter seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 3-0.

B. Discussion/decision – Council Consent of Mayor’s Appointment of Park Board Members

Mayor Mim Mack informed Council of his appointments of Raymond Smith, Tonya Eckert, James Marble and Ed Sutherlin to the Park Board. He stated Councilperson Holcomb has been and will continue to be the Council representative.

Councilperson Perrin made a motion to approve the Mayor’s Appointment of Raymond Smith, Tonya Eckert, James Marble and Ed Sutherlin to the Stevensville Park Board. Mayor informed Council he has received 2 more applications since this appointment and there are 6 citizen positions on this board. Councilperson Hunter seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 3-0.

C. Discussion/decision – Approval of Mayor’s Appointment of Councilperson Crews to the Stevensville Airport Board

Mayor Mim Mack informed Council of his appointment of Councilperson Crews to replace former Councilperson Klaphake on the Stevensville Airport Board.

Councilperson Crews commented on his interest of serving on the Stevensville Airport.

Councilperson Perrin made a motion to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Councilperson Crews to the Stevensville Airport Board. Councilperson Hunter seconded the motion. There was discussion of Councilperson Crews abstaining or voting and it was determined there is no conflict for him to vote. **The vote was called and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 3-0.**

D. Discussion/decision – Approval of Mayor’s Appointment of Councilperson Hunter to the Planning & Zoning Board

Mayor Mim Mack informed Council of his appointment of Councilperson Hunter to the Planning & Zoning Board.

Councilperson Hunter commented on his interest in serving on the Planning & Zoning Board.

Councilperson Perrin made a motion to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Councilperson Hunter to the Stevensville Planning & Zoning Board. Councilperson Crews seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.

Executive Report:

Mayor Mim Mack reported on the following items:

1. \$20,000 was received from MFCU in payment for acceptance of the sewer lines in Twin Creeks Subdivision as previously negotiated with the Town.
2. The Town’s purchase of a bench and 2 new trash cans for the Streetscape. The bench replaces one that was damaged over the winter.
3. A citizen contacted the Mayor with concern regarding watering the new pavement and this being a huge waste of water. Mayor informed Council the contractor was watering to prepare the street for sweeping. He stated the cost to the Town is approximately \$10.

There was further discussion of striping the new pavement and the feasibility of striping the parking lot on the south side of the Stevensville Fire Hall.

Town Council Comments:

Councilperson Crews commented on the restricted use of the Bitterroot River. He asked the Town to contact FWP and give their opinion. He also commented on his donation to the Stevensville Police Department.

Councilperson Perrin commented on the MT Highway Department cleaning Main Street and the utility billing report and usage.


Councilperson Hunter commented on the bike tour he attended with the Main Street Association and felt it is something worth pursuing.

Board Reports:

There were no board reports.

Meeting was adjourned.

APPROVE:



Gene Mim Mack, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacy Bartlett, Town Clerk