

STEVENSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, June 26th, 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, Klaphake and Crews were all 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:

June 12th Public Hearing and the June 12th Council meeting

Councilperson Klaphake 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 Klaphake 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:

Airport

Airport Manager Steve Knopp reported on the Stevensville Airport. Discussion ensued with regard to the Environmental Assessment and timeline for approval and public review of the assessment.

Court

There was no court report given.

Newly appointed Judge Ron Klaphake updated Council on his Training Waiver from the Courts of Limited Jurisdiction and his formal training with a Missoula Judge.

Council discussed the process for monthly court reporting and a recommendation from the Courts of Limited Jurisdiction to have a full audit done or provide a waiver of indemnification for the new judge.

Police

Police Chief Marble presented his monthly report to Council.

Council commented on concern regarding traffic speed on College Street and inquired about additional equipment purchases for the School Resource Officer.

Citizen's inquired about the vandalism done at Maplewood Cemetery, J-turns on Main Street including Montana Highway Patrol Troopers, Yield and Stop signs on Chilcott Street, traffic view obstruction by a semi-truck parked on the street and 2 man-holes filling up with water. Another citizen commented on the vandalism in Lewis and Clark Park.

Treasurer

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

Treasurer Mapelli also reported on the swimming pool revenue, new water aerobic classes starting and pool passes.

It was noted that the reported complaints regarding the lifeguards has been addressed.

There was discussion regarding the voided outstanding check from MT DEQ that was not cashed.

Guests:

Stevensville Main Street Association member Cinda Holt reported on the Heritage Days Event, flowers planted on all the bulb outs and the need for watering help, historic plaques being installed on historic Main Street buildings, and on the Pot of Gold tickets now being sold for Creamery Picnic.

Discussion ensued with regard to the bulb outs and the responsibility of watering of flowers.

Mayor Mim Mack offered an apology to citizen Bob Michalson for calling him Mike in error at the previous night's public hearing.

Correspondence:

Mayor read correspondence from Susan Brown with regards to the Airport Affected Area into the record.

Public Comments:

Clayton Floyd, 210 St. Mary's commented on Ravalli County property taxes being down and therefore tax revenues will decrease.

Discussion ensued regarding tax revenues.

Unfinished Business:

A. Standing Agenda Item: Water Project

PCI Donny Ramer gave an update on the water project which is approximately 90% completed. Mayor Mim Mack requested Donny work with the contractor to move the paving machines parked adjacent to the Bank to a different location to allow for more parking.

1. **Discussion/decision on Phase III Water Improvement Project Change Order #5**

Donny Ramer presented the detail of Change Order #5. Funding from the Tax Increment Finance District for a portion of this change order was discussed and clarified.

Councilperson Perrin made a motion to approve Change Order #5 for a total increase of \$49,787.10 and an increase of 12 substantial completion days. Councilperson Klaphake seconded the motion. There was discussion regarding paving of streets. 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 sewer project construction and upcoming phase III of the sewer project.

C. Discussion/decision on GPS Units for Stevensville Police Vehicles

Police Chief Marble presented data for the past 3 months on the test GPS unit installed on the Charger. He recommended continuing this evaluation until budget discussions are held to make a purchasing decision.

Council held discussion on the need for accountability in a small town, fuel savings, and the use of this tool to measure the Chief's management of personnel in his department.

Councilperson Crews made a motion to postpone the decision to purchase GPS units for SPD vehicles and continue this evaluation until budget discussions are done. Councilperson Perrin seconded the motion. Discussion ensued with regards to GPS on duty cell phones. The vote was called and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 3-0.

New Business:

A. Discussion/decision on Stevensville Farmer's Market to Extend Ending Market Hours from 2pm to 3pm – Stacey Barker

Farmer's Market Master Stacey Barker reported on the Farmers Market and requested to extend the market hours by one hour due to increased business.

Councilperson Klaphake made a motion to approve extending the Farmer's Market hours to 3pm. Councilperson Crews seconded the motion. There

was further discussion regarding the barricades being taken down prior to completion of clean up. Stacey stated she will address this issue. **The vote was called and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 3-0.**

B. Discussion/decision on Resolution No. 352, Lawn Watering Regulations

Mayor Mim Mack informed Council and the public that no policy had been created by Resolution that could be found listing the lawn watering hours and this resolution was putting the current policy in place and not changing the hours or days.

Council held discussion of reviewing the current watering hours and postponing this item until Water and Sewer employees, George Thomas and Ed Sutherlin, are available for the discussion.

Councilperson Klaphake made a motion to postpone Resolution No. 352, Lawn Watering Regulations for the Town of Stevensville until the next Council meeting with Water/Sewer staff present. There was further discussion regarding no watering on Sundays and allowing variances. **Councilperson Crews seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 3-0.**

C. Discussion/decision on Initiating a 5 Year Review of the Town of Stevensville Growth Policy

Mayor Mim Mack reviewed the stipulations in the Town’s Growth Policy for a 5-year review by the Planning and Zoning Board for recommendations to the Town Council.

Councilperson Klaphake made a motion to request the Planning and Zoning Board conduct the 5-year Review of the Town of Stevensville Growth Policy. Councilperson Crews seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 3-0.

Executive Report:

Mayor Mim Mack reported on the following items:

- Airport Affected Area Public Hearing

Town Council Comments:

Councilperson Perrin reported on the Ward 1 Council seat vacancy timeline and process for filling that seat. The application deadline is Monday, June 30 at 5:00 p.m. Interviews will be scheduled for Tuesday, July 8th and tentative appointment will be at the July 10th Council meeting. There was discussion regarding the Council appointment and the interview process.

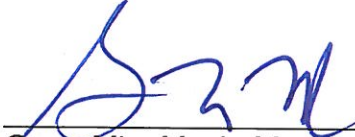
Board Reports:

Mayor Mim Mack reported that a few applications were received for the Park Board. The deadline for applications is Monday, June 30th at 5:00 p.m.

Councilperson Perrin reported on the Main Street Association meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

APPROVE:



Gene Mim Mack, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacy Bartlett, Town Clerk