

STEVENSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, May 22nd, 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 7:25 p.m. Councilpersons Perrin, Holcomb, Klaphake and Crews 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:

April 24th Public Hearing, April 24th Town Council Meeting, May 1st Special Meeting, May 1st Public Meeting and the May 15th Special Meeting

Councilperson Holcomb made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Councilperson Crews seconded the motion and all voted "aye". Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of bi-weekly claims:

Council reviewed the biweekly claims presented.

Council inquired about the AR-15 purchased by the SPD and repairs on the Charger.

Councilperson Holcomb made a motion to approve the bi-weekly claims as presented. Councilperson Klaphake seconded the motion and all voted "aye". Motion carried 4-0.

Administrative Reports:

Airport

Airport Manager Steve Knopp reported on the Stevensville Airport including FAA approval of the new T-Hangar and the upcoming fly-in on June 7th.

Court

There was no court report.

Police

Mayor commented on the procedure of the Police Chief and department heads reporting at Council meetings. Council requested the Chief and all department heads report to Council monthly giving them an opportunity to ask questions.

Police Clerk Bartlett presented the monthly Police report to Council.

Discussion was held regarding the cemetery vandalism, costs and convictions.

Treasurer

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

Council inquired about on-line bill pay, the drop box, revenue from the County Treasurer, and equipment purchases for the School Resource Officer.

Guests:

Joan Prather presented the Stevensville Main Street Association First Quarter Report.

Council requested SMSA look at producing First Friday Flyers again for those who do not use the internet.

Correspondence:

Mayor Mim Mack read the following correspondence into the record:

- ✓ Letter from Betty Shorten regarding employee's health insurance
- ✓ Thank you note for proclaiming National Day of Prayer

Public Comments:

Bob Michalson, 222 Turner Street, commented in opposition on having to pre-register in the parades for Western Heritage Days and Creamery Picnic.

Leslie Tadvick, Mission Street, thanked the City crew for their work in restoring Maplewood Cemetery.

Unfinished Business:

A. Standing Agenda Item: Water Project

PCI Donny Ramer gave an update on the water project, the Draft Water Rights Change Application and the Town's water rights based on historical use being reviewed by DNRC. He also reported on the two additional fire hydrants being installed on Peery Lane as requested by the Stevensville Fire Department, saving the Town money by installing them now versus at a later date.

There was further discussion regarding the Town's water rights and wells.

B. Standing Agenda Item: Sewer Project

Mayor Mim Mack updated Council on the sewer project construction and upcoming phase III of the sewer project. He reported on the \$800,000 loan and \$1,955,000 grant from Rural Development for phase III and commented that this is a testimony to the Council and Town as a whole.

Mayor Mim Mack called a 5 minute recess at 8:30 p.m.
Meeting resumed at 8:35 p.m.

C. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 148, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 – Airport of the Stevensville, Montana Municipal Code

Mayor reviewed Ordinance No. 148 and comments received at the public hearing on this ordinance.

Councilperson Klaphake made a motion to postpone the adoption of Ordinance No. 148 until the next Town Council meeting on June 12th. Councilperson Holcomb seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued regarding the County Commissioners request to form a joint committee on the Airport Affected Area Ordinance No. 147.

Michael Howell requested a copy of the Montana Code Annotated regarding the Airport Affected Area.

Tammy Jones thanked the Mayor and Council for postponing this issue.

The vote was called and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 149, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 – Development Code of the Stevensville, Montana Municipal Code

Mayor reviewed Ordinance No. 149 and the public hearing held on this ordinance.

Councilperson Klaphake made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 149. Councilperson Perrin seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.

E. Discussion/decision on Resolution No. 346, A Resolution Establishing Flood Plain Administrative Fees for the Town of Stevensville

Mayor reviewed Resolution No. 346 and public hearing held on this resolution.

Councilperson Klaphake made a motion to approve Resolution No. 346. Councilperson Crews seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.

F. Discussion/decision on Resolution No. 311A, A Resolution Amending Stevensville Pool Rates

Mayor reviewed Resolution No. 311A.

Councilperson Holcomb made a motion to approve Resolution No. 311A. Councilperson Perrin seconded the motion and all voted “aye”

Leslie Tadvick commented in opposition to the pool fees stating the fees are too high for a lot of families in Stevensville and it will drive the kids back to the river.

Discussion ensued regarding the amount of passes sold.

Kim French commented on the history of the passes being affordable and keeping the children out of the river in the summer.

Michael Howell commented on the contradiction of charging fees to keep the pool open and keeping it affordable with an alternative being to present a levy.

Clayton Floyd commented on past Council history of funding the pool.

There was further discussion on the fundraisers to keep the pool and a large savings to purchase a pass versus a daily pass.

Leslie Tadvick commented on 8 children on her street who cannot afford this.

Bob Michalson commented on looking into the future of replacing the pool.

Clayton commented on looking at an amount citizens could contribute to for pass donations.

The vote was called and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business:

A. Discussion/decision on Stevensville School District Pool Passes

Mayor Mim Mack introduced the request from the Stevensville School District for 206 day passes.

Councilperson Klaphake made a motion to approve giving Stevensville School District 206 swim passes. Councilperson Holcomb seconded the motion.

There was discussion regarding the number of passes donated.

The vote was called and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Discussion/decision on Ravalli County Head Start Swim Lesson Fee Reduction

Mayor Mim Mack introduced the request from Ravalli County Head Start for swim lesson fee reduction.

Councilperson Holcomb made a motion to approve swim lessons for 20 Head Start families at \$20/per child for swim lessons. Councilperson seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.

C. Discussion/decision on Contract with LiquiVision Technology for Reservoir Cleaning

Mayor Mim Mack reviewed the bids for reservoir cleaning and the recommendation from staff to contract with LiquiVision Technology.

Councilperson Klaphake made a motion to approve Contract with LiquiVision Technology for Reservoir Cleaning in the amount of \$2,750. Councilperson Holcomb seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Discussion/decision on Permissive Levy for Employee Health Care

Mayor Mim Mack reviewed the public meetings regarding a permissive levy and state statute on implementing such levy. A presentation of different tax increase calculations was shown.

Discussion ensued with regards to the cost of the increase on medical, dental and vision and the current cost to the Town for health insurance.

Councilperson Klaphake made a motion to amend the agenda and discuss Item E prior to item D. Councilperson Holcomb seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.

After discussion/decision of Item E, Councilperson Crews made a motion to delay the discussion of a permissive levy until after the budget workshops. Councilperson Holcomb seconded the motion. There was further discussion regarding permissive levy. The vote was called and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.

E. Discussion/decision on Employee Health Care Benefit Package for FY14-15

Mayor Mim Mack reviewed the current medical costs and the 1.6% premium increases.

Councilperson Perrin made a motion to approve \$468.63 per person for the FY14-15 employee health care for qualified employees. Councilperson Klaphake seconded the motion.

There was discussion on the number of full-time employees.

The vote was called and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.

Council then reviewed the dental and vision costs and the apportionment.

Discussion ensued regarding compensation and benefit packages offered to employees; shared costs; and other funding options.

Councilperson Perrin made a motion for the Town to pay 50% of dental and vision for employees. Councilperson Crews seconded the motion.

Kim French commented on her vision coverage.

Bob Michalson commented on very few companies paying the total insurance premiums.

Clayton Floyd inquired about MMIA being in compliance with the new regulations of Obamacare.

John Monk inquired on whether employees having skin in the game tend to pay more attention to their insurance coverage.

There was further discussion of property tax values and taxable value of the Town of Stevensville.

The vote was called and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0.

F. Council Consent of Mayor’s Appointment of Ron Klaphake as City Court Judge

Mayor Mim Mack reviewed the current judge’s term expiration, interview process and his appointment of Ron Klaphake. Mayor informed the public of the names of all the candidates interviewed and the names of the interviewing committee.

Councilperson Perrin made a motion to accept the Mayors appointment. The motion died due to lack of a second.

Councilperson Holcomb requested to review the resumes of all the candidates.

Councilperson Crews made a motion to delay the consent of the appointment until the June 12th Council meeting giving Council an opportunity to review all resumes due to possible conflict of interest. Councilperson Holcomb seconded the motion.

Kim French commented on the appointment of Ron Klaphake looking “fishy”.

Bob Michalson commented on the judge position being an appointed position, but could be an elected position.

There was further discussion regarding the qualifications of a judge and citizens contacting Council members Crews and Holcomb of a possible conflict of interest.

Victoria Howell inquired about the process to fill the vacant seat of the Council if Ron Klaphake is appointed to the Judge's position.

There was further discussion on the process for the interviewing committee.

The vote was called to delay the Council consent of the Mayor's appointment until June 12th and all voted "aye".

Executive Report:

Mayor Mim Mack updated Council on the following items:

- ✓ FY12-13 Draft Audit Report showing no findings

Town Council Comments:

Councilperson Perrin commented on the scrap cleanup and department heads attending Council meetings.

Councilperson Crews commented on dandelions in Father Ravalli Park and vandalism to the fence.

Bob Michalson commented on garbage being dumped with the yard waste.

Board Reports:

There were no Board reports.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

APPROVE:



Gene Mim Mack, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacy Bartlett, Town Clerk

