

**PUBLIC HEARING
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 24th, 2014
6:30 p.m.**

The Stevensville Town Council came together for a public hearing at Town Council Chambers for the purpose of considering Ordinance No. 147, An Ordinance Establishing Airport Affected Area Regulations for the Stevensville Airport and Incorporating them into Chapter 3, Article III of the Stevensville, Montana Municipal Code. Present were Mayor Mim Mack, Councilperson Perrin, Councilperson Holcomb, and Councilperson Crews. Councilperson Klaphake was absent due to being out of town. See sign-in sheet for others present.

Ordinance No. 147

Mayor Mim Mack informed the public of his intent to recommend Council to schedule another public hearing on June 12th due to the amount of interest on this Ordinance. He also stated he will recommend Council postpone the second reading of the Ordinance at the Council meeting scheduled following this hearing.

Mayor Mim Mack then reviewed Montana Code Annotated requiring municipalities to adopt an airport area regulation. Code was adopted back in 2006, but was never reviewed until now with Councilperson Klaphake did the lion's share of the work.

Morrison Maierle Engineer Shaun Shea reviewed the runway protection zone and height requirements.

Mayor Mim Mack reviewed permitting, fees, and administrative requirements through the Town to guarantee to the FAA that regulations will be followed.

➤ **Public Comment**

Citizens commented on the 5 foot restriction stating the affected area definition is contradictory and confusing and that trees are more than 5 feet.

Discussion ensued regarding current obstructions and non-conforming structures.

Kim French commented on low flying airplanes causing disturbances. She was directed to file her complaint to the FAA.

Clayton Floyd commented on the mean elevation cited in the ordinance.

A citizen commented on her private airstrip being affected.

Shaun Shea reviewed the elevations on the airspace drawing.

Mayor Mim Mack commented on the Airport expansion, federal funding, the airport being in compliance, and being in the best position to be competitive for grant funds.


A citizen expressed concern about an expansion bringing in bigger planes. Shaun Shea reviewed the classification of airports and planes.

Mayor requested citizens leave their email addresses for the Town to send updates and notices regarding this issue.

Councilperson Crews made a motion to hold second public hearing on June 12th at 7 pm. Councilperson Holcomb seconded the motion and all voted "aye". Motion carried 3-0.

The hearing adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVE:



Gene Mim Mack, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacy Bartlett, Town Clerk