

Stevensville Town Council Meeting Minutes for

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022, 7:00 PM 206 Buck Street, Town Hall

**CONDENSED MINUTES**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Gibson called the meeting to order, Councilmembers Barker, Brown, Michalson, and Wolff were all present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comments (Public comment from citizens on items that are not on the agenda)

Mayor Gibson: just need to make an apology to the county treasure, I had my dates wrong. We will have them in on time.

NONE

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Town Council Meeting Minutes 06/23/2022

b. Town Council Meeting Minutes 07/14/2022

Mayor Gibson: approval of minutes for 6/23/22

Councilmember Barker: I make a motion to approve 6/23/22.

Councilmember Wolff: 2nd

Mayor Gibson: motion and a 2<sup>nd</sup>. Public comment or discussion? Seeing none, Jenelle please take the vote.

Councilmember Barker: aye.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Michalson: aye.

Councilmember Wolff: aye.

Mayor Gibson: passes 4-0

Mayor Gibson: approval of minutes for 7/14/2022.

Councilmember Barker: make a motion to approve 7/14/2022

Councilmember Michalson: 2<sup>nd</sup>

Mayor Gibson: motion and a 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council discussion?

Councilmember Wolff: page 24, Mr. Michalson, the year needs to be 2015.

Mayor Gibson: public comment? Seeing none, Jenelle call for the vote.

Councilmember Barker: aye.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Michalson: aye.

Councilmember Wolff: aye.

Mayor Gibson: passes 4-0

5. Approval of Bi-Weekly Claims

a. Claims #17810-#17846

Mayor Gibson: introduced bi-weekly claims.

Councilmember Michalson: make a motion to approve

Councilmember Wolff: But there is a claim added #17847. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Mayor Gibson: motion and a 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council discussion? Public comment?

Councilmember Michalson: I would like to bring this up again. I had Pam run the totals from June through July and she came up with \$730,000.00 I went through and added up the July through December and it was \$1,053,000.00 for a difference over \$300,000.00. and I said it at the last meeting, and I will say it again because Pam is here, Pam, department heads, mayor and everyone else this shows fiscal responsibility even though some of it is pass through, we are going in the right direction. We have de congratulate department heads, mayor and staff for keeping the costs down and hope with this budget moving forward they will continue to do that.

Councilmember Wolff: I just wanted to say, I know that when I first started, I was questioning so many claims, it is a learning experience. But I have to say Pam gets this information to town council members early and if we have questions, we do contact her and get a response and I just really appreciate it, for example #17820 this time, CPA, this is the person that is working on the 20/21 audit. I just want residents to know that we are still questioning it, but we are getting advanced information to do so, and we are able to move things forward. #17822, another example, Montana Rail Link, \$100.00, but this is because the water line goes over the railroad easement. There are reasons for these charges, and I think that the public likes to know, thank you Pam.

Councilmember Michalson: just like Mayor said about the credit cards in the past meeting, in times past there were credit cards all over the place, and charges all over the place and now it is simple and broken down on one line, so thank you for that.

Mayor Gibson: any further discussion? Jenelle please take the vote.

Councilmember Barker: aye.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Michalson: aye.

Councilmember Wolff: aye.

Mayor Gibson: motion passes 4-0

6. Administrative Reports

NONE

7. Guests

NONE

8. Correspondence

NONE

9. Public Hearings

NONE

10. Unfinished Business

NONE

11. New Business

a. Discussion/Decision: Consent to the Mayor's Appointment of James Crews to the Police Commission Board

Mayor Gibson: introduced new business item a.

Councilmember Michalson: make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Wolff: 2nd

Mayor Gibson: motion and a 2<sup>nd</sup>. Public comment? Council discussion?

Councilmember Wolff: it is very obvious that James Crews has the qualifications, I see no reason to question this application.

Mayor Gibson: thank you, any further discussion, Councilmember Michalson.

Councilmember Michalson: I would like to add that, due to a paper shortage we had to leave a lot of his accreditation out (laughter from the audience).

Mayor Gibson: any further discussion, seeing none, Jenelle please take the vote.

Councilmember Barker: aye.

Councilmember Brown: abstained.

Councilmember Michalson: aye.

Councilmember Wolff: aye.

Mayor Gibson: passes 3 with one abstained.

b. Discussion/Decision: Award Morrison-Maierle to complete Master Plan for the Stevensville Airport

Mayor Gibson: introduced new business item b. Pam this is basically a pass-through grant?

Pan Sosa, Finance Officer: correct.

Mayor Gibson: it is not going to cost the Town of Stevensville any money, you have all had a chance to review. Is there any public comment? Seeing none, is there any further council discussion?

Councilmember Barker: I just want to say that the credentials that were put inside that proposal were incredible to read, the facts on where they started and how they became a company, for what we have for quality was astonishing.

Mayor Gibson: thank you, any other comment, seeing none, Jenelle please take the vote.

Councilmember Barker: aye.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Michalson: aye.

Councilmember Wolff: aye.

Mayor Gibson: 4-0

12. Town Council Comments

NONE

13. Board Reports

Councilmember Michalson: P&Z meeting Tuesday night. Elected Jim Tadvick as the chairperson. Finalized the subdivision policy and will put forth to MMIA and Leagues of Cities and Towns for their review. We will bring it to the council and public hearings in August. We will start with the growth policy next, meet with Pam to see if the \$10,000 grant money is still there. This is the town of Stevensville's policy. So, anybody out there get involved.

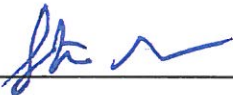
Councilmember Wolff: I would just like to mention I read a very nice article about the splash pad, it is community supported, but I need to say that my understanding is that our public works director Steve Kruse was involved in many of those planning meetings for that the town has paid some costs in that and will have long term maintenance costs. Costs will be on going and I think that Steve Kruse and his employees did a wonderful job and I wish that they would have been mentioned in the article so I will say it now.

14. Executive Report

Mayor Gibson: I agree, this is what our people are doing. August is going to be busy, budget. My intent is to have it approved by September 8<sup>th</sup>. If we have to have a special meeting we will, preliminary budget first. We will go through department by department and answer questions about their proposals. You might want to add or take away. I do not see any increases in the lighting districts, as far as the levies go, Jennifer said she would come to give an explanation on how they work. They are complicated some times and a lot of people don't know what they mean. What I understand is if you lower the levies, you have less revenues, you can raise the levies and it is more taxes on the taxpayer. My intent is to leave them where they are at. We will have to look at that.

15. Adjournment

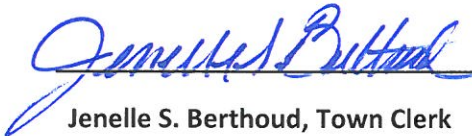
**APPROVE:**



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**Steve Gibson, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**



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**Jenelle S. Berthoud, Town Clerk**