

Stevensville Town Council Meeting Minutes

for THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023, 6:00 PM 206 Buck Street, Town Hall

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Gibson called the meeting to order, councilmembers, Brown, Lowell, and Michalson were all present. Councilmember Barker was not present for tonight's meeting, no notice was given for absence.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Seth Garret 273 Hollow Way Lane, Florence MT. I am a master's in social work, and I am in my last semester, and I am attending a policy class and one of my requirements is to attend a city council meeting and make a public comment. I actually do not know what that means, and I don't want to take up anyone's time and there is not much on the agenda, a brief explanation for what is brought up to help me understand how to do it and make a point.

Mayor Gibson: the agenda is unusually light tonight, but when there are things that are more serious out there usually there is public comment on each agenda item, anyone can come up and make a comment, usually you will see that there will be a discussion items, and then we ask for council comments, then public comments and back to the council and make a motion. Runs in a very similar way to the state legislature to tell you the truth. I would be considered the executive and these people would be the legislative branch we might make recommendations, but they make the decision. that is kind of how it works.

Seth Garret: so, if I was to make a comment and if I was to ask the question of what kind of things that the city council is noticing about fentanyl overdoses that have been hitting Montana lately.

Mayor Gibson: you could ask our chief, but usually that is a, we have a justice court here but it doesn't do civil cases, and she is under contract and we have an attorney under contract both for the town and the prosecution point, so anything with that would go to the court, not necessarily to the council. People can bring up that concern of course.

Seth Garret: thank you.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Special Town Council Meeting (Closed Session) 01/12/2023

Mayor Gibson: introduced new special town council meeting minutes closed session of 01/12/2023. If you have comments just make a note, you know that we cant discuss it. After you read through those if you have any comments just get those back to Jenelle

Councilmember Michalson: I make a motion to approve the special town council meeting minutes for 01/12/2023.

Councilmember Lowell: 2nd.

Mayor Gibson: motion and a 2nd. Public comment? Seeing none. Any further discussion Jenelle call for the vote.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Lowell: aye.

Councilmember Michalson: aye.

Mayor Gibson: passes 3-0.

Jenelle Berthoud: Mayor and council those were word for word minutes, nothing was condensed.

5. Approval of Bi-Weekly Claims

a. Claims # 18167-#18184

Mayor Gibson: introduced claims #18167-#18184.

Councilmember Michalson: make a motion to approve claims #18167-#18184.

Councilmember Lowell: 2nd.

Mayor Gibson: motion and a 2nd. Public comment? Discussion on the claims? Seeing none, Jenelle please take the vote.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Lowell: aye.

Councilmember Michalson: aye.

Mayor Gibson: passes 3-0

6. Administrative Reports

NONE

7. Guests

NONE

8. Correspondence

NONE

9. Public Hearings

NONE

10. Unfinished Business

a. Discussion/Decision: Second Reading of Ordinance No.150 Removal of Contradicting Language in Section 3. Sec. 24-17 4 (a)

Mayor Gibson: introduced unfinished business a. Second Reading of Ordinance No.150 Removal of Contradicting Language in Section 3. Sec. 24-17 4 (a).

Councilmember Michalson: make a motion to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No.150 Removal of Contradicting Language in Section 3. Sec. 24-17 4 (a).

Councilmember Brown: 2nd

Mayor Gibson: motion and a 2nd. Public comment?

Councilmember Michalson: when does this go into effect?

Mayor Gibson: if you pass this tonight, we have 30 days before we can enforce it.

Councilmember Michalson: how far along are we to put up signs?

Mace Sosa: the signs are already here, just have to get with public works.

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

Councilmember Brown: aye

Councilmember Lowell: aye.

Councilmember Michalson: aye.

Mayor Gibson: passes 3-0.

11. New Business

a. Discussion/Decision: Traffic Study by Montana Department of Transportation, from South Ave to Middle Burnt Fork Rd

Mayor Gibson: Councilmember Michalson I talked to you a little bit about this I also talked to Mac if you are open to doing an amendment to include Eastside Hwy and Main Street and 2nd. I talked to transportation in August, Mac has been patrolling there more. But if we could just add an amendment to add that to the traffic study.

Councilmember Michalson: I make a motion to have a traffic study to be done by Montana Department of Transportation from South Ave to Middle Burnt Fork Rd and I would also like to amend that and add Eastside Hwy and Main and Main and 2nd.

Councilmember Brown: 2nd

Mayor Gibson: motion and a 2nd. Public comment? Further discussion?

Councilmember Michalson: is Main and 2nd is that where the coffee shop is there?

Mayor Gibson: no, right here it is a real problem by Cenex.

Councilmember Brown: especially at about 5:30.

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

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Lowell: aye.

Councilmember Michalson: aye.

Mayor Gibson: passes 3-0.

Mayor Gibson: the next one has been removed, because you will have to look at that in 2024.

~~b. Discussion: Review of Town of Stevensville local government and discuss possible change to a charter form of government.~~ This agenda item has been removed from New Business by Council President Bob Michalson

12. Board Reports

Mayor Gibson: I think that the only one that would have met was the Park Board. You guys met before.

13. Town Council Comments

Councilmember Michalson: I want to reiterate on the above agenda item that I took down, I got way ahead of myself, about a year ahead of myself. We will have to bring this back up next year. Just want to give a big shout out to Councilmember Brown who enlightened me on this last Sunday thanks to her.

Councilmember Lowell: I want to bring up the fact and I did talk with Pam and Jenelle about going to clerk school. Which is the end of April beginning of May. I found it to be very helpful, you learn to network with people all over the state lets you know what's new and going on. They have a very good agenda this year. I guess we will put that on possibly the next meeting.

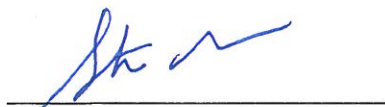
Councilmember Brown: thank Chief Mac for taking care of the deer problem at the airport.

14. Executive Report

Mayor Gibson: no report.

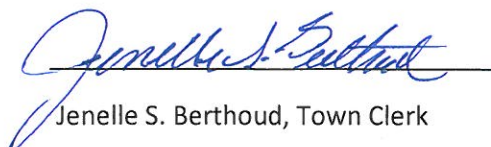
15. Adjournment

APPROVE:



Steve Gibson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jenelle S. Berthoud, Town Clerk