

Stevensville Town Council Meeting Minutes for THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023, 6:00 PM

CONDENSED MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Vickie Motley, 318 9th Street, my comment is on our meeting time. I think that it should go back to 7:00 pm. There was a comment in the Bitterroot Star about low attendance. I think that is because it is at 6:00.

Tim Casey, 219 Turner Street, I would like to talk about the lack of enforcement around fireworks. I would like to suggest an ad in the paper and signs to talk about the ordinance. I want to see it enforced. I would like to see that Ordinance enforced; they go off when they are not supposed to go off.

4. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Gibson: Jenelle did some training this week and last week and will have them for the next meeting.

5. Approval of Bi-Weekly Claims

a. Claims #18423-#18442, #18445-#18462, #18464-#18465, #100410

Mayor Gibson: introduced approval of bi-weekly claims. Two additional claims have been added.

Councilmember Michalson: make a motion to approve bi-weekly claims #18423-#18442, #18445-#18462, #18464-#18465, #100410 and adding claims #18468 and #18469.

Councilmember Barker: 2nd.

Mayor Gibson: motion and a 2nd. Public comment on the claims? Any questions on the claims?

Councilmember Brown: I see that we have a couple with HDR.

Mayor Gibson: one on HDR was for the capacity study, they had money left. The other one is kind of strange, it was from 2020.

Councilmember Brown: comment approximately for the building department claim, it looks like the town did not make anything.

Mayor Gibson: we don't have a lot to do with that.

Councilmember Brown: we may need to look at increasing those fees.

Mayor Gibson: if you recall in the audit, it is going to be easier to use that money now with the new laws.

Councilmember Michalson: won't be se restricted.

Councilmember Barker: on the construction, have we thought about putting that out there for a bid for somebody else to do it.

Mayor Gibson: are you talking about the building department. The contract is for three years.

Councilmember Barker: you have a lot of people in the different trades.

Councilmember Lowell: #18138, mowing, is that a private company.

Mayor Gibson: mowing, we had the airport done as well. Any further comments on the claims, seeing none, Jenelle please take the vote.

Councilmember Barker: aye.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Lowell: aye.

Councilmember Michalson: aye.

Mayor Gibson: passes 4-0

6. Administrative Reports

Mayor Gibson introduced the administrative reports.

a. Airport

b. Building Departments

c. Finance

e. Police Department

Chief Sosa: reviewed his administrative report and addressed an anonymous letter that was received in the mail today.

d. Fire Department

Chief Motley: reviewed his administrative report. Seeing an increase in medical calls. Looking to do more transports.

Councilmember Lowell: I noticed around some of Lewis & Clerk Park the grass is so high, not that it is your department, with Creamery Picnic coming.

Chief Motley: that falls back on the police department.

Mayor Gibson: I don't think that it is our property, we can check with Public Works.

f. Public Works

7. New Business

a. Informational: Updates to the Creamery Picnic Special Event Permit, Placement of Garbage Cans and Portable Toilets

Mayor Gibson introduced new business item a. Any questions or public comment?

Councilmember Barker: I think that it is a good idea, smart planning on the committee.

b. Discussion/Decision: Requesting to Publish an RFP for Additional Street Repairs, 2nd Street from Buck Street to the Entrance of Lewis & Clark Park

Mayor Gibson: introduced new business item b. You approved Spring Street and Railroad Ave.

Councilmember Michalson: make a motion to approve requesting to publish an RFP for Additional Street Repairs, 2nd Street from Buck Street to the Entrance of Lewis & Clark Park

Councilmember Barker: 2nd.

Mayor Gibson: motion and a 2nd. Public comment? Seeing none, any further discussion, seeing none, Jenelle please take the vote.

Councilmember Barker: aye.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Lowell: aye.

Councilmember Michalson: aye.

Mayor Gibson: passes 4-0

~~c. Discussion/Decision: Permission to Review HR & Payroll Solution for FY 2023/2024 (Mayor Gibson has removed this agenda item for further review.)~~

8. Board Reports

Councilmember Brown: gave a brief overview of the Airport Board Meeting, would like to see the airport financials every month. They are working on the Master Plan, and it is important to them to hear from the town about questions about the airport.

Councilmember Barker: can there be a way to send that out from the airport board to ask these questions.

Jenelle Berthoud: it would need to come from Tyler.

Councilmember Brown: I understand that they did get their grant for the car, everything else is on hold.

10. Executive Report

Mayor Gibson: with everyone's permission I would like to do the executive report before town council comments. As some of you know it has been a struggle for months and I have some health issues and I do not know yet what is going to have to be done, we are going through the

process with the town attorney it looks like kind of like when Mayor Minmack left. We will get back with Mr. Overstreet, place the notice in the paper, have questions and the council will choose. There is other stuff in there about special elections, so that is where that is at, I don't think that it is fair to the town and the staff to go on. I hope to work through some of the budget.

9. Town Council Comments

Councilmember Barker: I would like to thank the Stevensville Fire Association for the fireworks show. It is nice to see the lights fixed on Main Street. I saw them when they fixed it.

Councilmember Michalson: thank you to Vickie, Jeff and the Civic Club for the picnic at the park.

Councilmember Brown: I had a complaint about the fireworks on July 3rd, downtown by a bar at midnight. Yes, there is something about the fireworks in this town, not sure what we can do about it. Thank you for the fireworks show. I hope that you can get your medical issues taken care of.

Councilmember Lowell: I am curious about the agenda item that was removed.

Mayor Gibson: we need to look at it.

Councilmember Michalson: we need to do an RFP.


Councilmember Lowell: I thought that it would be beneficial.

Mayor Gibson: after talking to the council president, I think that we may have skipped that step.

Councilmember Michalson: it is a contract and there is more outfit that does it.

11. Adjournment

APPROVE:



Steve Gibson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jenelle S. Berthoud, Town Clerk