

Stevensville Town Council Meeting Minutes

for THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2024, 6:30 PM 206 Buck Street, Town Hall

CONDENSED MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Michalson called the meeting to order. Councilmembers Brown, Nelson and Smith were all present. Councilmember Barker has an excused absence.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

NONE

4. Approval of Bi-Weekly Claims

a. Claims #18799-#18801, #18804-#18820, #18822, #18824-#18825

Mayor Michalson: introduced bi-weekly claims. #18799-#18801, #18804-#18820, #18822, #18824-#18825.

Councilmember Smith: I make a motion to approve bi-weekly claims . #18799-#18801, #18804-#18820, #18822, #18824-#18825 and as amended, #18826-#18828.

Councilmember Brown: 2nd.

Mayor Michalson: motion and a 2nd. Discussion from the council?

Councilmember Brown: can we have an explanation on the First Call charges.

Gina Crowe, Finance Director: First Call called me last week and stated that they had some turnover in the office, so these are catch-ups. Jenelle and I working on the .gov when we were signing up to go with .gov and that First Call is going to manage .gov they are charging First call. .gov closed down for the month of December, our first bill in November, I sent an email to First Call and asked why are we getting charged and we are not receiving .gov services. We cannot penalize First Call and they are trying to help us sort this out. We have to pay First Call.

Councilmember Smith: there will be adjustments as we go along?

Gina Crowe: I don't know if .gov is going to give us a credit or not, that is what we are trying to figure out.

Councilmember Brown: what about the Spectrum account for the pool. I don't remember, does it do any benefit to shut this pool account down during the off season?

Gina Crowe: we called about that, we were not able to suspend or turn it off. If you shut the service off, we would have to go through the connection process and fees again.

Councilmember Nelson: it that Spectrum Aquatics in Missoula?

Jenelle Berthoud: aquatics is there because it is our pool, Spectrum is the provider.

Mayor Michalson: any other comments from the council, comments from the public. Seeing none, Jenelle take the vote.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Nelson: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Mayor Michalson: passes 3-0

5. Administrative Reports

a. Airport

Will Rowe: nothing has changed since last month.

b. Building Department

In the packet.

c. Finance

d. Fire Department

Chief Motley: report was provided in the packet. Gave out awards at our annual banquet. We gave out a life saving award. Business as usual. You will start to see some controlled burns done by the Forest Service.

e. Police Department

In the packet.

f. Public Works

In the packet.

6. Unfinished Business

a. Discussion/Decision: Schedule a C.O.W. Meeting Date and Time to Continue Reviewing Job Descriptions

Mayor Michalson: introduced unfinished business item a. I would ask the council; Gina will be gone next week. So please pick a date after she is back.

Councilmember Nelson: motion to have the meeting on the 27th.

Councilmember Smith: 2nd.

Mayor Michalson: motion and a 2nd. To continue the COW meeting on the 27th. Jenelle, please take the vote.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Nelson: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Mayor Michalson: passes 3-0

7. New Business

a. Discussion/Decision: Consent to the Mayor's Appointment of Jim Johnson to the Airport Board

Mayor Michalson: introduced new business item a. Consent to the Mayor's Appointment of Jim Johnson to the Airport Board

Councilmember Brown: I move that we appointment Jim Johnson to the airport board.

Councilmember Nelson: 2nd.

Mayor Michalson: motion and a 2nd. Council discussion?

Councilmember Brown: as Councilmember barker has stated, to have people here.

Councilmember Smith: I move that we table this until he is present.

Jenelle Berthoud: this would fill the board they have a meeting next week.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Craig Thomas: Mr. Johnson owns an aircraft, they are the ones that put on the breakfast

Mayor Michalson: no more discussion from the public, we will wait for Jenelle to fix our live stream. Jenelle, please call for the vote.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Nelson: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Mayor Michalson: passes 3-0

b. Discussion/Decision: Rescind Resolution No. 502, a Resolution to Authorize the Town of Stevensville to Solicit Bids for a half time Zoning Administrator

Mayor Michalson: introduced new business item b. gave background on the resolution.

Mayor Gibson brought this forth, we approved that, and we did not have anybody apply. He took the job and Jenelle helped, this is cleaning up the books and I will remain the zoning administrator.

Councilmember Brown: I move that we rescind resolution no. 502, a Resolution to Authorize the Town of Stevensville to Solicit Bids for a half time Zoning Administrator

Councilmember Smith: 2nd.

Mayor Michalson: motion and a 2nd. Council discussion? Public discussion? seeing none, Jenelle please take the vote.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Nelson: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Mayor Michalson: passes 3-0

c. Discussion/Decision: RESOLUTION NO 525, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF STEVENSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL OF STEVENSVILLE, MONTANA, CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF CONDUCTING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW AND ESTABLISHING A STUDY COMMISSION TO DO SO

Mayor Michalson: introduced new business item c. RESOLUTION NO 525, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF STEVENSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL OF STEVENSVILLE, MONTANA, CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF CONDUCTING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW AND ESTABLISHING A STUDY COMMISSION TO DO SO. This is required by law, cities, towns and counties. If you look at the steps, we adopt the resolution tonight and then it goes on the ballot in June. This goes to the voters.

Councilmember Smith: I move that we adopt RESOLUTION NO 525, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF STEVENSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL OF STEVENSVILLE, MONTANA, CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF CONDUCTING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW AND ESTABLISHING A STUDY COMMISSION TO DO SO.

Councilmember Brown: 2nd.

Mayor Michalson: motion and a 2nd. Discussion?

Councilmember Smith: do I understand that this happens every 10 years?

Mayor Michalson: correct. Any comments from the public. Jenelle, can you take the vote.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Nelson: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Mayor Michalson: passes 3-0

8. Board Reports

NONE

9. Town Council Comments

Councilmember Brown: nice to see that the streets were cleared this morning. I am happy that they got around and got the streets plowed.

10. Executive Report

Mayor Michalson: met with the Stevensville Airport Board Foundation, a get together with ideas, Will gave a good presentation. They were pretty excited about us moving forward and our new airport manager. Sat in on the Black Mountain training session, a lot of issues were fixed and addressed I want to personally thank the council for letting the staff. We fixed a lot of issues, there is still stuff to go, but are confident when we get a deputy clerk, a little to do on the Harmony side for meter reading, once we get both sides working together, we should be good. I know everyone wants to see a utility clerk, but I have to agree with the ladies, but you would be setting someone up for failure if this is not corrected. Sat with Stephen Lassiter and DNRC about our water rights I sent you that email about that. It was very productive. He is putting us at a top priority, 12-18 months out. Councilmember Brown and I met with HDR and the Park Street Project.

11. Adjournment

Councilmember Smith: move that we adjourn.

Councilmember Brown: 2nd.

APPROVE:



Bob Michalson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jenelle S. Berthoud, Town Clerk

