

Stevensville Special Town Council Meeting Minutes for WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 14, 2024, 3:00 PM 206 Buck Street, Town Hall

CONDENSED MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

NONE

4. New Business

a. Discussion/Decision: Consent to the Mayor's Appointment of John Boe as Chief of Police for the Stevensville Police Department

Mayor Michalson: introduced new business item a. Consent to the Mayor's Appointment of John Boe as Chief of Police for the Stevensville Police Department. Mayor Michalson gave a brief background to the situation and introduced John Boe.

John Boe: gave background to his career and time in the service. Public servant for over 32 years. Started out as a fire fighter. Bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Had a lot of training, been able to gather a lot of knowledge and skill sets and I can take over confidently as the chief of police for Stevensville. I am a pro-active type of person. I will be a working chief especially from the start. If you have any questions, I am open to that.

Councilmember Barker: make a motion to approve to the consent to the Mayor's Appointment of John Boe as Chief of Police for the Stevensville Police Department.

Councilmember Smith: 2nd.

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

Councilmember Barker: obviously you are coming from somewhere where it is nice and warm coming to a place that has colder weather. We had Mac Sosa from Texas, really liked him and he left obviously the weather issues is that going to be something that is going to detour you after being here for a short period of time.

John Boe: I am an empty nester. I don't have any plans to leave, I am in it for the long hall.

Councilmember Barker: that has been a concern, they want to be here and then the Montana weather scared them off for some reason.

John Boe: I have expressed my appreciation for the community and the mountains, I wake up every morning that I have been here look at those mountains and I am appreciative to be here in this position. I am grateful to be here. I am prepared for the weather.

Councilmember Smith: what was your salary structure at UCT as a captain.

John Boe: a little over \$79,000.00.

Councilmember Smith: are you aware that the cost of living is higher here than in Chattanooga?

John Boe: yes sir, but I also have a retirement. I have watched many of these council meetings and feel like I know each of you.

Councilmember Smith: you made mention of the proactive approach. Do you have any particular ideas how to do that in Stevi.

John Boe: plan is to evaluate what I have. What are my resources? Find out what are the strengths and weaknesses. There are a few things that I would like to implement but those things will come to the mayor. I am a data guy and I like to look at numbers, when I get my feet on the ground, I would be able to address these things.

Councilmember Brown: you said that you studied us, have you studied anything like the state of Montana constitution, Montana code.

John Boe: I have that information now, I will go to Montana POST and take my transition class, prior to that class I will have these things in my back pocket.

Councilmember Brown: I don't know if you are aware that Montana has a very high suicide rate.

John Boe: I am aware.

Councilmember Brown: do you have any ideas on how to help that person?

John Boe: I do, I have crisis management and have dealt with situations like that in the school environment.

Councilmember Brown: we are kind of a bedroom community; we have the older population and the younger population. You have to deal with both the older and younger. You are from the university how will you deal with the older set?

John Boe: I also have experience ranging from elderly down to juvenile. I have experience in different court systems as well. I am a compassionate person.

Councilmember Brown: you said that you had two children that were in university.

John Boe: one is out. One is still in, my biggest accomplishments in life are Macey who graduated from the University of Tennessee Chattanooga. My son Jake is a junior UT.

Councilmember Brown: after being one of twelve that put their name in do you have any concerns about that.

John Boe: I just feel grateful for the opportunity and being the best that I can be moving forward.

Councilmember Nelson: I don't want to be at the other end. Are there any disciplinary issues.

John Boe: In my public career? No sir, not that I know of. I have had a very successful career.

Councilmember Nelson: no issues with previous mayors?

John Boe: no sir. I get along with just about everybody.

Councilmember Smith: what were your two greatest failures and what did you learn from them.

John Boe: early on I did not delegate enough. The second one, I am a people person, and sometimes I will give people the benefit of the doubt and I have improved from that.

Mayor Michalson: any other questions from the council. Any questions from the public. Before we take the vote, I would like to say as soon as you take the vote, we will swear him in. Jenelle take the vote.

Councilmember Barker: aye.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Councilmember Nelson: aye.

Councilmember Smith: aye.

Mayor Michalson: passes 4-0

5. Adjournment

Councilmember Barker: motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Brown: 2nd.

APPROVE:



Bob Michalson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jenelle S. Berthoud, Town Clerk

