RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Evansville Town Council Meeting, Evansville, Wyoming

July 22, 2019

Work Session

A Work Session was held on July 22, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Jennifer Sorenson, Council Members Chad Edwards, Joe Knop, Aaron Vigneault and Sheena Hixson. Also present were Town Attorney Scott Murray, Treasurer Lexi Erickson, Town Clerk Janelle Underwood, Police Chief Mike Thompson, Fire Chief Leo Malsom, Assistant Fire Chief Mark Cornett, Public Works Director Ron Emond, Wyoming Financial Insurance, Inc., representatives Brad Johnson and Melissa Bilby, Evansville Town employees, and interested citizens.

Health Insurance: The Town of Evansville had Wyoming Financial Insurance, Inc., request health, dental, vision, and life insurance proposals. The proposals had been provided to the Town of Evansville on June 10, 2019. The Town of Evansville considered two different deductibles with Cigna. Council Member Chad Edwards suggested offering both Cigna options to the Town employees. The single Town employees can choose the plan that has the $500.00 deductible and those employees that would like to obtain dependent coverage could choose the higher deductible plan, the Town of Evansville would still pick up the employees portion as it always has and the employee could pick up the dependent coverage at a lower rate than the current plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming. Questions were asked by Town employees and answered by the Governing Body or Brad Johnson and Melissa Bixby with Wyoming Financial Insurance.

Trailer Requirements/Permits: Mayor Sorenson spoke to the Governing Body about the ordinance that is currently in place that does not allow any mobile home over the age of 20 years to move into the Town of Evansville. She stated that her concern is that a trailer that meets the 20-year requirement may also be in poor condition and that there needs to be more requirements in place. She stated that one of the options is to change the zoning on a lot when a mobile home moves out and to then only allow a stick-built home. Discussion took place about looking at updating the Community Development Plan since the current one was adopted a few years back. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood will provide the Governing Body with an electronic copy of the Community Development Plan.

Dept Head Credit Cards: Mayor Sorenson stated that she would like to see all the Department Heads have a credit card to make a lot of the purchases. She stated that currently Fire Chief Malsom, Assistant Fire Chief Cornett, Town Clerk Underwood, and Town Treasurer Erickson have credit cards. She stated that she would like to see Chief of Police Thompson and Public Works Director Emond have cards as well. Fire Chief Malsom stated that whenever charges are made, to really watch that sales tax is not charged. Town Treasurer passed out a sample credit card policy for the Council and Town Attorney Scott Murray to review and it was noted that the Department Head will be responsible to the credit cards charges if receipts are not turned in.

Animal Control Report: Chief of Police Mike Thompson spoke to the Governing Body about whether Evansville stays with Metro Animal Control or if Evansville should opt out and handle its own animal control services. It was presented to the Town of Evansville that the cost for the 2019-2020 Metro Animal Control Services will be over $118,000.00. Chief Thompson invited Ernie Blackford to the Work Session to speak about his experience with Metro Animal Control and the attitude of the Metro Officer. Chief Thompson stated the Evansville paid $49,000.00 in 2014 and we are now faced with the costs over $118,000.00 and Evansville still has an animal problem. Chief Thompson stated that outside of the start up costs, he thinks Evansville could provide its own animal control services as well as that animal control person could handle Code Enforcement, and Community Service.

Motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Sheena Hixson to move to the Regular Council Meeting at 6:59 p.m. Motion carried.

Reconvene to the Work Session at 7:15 p.m.

Animal Control continued: Chief Thompson stated that Evansville would need to look at writing its own animal control ordinances and having a building constructed to house the animals. He stated that he spoke with Cleary Buildings and it is estimated that the cost for a 35' x 35' facility would run the Town around $150,000.00. Questions were raised about how to deal with a sick or injured animal, if there was an animal hording incident in Evansville as what just took place in Casper, if one person would be enough

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was an animal hording incident in Evansville as what just took place in Casper, if one person would be enough to handle the job and that employee taking vacations or out sick. Chief Thompson stated that between him and the officers, he feels they could handle the animal control duties. Public Works Director Ron Emond mentioned that the Town of Evansville still has the old animal facility and perhaps it could be added onto. Chief Thompson and Public Works Director Ron Emond will look at the old facility.

Multi-Department Municipal Facility: Mayor Sorenson stated that the government agencies in Natrona County are going to move forward with the proposed 6th Cent Tax being brought before the voters in 2020 and the plan is to present a new Multi-Department Municipal Facility that would house the Police Department, Fire Department and Town Hall. She stated that by doing this, it would get the Police Department out of the basement and the growth that the Fire Department and Town has seen as well as more secure work areas and secure employee parking. She stated that Amundson and Associates and Stateline are the two architects that Evansville visited with on the proposed design of the new construction. Amundsen and Associates estimated $30,000.00 - $54,000.00 and Stateline estimated $34,950.00. Mayor Sorenson liked Stateline estimate and would like to see their agreement for professional services.

Meth Ordinance: Chief of Police Mike Thompson stated that Evansville currently does not have a meth misdemeanor ordinance. He stated that thee is a plus and a minus to this. He stated that by creating an ordinance, you could have high bonds, jail time, unsupervised probation and the fines would come to the Town of Evansville with the end goal of pushing methamphetamine out of Evansville once people learn of the ordinance and the fines that would be associated with it. Chief Thompson stated that if people end up with bench warrants, they will perhaps avoid Evansville. Chief Thompson stated that there has been about a dozen meh cases at the county court the last couple of months.

Town Attorney Scott Murray stated that generally misdemeanors are generally pretty easy to prosecute but hat multiple fines may not always works and Evansville not able to collect on the fines. He stated that Casper currently does not have a meth ordinance. Attorney Scott Murray will look at the Wyoming State Statutes regarding the maximum fine amount.

Motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Chad Edwards to adjourn the Work Session at 8:50 p.m. No action was taken.

APPROVED:

Jennifer Sorenson, Mayor

ATTESTED: Janelle Underwood

Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk