

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Evansville Town Council Meeting, Evansville, Wyoming

April 1, 2024

Work Session

A Work Session was held on April 1, 2024, at 6:15 p.m. Present were Mayor Candace Machado, Council Members Dacia Edwards, Greg Flesvig, and Phil Gierke. Also present were Chief of Police Mike Thompson, Animal Control Officer Brandy Nester, Town Attorney Scott Murray, and Town Clerk Janelle Underwood.

METRO ANIMAL CONTROL: Mayor Candace Machado said that the Metro Animal Control is looking at creating a Joint Powers Board and the Town will have to make a choice if it wants to become a part of the Joint Powers Board or Evansville construct and have its own animal control facility. Currently, the Town pays two thousand six hundred sixty-seven dollars and seventy-seven cents (\$2,667.77) to house the animals at Metro Animal Control while the Town provides its own animal control officer. She said that the Metro Animal Control Board meets again on April 17, 2024, and will be looking for answers from the municipalities if they are interested in moving forward with the Joint Powers Board or not. She stated that the Joint Powers Boards will be looking for what Evansville's asks are.

Chief of Police Mike Thompson stated that there are pros and cons to continuing with Metro Animal Control or overseeing our own and we pay a monthly fee to Casper whether we bring dogs in or not. He said that if the Town were to join the Joint Powers Board, the Town's percentage of cost would be 3.46% of the total cost to operate the facility. He said that the percentage is based on population. He said that if the Town decided to construct their own facility, the estimate to construct a new facility would be approximately two hundred ninety-four thousand dollars (\$294,000.00). Chief Thompson said that he thinks this is manageable.

Animal Control Officer Brandy Nester spoke to the Governing Body about her concerns and issues with Metro Animal Control. She said that she has been successful in finding the owners of the dogs that she picks up and getting them returned to their owner. She stated that she has dealt with a fair number of puppies/dogs recently but has been successful in finding homes for them and the community likes how Evansville manages the stray animals.

Discussion continued exploring Evansville's options and the act that Evansville will have such a small voice. This item will be placed on the April 8, 2024, Council Meeting for the Governing Body to act on which direction they would like to go.

TOWN OF EVANSVILLE CODE OF ETHICS AND RULES OF CONDUCT: Mayor Candace Machado said that she has worked with and asked the Town Attorneys to put together a Code of Ethics. She stated that by adopting something like this, it helps new members of the Governing Body that come in to help guide them on expectations. She stated that with elections coming up, now is the time to discuss this because we have four out of the five seats up for election this year. The proposed Code of Ethics and Rules of Conduct were presented, reviewed, and discussed. Town Attorney Scott Murray will make necessary changes and present them to the Governing Body for further review.

The Work Session was adjourned at 9:17 p.m. No action taken.

APPROVED:



ATTESTED: 
Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk