



-AGENDA-

MAYOR ERNIE BLACKFORD

January 26, 2026

7:00 P.M.

Council Members:

Dacia Edwards

Greg Flesvig

Alona Vigneault

Chad Edwards

Town Attorney Williams, Porter, Day & Neville

Town Engineer - WLC, Inc.

Town Clerk Janelle Underwood

Town Treasurer Lexi Erickson

Chief of Police Mike Thompson

Fire Chief Leo Malsom

P.W. Director Dan Coursen

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Meeting called to order.

Roll call.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

1) Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting January 12, 2026

2) Public Comments

3) Liquor License Renewals – Outback Steakhouse, The Ash Premium, and Mint Billiards

Tabled 1-12-2026

4) Ordinance #2-2026 – An Ordinance Setting the Tax Levy for 2026

(1st reading)

5) Resolution #1-2026 – A Resolution Authorizing Submission of Unmet Housing Grant Application

6) Adjournment

AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

THE TOWN OF EVANSVILLE

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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

January 12, 2026

The regular meeting of the Evansville Town Council of the Town of Evansville, County of Natrona, State of Wyoming, was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ernie Blackford at 7:00 p.m. upon roll call the following were present: Council Members Dacia Edwards, Greg Flesvig, Alona Vigneault, and Chad Edwards, Town Attorney Scott Murray, Town Engineer Shane Porter, Town Treasurer Lexi Erickson, Chief of Police Mike Thompson, Fire Chief Leo Malsom, Public Works Director Dan Coursen, Town Clerk Janelle Underwood, and interested citizens.

Mayor Blackford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Greg Flesvig and seconded by Chad Edwards to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting and Executive Session for December 8, 2025
- b) Approval of Business Licenses – Garage Door Doc and Sun Plumbing and Heating
- c) Approval of Bills

Motion was made by Dacia Edwards and seconded by Alona Vigneault to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: During public comments, Ryan Perry, Evansville resident, read a statement to the Governing Body about making cannabis legal and health care access. He asked the Town of Evansville to consider sending a letter to the Wyoming Legislature supporting the allowance of making cannabis legal.

AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR TO EXECUTE WY WATER AND WASTEWATER MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT: Town Clerk Janelle Underwood summarized the purpose of the Wyoming Water and Wastewater Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement.

Motion was made by Greg Flesvig and seconded by Alona Vigneault authorizing the Mayor to execute the Wyoming Water and Wastewater Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – 7:05 p.m. – RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES: Outback Steakhouse, Texas Roadhouse, Taylor's Sports Bar & Spirits, Wyoming Downs OTB 15, Happy Days Liquor, Hooch's, Ash Premium Cigar, HQ Southern BBQ, Chili's Southwest Grill & Bar and Mint Billiards. Mayor Blackford called for those present. All present except for Outback Steakhouse, Ash Premium Cigar, and Mint Billiards.

Mayor Blackford opened the Public Hearing for any comments for or against. There were no public comments for or against. Public Hearing closed.

Motion was made by Alona Vigneault and seconded by Chad Edwards to approve the renewal of the Liquor Licenses for Texas Roadhouse, Taylor's Sports Bar & Spirits, Wyoming Downs OTB 15, Happy Days Liquor, Hooch's, HQ Southern BBQ, and Chili's Southwest Grill and Bar and to table the approval of renewal of the Liquor Licenses for Outback Steakhouse, Ash Premium Cigar and Mint Billiards until the January 26, 2026, Council Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING – MYSTERY BRIDGE ROAD NAME CHANGE: Town Engineer Shane Porter stated that Mesa requested the Town to consider the name change of Mystery Bridge Road from Highway 20-26 south to the cul-de-sac to Mesa Way. Engineer Porter provided a Staff report and said that the Planning and Zoning Commission met on December 16, 2025, and provided a "Do Pass" recommendation to the Governing Body.

Mayor Blackford called for any Public Comments for or against the proposed name change of Mystery Bridge Road to Mesa Way.

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Bru Till, Casper resident and owner of property along Mystery Bridge Road, spoke against the proposed name change.

Ryan Perry, Evansville resident, spoke against the proposed name change.

Katherine Till, Casper resident and property owner along Mystery Bridge Road, spoke against the proposed name change.

Josh Wilson, Mesa representative, spoke in favor of the proposed name change.

Jeremy Brown, Evansville resident, spoke against the proposed name change.

No more comments. Mayor Blackford closed the Public Hearing.

ORDINANCE #1-2026: An Ordinance Renaming of Mystery Bridge Road to "Mesa Way" from East Yellowstone Highway South to the End of the Platted Cul-De-Sac. First reading.

Motion was made by Greg Flesvig and seconded by Chad Edwards to approve Ordinance #1-2026 on first reading. Mayor Blackford called for any discussion.

Mayor Blackford called for any aye votes on passage of Ordinance #1-2026 on first reading. No aye votes. Mayor Blackford called for any nay votes on passage of Ordinance #1-2026. Council Member Dacia Edwards – nay, Council Member Greg Flesvig – nay, Council Member Alona Vigneault – nay, Council Member Chad Edwards – nay.

Ordinance #1-2026 died due to lack of passage on first reading.

RETIREMENT ACCEPTANCE AND APPOINTMENT OF FIRE CHIEF: Mayor Blackford stated that Fire Chief Leo Malsom will be retiring effective February 25, 2026, and that he would like to nominate Assistant Fire Chief Mark Cornett as the new Fire Chief effective on February 25, 2026.

Motion was made by Alona Vigneault and seconded by Dacia Edwards to accept the retirement of Fire Chief Leo Malsom and to appoint Mark Cornett as the Fire Chief effective February 25, 2026. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Town Engineer Shane Porter stated he had Pay Request No. 6 to Wayne Coleman Construction for the Mystery Bridge and Wildcat Improvement Project in the amount of two hundred fifty-three thousand eight hundred thirty-nine dollars and thirty-six cents (\$253,839.36).

Motion was made by Chad Edwards and seconded by Dacia Edwards to approve Pay Request No. 6 to Wayne Coleman Construction for the Mystery Bridge and Wildcat Improvement Project in the amount of two hundred fifty-three thousand eight hundred thirty-nine dollars and thirty-six cents (\$253,839.36). Motion carried.

Town Engineer Shane Porter advised that he had Drawdown Request No. 6 for the Mystery Bridge and Wildcat Improvement Project in the amount of four hundred thirty-four thousand eight hundred forty-one dollars (\$434,841.00).

Motion was made by Dacia Edwards and seconded by Alona Vigneault to approve Draw Down Request No. 6 for the Mystery Bridge and Wildcat Improvements Project in the amount of four hundred thirty-four thousand eight hundred forty-one dollars (\$434,841.00). Motion carried.

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Engineer Porter stated that the Town will receive additional reimbursement from the four other parties involved in the grant including Advanced Casper, Mesa Solutions, True Land and Realty and Hat Six Wildcat, LLC, in the amount of fifty-four thousand six hundred two dollars and eighteen cents (\$54,602.18) leaving the Town responsible for four thousand six hundred ninety-four dollars and thirty-one cents (\$4,694.31).

Town Engineer Shane Porter stated that on the 2025 Sidewalks Project, he had Pay Request No. 6 to Treto Construction in the amount of seventy-five thousand five hundred sixty dollars (\$75,560.00).

Motion was made by Chad Edwards and seconded by Alona Vigneault to approve Pay Request No. 6 to Treto Construction for the 2025 Sidewalks Project in the amount of seventy-five thousand five hundred sixty dollars (\$75,560.00). Motion carried.

Engineer Shane Porter stated that he had a Certificate of Substantial Completion for approval for the 2025 Sidewalks Project. He stated that a walkthrough of the project took place on December 18, 2025, and a punch list was created and that all the items on the punch list had been satisfactorily completed. He stated that he needed authorization for the Mayor to execute.

Motion was made by Greg Flesvig and seconded by Chad Edwards authorizing the Mayor to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion. Motion carried.

Engineer Porter stated that the Town accepted bids for the Lathrop Pathway Phase Two project and that the lowest bidder was Treto Construction in the amount of three hundred fourteen thousand one hundred eighty dollars (\$314,180.00). Engineer Porter made a recommendation to award the bid to Treto Construction for Lathrop Pathway Phase Two Project.

Motion was made by Greg Flesvig and seconded by Chad Edwards to award the bid to Treto Construction for the Lathrop Pathway Phase Two Project in the amount of three hundred fourteen thousand one hundred eighty dollars (\$314,180.00). Motion carried.

Engineer Porter recommended a motion for the Mayor to execute the Notice to Proceed and the Agreements with Treto Construction once Treto Construction has provided all required documents.

Motion was made by Alona Vigneault and seconded by Dacia Edwards authorizing the Mayor to execute the Notice to Proceed and the Agreements with Treto Construction once Treto Construction has provided all required documents. Motion carried.


Motion was made by Dacia Edwards and seconded by Alona Vigneault to approve the Engineer's report. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Dacia Edwards and seconded by Greg Flesvig to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED:


Ernie Blackford, Mayor

ATTESTED:


Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk

ORDINANCE #2-2026

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE TAX LEVY FOR 2026 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERING BODY OF THE TOWN OF EVANSVILLE, WYOMING, as follows:

Section 1: There is hereby assessed upon real property located within the Town of Evansville, Wyoming, and 8 mill levy, known as general tax, to meet the current expenses of the Town.

Section 2: Said taxes shall be collected in accordance with the laws of the State of Wyoming, by the County Treasurer of Natrona County, Wyoming.

Section 3: The Town Clerk of the Town of Evansville, Wyoming is hereby directed to make due certification over her signature as provided by law, of foregoing tax levies for amounts of money to be raised for the aforementioned municipal purpose, and to file the same with the Assessor of Natrona County, Wyoming, and the County Clerk of Natrona County, Wyoming, on or before the forth Monday in May 2026, as provided by law.

Section 4: If any provision of this ordinance or any section thereof in any circumstances is held to be invalid the validity of the remainder of the ordinance and the application of any of the other provisions or sections thereof shall not be affected thereby.

PASSED on first reading this _____ day of _____, 2026.

PASSED on seconded reading this _____ day of _____, 2026.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on third and final reading the _____ day of _____, 2026.

Ernie Blackford, Mayor

Dacia Edwards, Council

Greg Flesvig, Council

Alona Vigneault, Council

Chad Edwards, Council

ATTESTED BY:

Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #1-2026

UNMET HOUSING GRANTS
RESOLUTION

Entitled: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN UNMET HOUSING GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE LOAN AND INVESTMENT BOARD ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY FOR THE

Town of Evansville
(Entity Name)

FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

Platte Park Road Extension
(Name of Project)

The purpose of this project is to obtain Unmet Housing Grant Funds for design and construction of the extension of Platte Park Road to the north to include water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, paving and curbside infrastructure. The proposed extension of Platte Park Road to the north will provide access to residential development along its east and west sides as well as vacant property to the north in an effort to meet an unmet housing need.

(State Purpose of Project)

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Governing Body for the
Town of Evansville

desires to participate in the UNMET HOUSING GRANT program to assist in financing this request; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the
Town of Evansville
recognizes the need for the request; and

WHEREAS, the Unmet Housing Grant program requires that certain criteria be met, as described in the application instructions governing the program, and to the best of our knowledge this application meets those criteria; and

WHEREAS, if any of the disbursed grant funds are later deemed to not comply with the Office of State Lands and Investments (OSLI) criteria, Wyoming Statutes overseeing the use of State of Wyoming funds, and Article 16, § 6 of the Wyoming Constitution, the grant applicant agrees to repay the ineligible grant funds within 15 days of such finding to the OSLI.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
Town of Evansville

that a grant application in the amount of \$ 1,680,905.00
(Amount being requested)

be submitted to the State Loan and Investment Board for consideration to assist in funding the

Platte Park Road Extension
(Name of Project)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that

Ernie Blackford, Mayor
(Name and Title of Person(s))

is hereby designated as the authorized representatives of the
Town of Evansville

to act on behalf of the Governing Body on all matters relating to this grant application.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS

26th day of January 2026
(Date) (Month) (Year)

(Signature)
Ernie Blackford, Mayor
(Name and Title)

Attest:

(Signature)
Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk
(Name and Title)