

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

May 13, 2024

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 Candace Machado at 7:00 p.m. and upon roll call the following were present: Council Members Dacia Edwards, Greg Flesvig and Phil Gierke, Town Attorney Scott Murray, Town Engineer Shane Porter, Town Treasurer Lexi Erickson, Chief of Police Mike Thompson, Fire Chief Leo Malsom, Town Clerk Janelle Underwood, and interested citizens.

Public Works Director Robert Lewallen asked to be excused.

Mayor Machado led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Dacia Edwards and seconded by Greg Flesvig to approve the agenda with the addition of item number 1A – Councilman Gierke’s Announcement. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting April 22, 2024
- b) Approval of Catering Permit – Butch’s Happy Days Liquor
- c) Approval of Bills

Motion was made by Greg Flesvig and seconded by Dacia Edwards to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

COUNCILMAN GIERKE’S ANNOUNCEMENT: Councilman Phil Gierke stated that he would like to extend his thanks to the Council and Town of Evansville as a Councilman to fulfill an item on his bucket list. He stated he will not be running to extend his term as a Councilman for the Town of Evansville. He stated that he will finish the term that he was appointed to in 2023. He stated that his entire life he has been a fixer, builder, and innovator, and never understood the word cannot. He stated that he has become extremely frustrated with the system and lack of movement. He stated that his frustration has turned into an unpleasant experience not only for himself, but for other members of Council and believes he can be of more use at the podium than as a Councilman.

Members of the Governing Body thanked Mr. Gierke for all the work he has done.

PUBLIC HEARING – INTENT TO CREATE LOCAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2024-01: Town Engineer Shane Porter provided a little bit of a background on the proposed Local Assessment District and gave a report on what has taken place to date for the proposed Local Assessment District No. 2024-01 with certified mailings being sent out to all landowners on April 19, 2024, informing them of the intent and notice of the public hearing. Engineer Porter stated that letters of objections were required to be submitted by May 10, 2024, and that two letters of objections were received. He stated that the two letters of objection represent a total of seventeen percent (17%), which is less than fifty percent of opposition of the area, so the Local Assessment District can proceed if the Town wishes to move forward. He stated that the Public Hearing to take comment of those for or against the formation of the Local Assessment District.

Mayor Machado asked for any public comments for or against the Local Assessment District.

Tim Coleman spoke against the Local Assessment District.

Tiffany Gamble spoke in favor of the Local Assessment District.

Wayne Neumiller spoke against the Local Assessment District.

Bert Andreen spoke in favor of the Local Assessment District.

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Public Hearing closed at 7:20 p.m.

ORDINANCE #4-2024: An Ordinance for Creation of Local Assessment District No. 2024-01 . First reading. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood read Ordinance#4-2024 by title only. Motion was made by Dacia Edwards and seconded by Phil Gierke to approve Ordinance #4-2024 on first reading. Motion carried.

METRO ANIMAL CONTROL UPDATE: Mayor Machado advised that the Town was still proceeding forward with the creation of its own animal control shelter. She advised that the Town is still working out all the details on this and will continue to provide updates as we move forward.

PLATTE PARK ROAD MAILBOX DISCUSSION: Discussion was held addressing the issue of the parking area for the Platte Park Mailboxes and the different options. Motion was made by Greg Flesvig and seconded by Dacia Edwards to seek bids for the cost to pave the area of the off-road parking. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Town Engineer Shane Porter stated that the Town received a grant for a new park in the amount of one million sixty-eight thousand five hundred sixty-six dollars (\$1,068,566.00) and that the Town received a bid for the new park from Installation and Services Company in the amount of nine hundred seventy-three thousand six hundred thirty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$973,635.50) and recommended award of the project to Installation and Services Company.

Motion was made by Dacia Edwards and seconded by Greg Flesvig to award the bid to Installation and Service Company in the amount of nine hundred seventy-three thousand six hundred thirty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$973,635.50) for the new park project. Motion carried.

Mayor Machado called for those in favor. Council Member Dacia Edwards- aye, Council Member Greg Flesvig- aye, Council Member Phil Gierke- nay. Motion carried awarding the bid to Installation and Services Company for the new park project.

Engineer Porter stated that he had Contractor's Pay Estimate number one for the Lathrop Road Pathway Project in the amount of seventy-seven thousand twenty-two dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$77,022.67).

Motion was made by Greg Flesvig and seconded by Dacia Edwards to approve Contractor's Pay Estimate number one for the Lathrop Road Pathway Project in the amount of seventy-seven thousand twenty-two dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$77,022.67). Motion carried.

INTERVIEWS FOR VACANT COUNCIL SEAT: Interviews to fill the vacant Council Seat were conducted by the Governing Body. Questions were presented to Alona Vigneault, Dale Shelton, Ron Wales, and Laura Angelo.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – W.S.S.16-4-405(ii): Motion was made by Greg Flesvig and seconded by Dacia Edwards to go into Executive Session at 8:22 p.m. Motion carried.

Back in regular session at 8:54 p.m.

APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANT COUNCIL SEAT: Motion was made by Dacia Edwards and seconded by Phil Gierke to appoint Alona Vigneault to fill the vacant Council Seat. Motion carried.

Town Clerk Janelle Underwood administered the Oath of Office.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: During public comments, Chief of Police Mike Thompson presented the new You Matter! 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline stickers that will be placed on the police and fire units.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Greg Flesvig and seconded by Dacia Edwards to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED:


Candace Machado, Mayor

ATTESTED:


Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk