

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

January 9, 2017

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 Phil Hinds at 7:00 p.m. and upon roll call the following were present: Mayor Phil Hinds, Council Members Ernie Blackford, Joseph Knop, and Jory Delinger, Town Attorney Phil Willoughby, Town Engineer Shane Porter, Town Treasurer Lexi Erickson, Chief of Police Tom Laughrey, Fire Chief Leo Malsom, Public Works Director Dan Adcock, Town Clerk Janelle Underwood, and interested citizens.

Mayor Phil Hinds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Joseph Knop to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the regular meeting on December 12, 2016, were presented for approval. Motion was made by Jory Delinger and seconded by Ernie Blackford to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

OATH OF OFFICE: Oath of Office for Jennifer Sorenson, newly elected Council Member. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood administered the Oath of Office to Jennifer Sorenson and the oath was signed. Council Member Jory Delinger then stepped down after the completion of the Oath of Office.

APPOINTMENT FOR VACANCY OF COUNCIL POSITION: Mayor Phil Hinds stated that due to the resignation of Newly Elected Council Member Doug White, he would like to nominate Jory Delinger to fill the vacancy.

Motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Joseph Knop to approve the appointment of Jory Delinger to the vacant Council position. Motion carried.

OATH OF OFFICE: Oath of Office for Jory Delinger, newly appointed Council Member. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood administered the Oath of Office to Jory Delinger and the oath was signed.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM: Mayor Phil Hinds stated that in the case of his absence, he would like to nominate Council Member Ernie Blackford as the Mayor Pro-Tem.

Motion was made by Joseph Knop and seconded by Jory Delinger to approve the nomination of Ernie Blackford as Mayor Pro-Tem. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORT: The Treasurer report, Police report, Fire report, and the Public Works report were presented to the Governing Body in writing. Motion was made by Joseph Knop and seconded by Jory Delinger to approve the departmental monthly reports. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES: Business License applications for Arc Electric, Bitly Storage, and Teton Distributors were presented to the Governing Body for approval. Motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Joseph Knop to approve the Business Licenses for Arc Electric, Bitly Storage, and Teton Distributors. Motion carried.

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COLORADO HOSPITALITY (SUPER 8 MOTEL) BUSINESS LICENSE: Fire Chief Leo Malsom advised that he was pleased to say that the Super 8 Motel has completed the installation of the fire alarm and fire suppression system on the building. He stated that he would like to recommend that the business license be renewed and be placed as an annual renewal from this point forward.

Town Attorney Phil Willoughby stated that the Town now has a safe motel where people can stay and stated that he thinks it will work out well.

Motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Jennifer Sorenson to approve the business license for Colorado Hospitality (Super 8 Motel). Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – 7:10 P.M. – LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS: Liquor License renewals for Outback Steakhouse, Texas Roadhouse, Taylor's Sports Bar, Applebee's, Happy Days Liquor, Hooch's, and HQ Southern BBQ were presented for renewal.

Town Attorney Phil Willoughby stated that he thinks the liquor establishments have done a really good job this last year. He stated that there has been a reduction in the number of DUI's and criminal violations compared to the past. He stated that a couple of weeks ago the Police Department conducted compliance checks and that two establishments failed. He stated that overall, he is pleased with the license holders and that he thinks they are all doing really well.

Chief of Police Tom Laughrey stated that he really hasn't had any issues with the establishments in the last year and that everyone is doing a good job.

Mayor Hinds verified that all Liquor License representatives were present for the renewal hearing.

Mayor Hinds called for any public comments for or against the renewal of the liquor licenses. There were no public comments for or against. The public hearing was closed.

Town Attorney Phil Willoughby stated that he thought it would be good to vote on each license renewal individually.

Outback Steakhouse – Motion was made by Jory Delinger and seconded by Ernie Blackford to approve the liquor license renewal for the Outback Steakhouse. Motion carried.

Texas Roadhouse – Motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Joseph Knop to approve the liquor license renewal for Texas Roadhouse. Motion carried.

Taylor's Sports Bar and Spirits – Motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Jennifer Sorenson to approve the liquor license renewal for Taylor's Sports Bar and Spirits. Motion carried.

Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar – Motion was made by Joseph Knop and seconded by Jory Delinger to approve the liquor license renewal for Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar. Motion carried.

Happy Days Liquor - Motion was made by Jennifer Sorenson and seconded by Ernie Blackford to approve the liquor license renewal for Happy Days Liquor. Motion carried.

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HQ Southern BBQ - Motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Joe Knop to approve the liquor license renewal for Happy Days Liquor. Motion carried.

Hooch's - Motion was made by Jory Delinger and seconded by Joseph Knop to approve the liquor license renewal for Hooch's. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMIT: Building Permit application #4293 was presented to the Governing Body for approval. The application was for a partial basement finish. Motion was made by Joseph Knop and seconded by Jennifer Sorenson to approve permit #4293. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Town Engineer Shane Porter stated that the Emergency Connection Project and the Booster Pump Project are both still being reviewed at the Wyoming DEQ. He stated that the hope is that these projects will be ready to send out for bid in the next four (4) to six (6) weeks.

Motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Jory Delinger to approve the Engineer's report. Motion carried.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL: Bills were presented to the Governing Body for approval. Motion was made by Joseph Knop and seconded by Ernie Blackford to pay all bills and draw treasury upon the same. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Joseph Knop to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED:



Philip G. Hinds, Mayor

ATTESTED:



Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk