

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
February 2, 2017 7:00 p.m.
TOWN OF VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA
Rehearsal Hall

Council Present: Scott Petersen, Dave Bacon, Amy Grice

Council Absent: Justin Gatewood, Erin Leonard

Staff present: Nancy Stewart Clerk/Treasurer, Robert Erdall PWO, Jim Jarvis HPO Contractor

Public Present: Toni James, Elijah Allen, Angela Mueller

1) Call to Order: Meeting in the Rehearsal Hall of Virginia City was called to order at 7:08 pm
By Scott Petersen, Mayor

2) Mayor and Commissioner's Reports/Comment:

- a) Mayor Petersen and Kevin Germaine met with Madison County Commissioners regarding the Resort Tax.
- b) Roger Williams submitted a contract to work for the Town. This will be on the March agenda.
- c) Councilman Bacon asked if a letter had been sent to the county commissioners regarding the rental of their house as a boarding house. Mayor Petersen stated that the letter had been sent.

3) Comments from the Public:

- a) Toni James thanked the Council for approving her flag permit for Rank's. Ms. James also wanted to know what the hours for the ice rink were.
- b) Elijah Allen, MHC, talked about Senate Bill 161 and the Resort Tax Bill.

4) HPO Report:

- a) Jim Jarvis stated that the Cemetery Project had been closed and MHF had sent the remainder of the grant money.
- b) Mr. Jarvis will contact former HPO MacDonald to talk about Mr. MacDonald's contacts for fencing the Hebrew Cemetery.
- c) Mr. Jarvis called Allyson LaFever and left a message regarding fencing off the Dudley building.

HPAC Report:

a) HPAC Vacancy:

MOTION: To appoint Eric Barsness to HPAC. Motion made by: Scott Petersen; Seconded by: Dave Bacon. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Dave Bacon and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.

b) Doyle Sign Complaint:

This was reviewed by HPAC and it failed to meet the size criteria as a political sign. Also, the sign has been up for more than 6 months. Mr. Doyle is in violation of the Town Code.

c) Miller Barn:

Mr. Jarvis sent the Miller's three options for their barn. (See attached) The Miller's are still looking over their options.

d) Christine Avey Project:

Ms. Avey has purchased Lot 10 in Block 64 and would like to put a 504 sq. foot cabin on the property. Ms. Avey would need a holding tank and would need a variance from the council.

MOTION: To postpone until the March meeting. Motion made by: Scott Petersen; Seconded by: Amy Grice. **The question was called.** **The motion passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Dave Bacon and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.**

e) CLG Grant Application:

MOTION: To approve the CLG Application. Motion made by: Scott Petersen; Seconded by: Amy Grice. **The question was called.** **The motion passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Dave Bacon and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.**

f) Future of the HPO Position:

Jim Jarvis would like to see this position divided between the town, county and MHC. This was presented to the County Commissioners. They would like an MOU drafted. This will be on the County agenda for February 21, 2017.

5) Public Works Report:

- a) PWO Erdall stated that work has started on the old fire hall. Mr. Erdall is getting bids from electricians in the area.
- b) Public Works has been busy plowing snow.
- c) PWO Erdall will be going to Rural Water School in Great Falls February 21-24, 2017.
- d) Public Works has been looking at skid steers to buy.
- e) A door was put in at the lift station for easier access.

6) Old Business:

a) Resolution 2017-01 Moratorium on Development in the low PSI zone:

MOTION: To approve the Moratorium. Motion made by: Dave Bacon; Seconded by: Amy Grice. **The question was called.** **The motion passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Dave Bacon and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.**

b) MOU from Montana Heritage Commission regarding the Community Center:

MOTION: To approve the Moratorium. Motion made by: Dave Bacon; Seconded by: Amy Grice. **The question was called.** **The motion passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Dave Bacon and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.**

Public Works will get together with MHC to see what repairs and painting need to be done. PWO Erdall will talk to Janet Fortner, property owner to the east of the Community Center, about cutting down the tree that is causing problems.

8) New Business:

a) Doyle Letter:

MOTION: To send registered letter to Mr. Doyle as amended. Motion made by: Dave Bacon; Seconded by: Amy Grice. **The question was called.** **The motion passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Dave Bacon and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.**

b) Resolution 2017-02 Contract with VCRFD:

MOTION: To accept Resolution 2017-02. Motion made by: Dave Bacon; Seconded by: Scott Petersen. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Dave Bacon and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.

c) Resolution 2017-03 Donations:

MOTION: To accept Resolution 2017-03. Motion made by: Scott Petersen; Seconded by: Amy Grice. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Dave Bacon and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.

8) Consent Agenda

a) Minutes for Council Meeting, January 5, 2017

MOTION: To postpone until March meeting. Motion made by: Scott Petersen; Seconded by: Dave Bacon. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Dave Bacon and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.

b) Accounts Payable for January, 2016

MOTION: To approve accounts payable for January, 2017. Motion made by: Amy Grice; Seconded by: Scott Petersen. **The question was called.** The motion was passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Dave Bacon and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.

9) Public Comment:

- a) Roger Williams stated that the Community Center foundation needs work.
- b) Elijah Allen, MHC, stated that it costs \$25,000 to sponsor Chamber events every year. Also, all of the MHC buildings are under 5 to 20 year contracts.
- c) Angela Mueller asked if there was going to be any VCRFD calendars this year.

10) Adjournment:

MOTION: To Adjourn. Motion made by: Dave Bacon; Seconded by: Amy Grice. **The question was called:** Motion was passed by voice vote, all in favor. None opposed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted and attested,

Scott Petersen
Mayor

Nancy Stewart
Clerk Treasurer