

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
July 2, 2015 7:00 p.m.
TOWN OF VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA
Rehearsal Hall

Council Present: Robert Erdall, Justin Gatewood, Erin Leonard, Scott Petersen

Council Absent: Scott Kelley

Staff present: Nancy Stewart Clerk/Treasurer, Roger Williams PWO, Jeff MacDonald, HPO

Public Present: Toni James, Janet Allestad, Angela Mueller, Darrell Schulte, Walt Long, Amy Grice, Kristie Turck, Diana Bunitsky, Rex Rammell, Lana Atkins, Gregg Orr

1) Call to Order: Meeting in the Rehearsal Hall of Virginia City was called to order at 7:04 p.m.
By Robert Erdall

2) Mayor and Commissioner's Reports/Comment:

a) Scott Petersen talked with Paul Babbs from NW Energy regarding grants on the website.

b) Mayor Erdall stated that the dedication ceremony for Tendoy Park will be on July 18th.

3) Comments from the Public:

a) Rex Rammell and Gregg Orr introduced themselves. They have the bull riding exhibit outside of town towards Nevada City.

b) Janet Allestad thanked the Council for the use of the Community Center for the Victorian Ball.

c) Lana Atkins is selling food from a food van. This is against Town Code, plus she did not apply for a business license.

d) The fireworks in Virginia City are still on for the 4th of July.

4) HPO Report:

a) HPO MacDonald has been working on letters to send for violations of Town Codes.

b) On June 16th a group from the Institute for Canine Forensics conducted an initial survey of the Hebrew Cemetery, employing three dogs capable of detecting historic human remains. The brief survey indicated several previously unidentified grave locations, along with confirming multiple additional grave locations, noted in the 2014 field survey.

c) Work continues on the cemetery projects. Fencing material purchased through the Preserve Montana grant is currently stored along the north edge of the Hebrew Cemetery. Interpretive

signage for the Hebrew cemetery and Boot Hill sites was created in June and will be installed in July.

d) A documentation and assessment overview of the three primary town park sites – playground, ball field, and Tendoy Park, has begun with the intent to identify existing resources, needs, and potential vision for future development.

e) The façade of the old Virginia City Fire Hall on Wallace Street was repainted by HPO MacDonald, with further improvements to the building exterior and interior recommended.

5) Public Works Report:

a) Weed season is upon us. All land owners need to take care of the weeds on their property.

b) The town has been using a lot of water this month, which is good because of the fire conditions.

6) HPAC Report:

a) Bunitsky Permit:

MOTION: To approve Bunitsky Restoration Permit. Motion made by: Justin Gatewood; Seconded by: Erin Leonard. **The question was called.** The motion was passed by voice vote; Justin Gatewood, Erin Leonard, Bob Erdall, and Scott Petersen in favor. None opposed.

b) Gatewood Permit:

MOTION: To approve Gatewood Development Permit. Motion made by: Erin Leonard; Seconded by: Scott Petersen. **The question was called.** The motion was passed by voice vote; Erin Leonard, Bob Erdall, and Scott Petersen in favor. None opposed. Justin Gatewood abstained.

c) Schulte Site/Zoning Permit:

MOTION: To approve Schulte Site/Zoning Permit subject to variance if needed. Motion made by: Scott Petersen; Seconded by: Erin Leonard. **The question was called.** The motion was passed by voice vote; Erin Leonard, Bob Erdall, Justin Gatewood and Scott Petersen in favor. None opposed.

d) Schulte Development Permit:

MOTION: To approve Schulte Development Permit. Motion made by: Scott Petersen; Seconded by: Justin Gatewood. **The question was called.** The motion was passed by voice vote; Justin Gatewood, Erin Leonard, Bob Erdall, and Scott Petersen in favor. None opposed.

e) Strobel Site/Zoning and Development Permit:

The Site/Zoning Permit will need a variance. Postpone until next council meeting.

7) New Business:

a) Grice/Yenny Site/Zoning Permit:

MOTION: To approve Grice/Yenny Site/Zoning Permit, pending Variance paperwork.
Motion made by: Justin Gatewood; Seconded by: Erin Leonard. **The question was called.**
The motion was passed by voice vote; Justin Gatewood, Erin Leonard, Bob Erdall, and Scott Petersen in favor. None opposed.

b) Water Rates:

Council will wait for full year end reports at next Council meeting.

8) Minutes and Consent Agenda for June, 2015:

a) Minutes for Council Meeting, June 4, 2015

MOTION: To approve minutes of the June 4, 2015 council meeting. Motion made by: Scott Petersen; Seconded by: Justin Gatewood. **The question was called.** **The motion was passed by voice vote; Justin Gatewood, Erin Leonard, and Robert Erdall in favor. None opposed.**

b) Consent Agenda:

MOTION: To approve accounts payable for June, 2015. Motion made by: Robert Erdall; Seconded by: Scott Petersen. **The question was called.** **The motion was passed by voice vote; Justin Gatewood, Erin Leonard, Scott Petersen and Robert Erdall in favor. None opposed.**

9) Public Comment:

a) Orlan Svingen, from Washington State University, talked to council about the dedication of Tendoy Park.

10) Adjournment:

MOTION: To Adjourn. Motion made by: Scott Petersen; Seconded by: Erin Leonard. **The question was called:** **Motion was passed by voice vote, all in favor. None opposed.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm

Respectfully submitted and attested,

Robert Erdall
Mayor

Nancy Stewart
Clerk Treasurer