

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

**Council Present:** Scott Petersen, Dave Bacon, Amy Grice, Erin Leonard, Justin Gatewood  
**Staff present:** Nancy Stewart Clerk/Treasurer, Robert Erdall PWO, Jim Jarvis HPO Contractor

**Public Present:** Toni James, Janet Allestad, Christina Avey, Randy Strobel, Julie Strobel, Angela Mueller

**1) Call to Order:** Meeting in the Rehearsal Hall of Virginia City was called to order at 7:00 pm  
By Scott Petersen, Mayor

**2) Mayor and Commissioner's Reports/Comment:**

- a) Justin Gatewood stated there were more than 100 support letters for the Resort Tax Bill. This will go before the Senate Taxation Committee in 2 weeks.
- b) The Madison County Commissioners will probably try to get a special use permit on the house that they are renting as a boarding house.

**3) Comments from the Public:**  
None

**4) HPO Report:**

- a) Mayor Petersen and Jim Jarvis went to the County Commissioners to talk about the HPO contract. Commissioner Hart was not at the meeting. Montana Heritage Commission would not be able to consider sharing the HPO position until September because of budget issues.
- b) Mr. Jarvis stated that the HPAC will be looking at ordinances to amend on Monday.
- c) Discussion on the Dudley building:
  - 1) Mayor Petersen wondered if the state inspector could have the building condemned.
  - 2) Maybe MHC would be interested in buying the building.
  - 3) PWO Erdall will talk to DOT to see how far a safety fence can be put out into the right of way. The bill would go to the Lafaver's.

**5) HPAC Report:**

**a) Julie Hardyman Hanging Sign and Window Sign Permit:**

a1) **MOTION:** To accept the Julie's Gems window sign. Motion made by: Amy Grice; Seconded by: Dave Bacon. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Dave Bacon, Erin Leonard, Justin Gatewood and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.

a2) **MOTION:** To accept the Julie's Gems hanging sign contingent on a hold harmless permit. Motion made by: Amy Grice; Seconded by: Erin Leonard. **The**

**question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Dave Bacon, Erin Leonard, Justin Gatewood and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.

**b) Grice Development Permit:**

**MOTION:** To accept the addition to the Grice home. Motion made by: Justin Gatewood; Seconded by: Dave Bacon. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Dave Bacon, Erin Leonard and Justin Gatewood in favor. None opposed. Amy Grice abstained from the vote.

**c) Chamber of Commerce Sign Permit:**

**MOTION:** To accept a 30" x 42" sign with "open daily" hanging below it. The sign will be subject to DOT regulations or hang at a minimum of 14 feet above the road. Motion made by: Scott Petersen; Seconded by: Amy Grice. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Erin Leonard, Justin Gatewood and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed. Dave Bacon abstained from the vote.

**d) Christine Avey Site/Zoning Permit:**

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 accept Ms. Avey's Site/Zoning Permit with the condition that the holding tank be pumped annually, the town will receive documentation of this and all fees for the permit be paid. Motion made by: Scott Petersen; Seconded by: Amy Grice. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Amy Grice and Erin Leonard in favor. Justin Gatewood and Dave Bacon opposed.

**6) Public Works Report:**

- a) PWO Erdall stated that the monthly water tests had been sent in.
- b) The Town had a water main break in the Hayden pasture below the camp grounds on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. The break was fixed on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, in the afternoon. Nine or ten houses were without water for that time. These houses were put on a boil order until sample results came back from Energy Labs.
- c) PWO Erdall and Roger Williams met with GWIP to take water samples from the springs and put in a rain gauge.

**7) New Business:**

**a) Roger Williams Contract:**

**MOTION:** To accept Mr. William's contract to work monthly for the city. Motion made by: Erin Leonard; Seconded by: Dave Bacon. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Justin Gatewood, Erin Leonard, Dave Bacon and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.

**b) Safe House – Angela Mueller:**

Angela Mueller works with Madison County Mental Health and would like to get the Council's opinion on having a safe house in Virginia City. Ms. Mueller is working on a preliminary plan and will bring more results to the Council.

**c) Baseball Dugouts – Justin Gatewood:**

Councilman Gatewood would like to get some bids on dugouts for the baseball field. The Town has money allotted to the ball field and parks. **MOTION:** To put advertisement for bids in the paper. Motion made by: Dave Bacon; Seconded by: Erin Leonard. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Dave Bacon, Erin Leonard, Justin Gatewood and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.

**d) Draft MOU for VC Cultural Resource Manager:**

Mr. Jarvis passed out the draft MOU for the HPO position. (See attached)

**8) Consent Agenda**

**a) Minutes for Council Meeting, January 5, 2017**

**MOTION:** To accept the minutes from the January 5, 2017 meeting. Motion made by: Scott Petersen; Seconded by: Dave Bacon. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Dave Bacon, Erin Leonard, Justin Gatewood and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.

**b) Minutes for Council Meeting, February 2, 2017**

**MOTION:** To accept the minutes from the February 2, 2017 meeting. 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. Justin Gatewood and Erin Leonard abstained.

**c) Accounts Payable for February, 2016**

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

**9) Public Comment:**

- a) To sign up for code red reverse 911 go to the Madison County website, crisis prevention.

**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 9:12 pm

Respectfully submitted and attested,

Scott Petersen  
Mayor

Nancy Stewart  
Clerk Treasurer