

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
September 3, 2015 7:00 p.m.
TOWN OF VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA
Rehearsal Hall

Council Present: Robert Erdall, Scott Petersen, Scott Kelley

Council Absent: Erin Leonard, Justin Gatewood

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

Public Present: Eli Thompson, Randy Strobel, Angela Mueller

1) Call to Order: Meeting in the Rehearsal Hall of Virginia City was called to order at 7:07 p.m.
By Robert Erdall

2) Mayor and Commissioner's Reports/Comment:

a) Councilman Petersen stated that the Creighton Block deal did not go through.

b) Mayor Erdall commented on the signs that were placed at the Jewish cemetery and the Boot Hill cemetery.

3) Comments from the Public:

a) Eli Thompson wondered about papers regarding access to properties.

4) HPO Report:

a) HPO MacDonald introduced Emily Sherrer, the new intern who has been helping with the website for the town and also projects around Virginia City.

b) Jeff MacDonald attended a round table discussion held by the Montana History Foundation on August 12th. The discussion was about funding programs for historic cemeteries and gravesites throughout Montana. The MHF invited the Virginia City Historic Office to serve on the steering committee for this initiative, and assist in the advancement of the new program.

c) HPAC will hold a discussion on September 17th regarding Town Codes and Design Review guidelines.

d) On August 13th Jeff MacDonald joined property owner Alison LaFever in a tour of the historic Stonewall Hall-Dudley Garage. They examined points of failure and potential stabilization. The Town of Virginia City and Historic Preservation Office will continue to offer assistance to the effort to preserve the landmark property.

e) HPO MacDonald will host a session for public comment on Virginia City town park sites. This will be on September 17th at the town office.

5) Public Works Report:

- a) Weed issue is ongoing.
- b) PWO Williams has been updating water and sewer regulations and permits.
- c) County weed co-op spraying was held today, September 3rd.
- d) Contractors for Northwest Energy replace 20 poles around town.
- e) Roger Williams has been working with Matt Mudd from Great West Engineering.
- f) The southeast corner of the Community Center is caving in due to tree roots. Mayor Erdall will talk to the adjacent property owner, Janet Fortner, about removing the tree.

6) HPAC Report:

HPO MacDonald would like the Council's permission for HPAC to go through the Town Codes and update permit violations in zoning, design reviews, etc.

a) Kenneth Shield Porch Permit:

MOTION: To approve Shield's Permit. Motion made by: Scott Petersen; Seconded by: Scott Kelley. **The question was called.** The motion was passed by voice vote; Bob Erdall, Scott Kelley and Scott Petersen in favor. None opposed.

b) James Dschaak Fence Permit:

MOTION: To approve the Dschaak Fence Permit with a Hold Harmless Agreement in place. Motion made by: Scott Kelley; Seconded by: Scott Petersen. **The question was called.** The motion was passed by voice vote; Bob Erdall, Scott Kelley and Scott Petersen in favor. None opposed.

c) Strobel Garage Permit:

MOTION: To approve Strobel's Garage Permit. Motion made by: Scott Petersen; Seconded by: Scott Kelley. **The question was called.** The motion was passed by voice vote; Scott Kelley, Bob Erdall, and Scott Petersen in favor. None opposed.

d)) Strobel Wooden Front Deck Permit:

MOTION: To approve Strobel's Wooden Front Deck Permit with Variance. The deck does not meet minimum set back requirements, but does meet historic line of sight. Motion made by: Bob Erdall; Seconded by: Scott Kelley. **The question was called.** The motion was passed by voice vote; Scott Kelley, Bob Erdall, and Scott Petersen in favor. None opposed.

e) Strobel Fence Permit:

MOTION: To approve Strobel's Fence Permit. Motion made by: Scott Petersen; Seconded by: Bob Erdall. **The question was called.** The motion was passed by voice vote; Scott Kelley, Bob Erdall, and Scott Petersen in favor. None opposed.

7) New Business:

a) Resolution 2015-07 Water Rates:

MOTION: To approve Water Rates for FY 2015-2016. Motion made by: Bob Erdall;
Seconded by: Scott Kelley. **The question was called.** The motion was passed by voice vote;
Scott Kelley, Bob Erdall, and Scott Petersen in favor. None opposed.

b) Resolution 2015-08 Sewer Rates:

MOTION: To approve Sewer Rates for FY 2015-2016. Motion made by: Scott Petersen;
Seconded by: Scott Kelley. **The question was called.** The motion was passed by voice vote;
Scott Kelley, Bob Erdall, and Scott Petersen in favor. None opposed.

c) Schildroth–Thompson Easment Issues:

This agenda item was tabled as the Town Attorney was not present.

8) Minutes and Consent Agenda for August, 2015:

a) Minutes for Council Meeting, August 6, 2015

MOTION: To approve minutes of the August 6, 2015 council meeting. Motion made by:
Scott Petersen; Seconded by: Scott Kelley. **The question was called.** The motion was passed
by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Scott Kelley and Robert Erdall in favor. None opposed.

b) Consent Agenda:

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

9) Public Comment:

a) Angela Mueller stated that Amy Grice did not get her shed.

10) Adjournment:

MOTION: To Adjourn. Motion made by: Scott Petersen; Seconded by: Scott Kelley. **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,

Robert Erdall
Mayor

Nancy Stewart
Clerk Treasurer