

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
May 4, 2017 7:00 p.m.
TOWN OF VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA
Rehearsal Hall

Council Present: Scott Petersen, Dave Bacon, Amy Grice, Justin Gatewood

Council Absent: Erin Leonard

Staff present: Nancy Stewart Clerk/Treasurer, Victor Bunitsky Attorney

Public Present: Margie Edsall, Walt Long, Randy Strobel, Julie Strobel, Gay Rossow, Laura Long, Rebecca Ramsey, Holly Driskill

1) Call to Order: Meeting in the Rehearsal Hall of Virginia City was called to order at 7:05 pm
By Scott Petersen, Mayor

2) Mayor and Commissioner's Reports/Comment:

a) VCRFD was called to a fire on the Virginia City Hill.

b) Mayor Petersen read a letter from the family of Clubfoot George. They are moving ahead with plans to spread ashes on Boot Hill on June 24th. The mayor thanked the family again for the replica of the foot. (Letter attached)

c) Councilman Gatewood gave the council copies of the Source Water Protection Plan. The council needs to look it over and send any comments to Councilman Gatewood. The plan is to vote on the plan at the next meeting on June 1, 2017.

d) The dugouts at the ball field are almost done. Mr. Gatewood is getting donations from the Elk's, VC Chamber, etc to help with the cost.

e) Elections are in November. Three council seats need to be filled.

f) Nancy Stewart, Clerk/Treasurer talked with Madison Management on the Burton house. They are going to pay the 2016 resort tax, plus business licenses for 2016 and 2017.

3) Comments from the Public:

None

4) HPO Report:

Mr. Jarvis was unable to attend meeting. (Report attached)

5) HPAC Report:

a) **Jade Monkey Sign Permit:**

MOTION: To accept the Jade Monkey sign. Motion made by: Amy Grice; Seconded by: Dave Bacon. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Dave Bacon, Justin Gatewood and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.

b) Stephano Fine Arts Sign Permit:

MOTION: To accept the Stephano Fine Arts sign. Motion made by: Justin Gatewood; Seconded by: Scott Petersen. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Dave Bacon, Amy Grice and Justin Gatewood in favor. None opposed.

c) Fortner Development Permit:

MOTION: To accept Fortner's roof permit. Motion made by: Scott Petersen; Seconded by: Amy Grice. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Amy Grice, Justin Gatewood, and Dave Bacon in favor. None opposed.

d) Tucker Development Permit:

MOTION: To accept Tucker's roof permit. Motion made by: Justin Gatewood; Seconded by: Dave Bacon. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Amy Grice, Justin Gatewood, and Dave Bacon in favor. None opposed.

e) Long Development Permit:

MOTION: To accept the Long's garage permit. Motion made by: Dave Bacon; Seconded by: Amy Grice. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Amy Grice, Justin Gatewood, and Dave Bacon in favor. None opposed.

Councilman Gatewood commented that the town's permits were not reflecting what is in the Town Code Book. The Clerk/Treasurer will look at the permits to make sure they comply with the Town Code Book.

6) Public Works Report:

PWO Erdall is on the fire on the Virginia City Hill. Mayor Petersen gave a brief report.

a) Dick Lohrke's new house has been hooked up to sewer.

b) The sewer pump station has been having problems.

c) The Public Works Board will have a meeting next Monday, May 8th. They will talk about holding tanks, road vacation, etc.

7) Old Business:

a) Treaty Days:

Rebecca Ramsey talked about camping at the City Park, donations for the dinner and waiving the Resort Tax fee. **MOTION:** To waive the Resort Tax fee and allow the natives to camp for two nights in the City Park at no charge. Motion made by: Justin Gatewood; Seconded by: Scott Petersen. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Amy Grice, Justin Gatewood, and Dave Bacon in favor. None opposed.

b) Perry Paidoussis Lease Agreement for Parking Lot:

The council would like the contract reworded to reflect that the Town will agree to pay \$2400 a year for 3 years. VC Chamber will come up with \$1800 from the business and the Town will pay \$600. The first payment will be \$600 by June 1, 2017 with the \$1800 to follow on July 1, 2017.

c) Schildroth Alley Vacation:

Mr. Schildroth was not at this meeting. The council does not feel that the alley is causing a hardship and the request would probably be denied. Mayor Petersen will talk to Mr. Schildroth to see if he still wants to go forward with the request.

d) Weddle Vacation Rental:

Mayor Petersen will talk to the County sanitarian regarding Mr. Weddle's vacation rental. Mr. Weddle has no business license and no State permit for the rental cabin. Victor Bunitsky will draft a letter to Mr. Weddle about the business license.

8) New Business:

a) Margie Edsall from the County Weed Board talked to the council about the city and county working together to take care of weeds. PWO Erdall needs to get weed certified.

b) Jim Jarvis HPO Contract:

MOTION: To accept Mr. Jarvis' Contract with the following amendments: 1) Include an hourly work log with invoice. 2) Hourly rate of \$25, not to exceed 80 hours per month.

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

c) HPO Memorandum of Understanding:

MOTION: To approve and sign HPO Memorandum of Understanding. Motion made by: Dave Bacon; Seconded by: Justin Gatewood. **The question was called. The motion passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Amy Grice, Justin Gatewood, and Dave Bacon in favor. None opposed.**

d) Nevada City Resort Tax:

Councilman Gatewood has been talking to the Department of Commerce and the Montana Heritage Commission regarding annexing Nevada City into the Resort Tax Boundary. The property has to be contiguous. A map needs to be drawn to show boundaries and then submitted to the County for approval. After the County approves this it will go to the Montana Department of Commerce for their approval, if all is approved, it will come back to the County and put before the voters. A work session will be planned for next week to work on the boundaries.

9) Consent Agenda

a) Minutes for Council Meeting, April 6, 2017

MOTION: To accept the minutes from the April 6, 2017 meeting. Motion made by: Dave Bacon; Seconded by: Amy Grice. **The question was called. The motion passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Dave Bacon, Justin Gatewood and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.**

b) Accounts Payable for April, 2017

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

10) Public Comment:

- a) The Town auditors were in today and the town received a good review.
- b) Comments were made on vehicles parked along the street blocking stop signs. The Mayor will talk to the people doing this.
- c) Diana Bunitsky stated that the Department of Justice had shown up at the Elk's to make sure "No Smoking" signs were up.

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 9:20 pm

Respectfully submitted and attested,

Scott Petersen
Mayor

Nancy Stewart
Clerk Treasurer