

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
October 1, 2015 7:00 p.m.
TOWN OF VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA
Rehearsal Hall

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

Council Absent: Scott Kelley

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

Public Present: Jim McCarthy, Les Driskill, Holly Driskill, Toni James, John Ellingsen, Janet Allestad, Dave Bacon, Elijah Allen, Diana Bunitsky, Angela Mueller

1) Call to Order: Meeting in the Rehearsal Hall of Virginia City was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
By Robert Erdall

2) Mayor and Commissioner's Reports/Comment:

a) Mayor Erdall stated that the town chairs have been found.

3) Comments from the Public:

a) Janet Allestad wanted to know how to get rid of skunks. FWP probably has some skunk traps.

4) HPO Report:

a) HPO MacDonald attended a Montana History Foundation meeting on September 24, 2015. Mr. MacDonald was invited to participate in a panel discussion as a successful grant recipient, and offer comment on how the MHF grant contributed to the Virginia City Cemeteries Project.

b) Montana CLG coordinator, Kate Hampton, suggested Virginia City for the next CLG meeting. A program for the fall of 2016 is being considered.

c) The Town of Virginia City hosted a session for public comment on September 17th, to share and gather local perspectives on the three Virginia City town park sites. Each of the three park sites were noted for their development potential, along with identifying concerns ranging from outdated playground equipment and the need for shade trees, to multi-purpose seating, performance and gathering areas and a community garden. Developing the Sterling-Pace Park ice rink, warming hut, restrooms, and long term potential for the tennis court were also among the considerations.

d) The town Website is being moved to provider Wix.com. This upgrade will be finalized this fall and will ultimately replace the current platform wordpress.com, allowing for greater information sharing, links, and web outreach.

5) Public Works Report:

a) PWO Williams has copies of the SWP survey from 2014. Public is welcome to go over these.

b) PWO Williams, Mayor Erdall and others attended a meeting in Butte regarding ground water and SWP.

c) Roger Williams has been working on reports for Great West Engineering. This mainly involves the NE side of town. Great West Engineering will meet with the Mayor and Roger Williams on October 21, 2015.

d) Public Works will start working on the roads next week.

6) HPAC Report:

a) Walcott Garage Permit:

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

b) Miller/Barney Site/Zoning Permit:

MOTION: To postpone until more information is received. Motion made by: Bob Erdall; Seconded by: Scott Petersen. **The question was called.** The motion was passed by voice vote; Bob Erdall, Justin Gatewood, Erin Leonard and Scott Petersen in favor. None opposed.

c) Town Code Review:

HPAC started reviewing the town code portions referencing current zoning regulations and design review guidelines at their September meeting. The review will continue into the fall and winter, with HPAC providing ongoing updates and recommendations to town council.

7) New Business:

a) Johnson Holding Tank:

Holly Driskill asked the Council about putting in a holding tank in Block 246, Lots 1-6 & 10-12. The comments made advised a special improvement district to run water and sewer to that block and neighboring properties.

8) Minutes and Consent Agenda for September, 2015:

a) Minutes for Council Meeting, September 3, 2015

MOTION: To postpone minutes of the September 3, 2015 council meeting. Motion made by: Scott Petersen; Seconded by: Bob Erdall. **The question was called.** The motion was passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Justin Gatewood, Erin Leonard and Robert Erdall in favor. None opposed.

b) Minutes for Council Meeting, September 17, 2015

MOTION: To accept the minutes of the September 17, 2015 council meeting. Motion made by: Scott Petersen; Seconded by: Erin Leonard. **The question was called.** The motion

was passed by voice vote; Scott Petersen, Justin Gatewood, Erin Leonard and Robert Erdall in favor. None opposed.

c) Consent Agenda:

MOTION: To approve accounts payable for September, 2015. Motion made by: Scott Petersen; Seconded by: Bob Erdall. **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) Elijah Allen from MHC stated that Rex Rammel from VC Horse and Coach Rides is trying to get a settlement from Montana Heritage Commission.

b) Elijah Allen also mentioned several grants from the state that Virginia City might qualify for.

10) Adjournment:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm

Respectfully submitted and attested,

Robert Erdall
Mayor

Nancy Stewart
Clerk Treasurer