

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
October 21, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
TOWN OF VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA
Elks Lodge & Zoom Meeting

Council Present: Dave Bacon, Amy Grice, Kacey Smart, Jon Osborn

Staff Present: Timber Baceski Clerk/Treasurer, Robert Erdall PWO, Eric Barsness HPO

Public Present: Toni James, Julio Shields, Tanya Engle

1) Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Dave Bacon, Councilmember

2) Mayor and Commissioner's Reports/Comments:

a) Amy Grice noted that Toni James had already been handling recycling at the Post Office prior to Councilmember Grice offering to take it. Toni James will continue to collect and dispose of the recycling.

3) Public Comment:

Tanya Engle informed the Council that nobody from the Town showed up at the Elk's Lodge meeting to discuss reimbursement for using the Lodge for our Council Meetings. The next Elk's Lodge meeting will be on November 1st at 6:00pm.

4) Old Business:

a) Brewery Park Development Permit Application

HPO Barsness told the Council that the Montana Heritage Commission (MHC) wants to start moving dirt and is prepared to do so, but the specifics of the design (benches, trellises, tables, etc.) need to be discussed further. For this permit, the Council will only be voting to begin the ground work/basics of this project.

MOTION: To approve the Development Permit for Brewery Park as specified within the permit application (parking lot, retaining wall, steps, paths, vegetation, and trees). Motion made by Amy Grice; Seconded by Jon Osborn. **The question was called.** **The motion passed by voice vote, Dave Bacon, Jon Osborn, Kacey Smart, and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.**

b) Pace Park Winter Community Center Site/Zoning Permit Application

i) Toni James noted that sheds have a maximum size limit of 10'x20' and the proposed building exceeds that size. HPO Barsness responded, saying that the building has been referred to as a shed-style hut rather than a true shed.

ii) Because the new building will belong to the Town and will be built on Town property to be used recreationally, the building will not follow pre-existing guidelines for size limitations. An ordinance will need to be written to specify limitations for city buildings that are built upon recreational areas, such as parks.

iii) Virginia City Ice (VICE) will pay for the materials for the project; they have raised over \$50,000 to do so. VICE will be hanging signs to ask for donations from the public, but the Town has not funded any part of the project, aside from labor. There is a written budget for the project, and VICE has been applying for grants to help as well. The Town will do upkeep on the building as it has done regularly for the park and the existing structure.

MOTION: To approve the Site/Zoning Permit for Pace Park Winter Community Center. Motion made by Amy Grice; Seconded by Dave Bacon. **The question was called.** **The motion passed by voice vote, Dave Bacon, Jon Osborn, Kacey Smart, and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.**

5) Public Comment:

None.

6) 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 7:21 pm

Respectfully submitted and attested,

Justin Gatewood
Mayor

Timber Baceski
Clerk Treasurer