

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
September 21, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
TOWN OF VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA
Town Office & Zoom Meeting

Council Present: Justin Gatewood, David Bacon, Amy Grice, Kacey Smart

Absent: Greg Jorczyk

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

Absent: Shane Leach, PWD

Public Present: Alyson Young, Beverly Penninger

1) **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Justin Gatewood, Mayor

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

a) Mayor Gatewood mentioned that military training is being held in the area, ending on September 22nd. Part of this training involved helicopters flying over Virginia City late at night with low altitudes. These helicopters will not fly directly over Virginia City for the remaining portion of this training.

b) Mayor Gatewood announced that he signed the Virginia City-Madison County Interlocal Agreement discussed at the September 7th Town Council Meeting. Ed Guza, attorney for the Town of Virginia City, will present the Interlocal Agreement to Madison County tomorrow.

c) Mayor Gatewood expressed his condolences for the family and friends of Ron Thomas, a Virginia City resident who passed away last weekend. A memorial will be held on October 8th at the Elk's Lodge.

3) **Public Comments**

None.

4) **Clerks Report:**

Clerk Timber Baceski noted that the agenda for this meeting is numbered incorrectly, beginning with "New Business", which should be agenda item number 8.

5/6) **HPO/HPAC Report:**

HPO Barsness has been working on a checklist to assist applicants with gathering all required documentation for their permit application(s).

7) Old Business:

a) Penninger Site/Zoning Permit Application

- i) This permit application was tabled at the last Town Council Meeting so the applicants could collaborate with HPAC to find a solution to connect the two structures.

MOTION: To approve the Site/Zoning Permit Application for Beverly Penninger as presented tonight, with the amended garage size and design, provided that details are provided on the roofline for connection of the breezeway and there is only one water hookup. Motion made by Justin Gatewood; Seconded by Dave Bacon. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote, Justin Gatewood, David Bacon, Amy Grice, and Kacey Smart. None opposed.

b) McMahan Site/Zoning Permit Application

MOTION: To approve the Site/Zoning Permit Application for McMahan, contingent upon an excavation permit being approved. Motion made by Justin Gatewood; Seconded by Amy Grice. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote, Justin Gatewood, David Bacon, Amy Grice, and Kacey Smart in favor. None opposed.

8) New Business:

a) Preliminary Budget Review

- i) The preliminary budget figures and all changes made are available to the public.

9) Public Works Report:

None, as PWD Shane Leach is absent from this meeting.

10) Consent Agenda:

a) Minutes from September 7, 2023

- i) The following changes are to be made:
- Capitalize “Task Force” and add “Force” after the word “Task”
 - Capitalize “Courthouse”
 - Change “setback requirement” to “fence height limitation” for Waller/Ruppel application
 - Change “guest quarters” to “second habitable structure” for Penninger application

MOTION: To approve the Minutes from September 7, 2023 as amended. Motion made by Justin Gatewood; Seconded by Dave Bacon. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote, Justin Gatewood, David Bacon, Amy Grice, and Kacey Smart in favor. None opposed.

11) Public Comment:

None.

12) 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 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted and attested,

Justin Gatewood
Mayor

Timber Baceski
Clerk Treasurer