

**TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS
TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**

September 8, 2015

The Seven Devils Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, Council Members Kay Ehlinger, David Ehmig and David Hooper. Also present was Town Attorney Rob Angle. Town Manager Ed Evans was absent. The minutes were recorded by Sara Miller, Town Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fontaine called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance

ADOPT AGENDA

Member Ehlinger made a motion to adopt the agenda. Member Hooper seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

ADOPT MINUTES OF REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING—August 11, 2015

Member Ehmig made a motion to adopt the regular Town Council minutes from August 11, 2015. David Hooper seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Anne Fontaine, 127 West Rocky Top, stated that the last Group Walk would be on Thursday, September 10 at 10:15AM. She also stated that the Walking Challenge was still going strong and as of the meeting, participants walked 8,450 miles. She urged everyone to keep reporting their miles.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE & CALENDAR—NONE

OLD BUSINESS

CELL TOWER REQUEST REVIEW—Mayor Fontaine thanked the Council for all of their great comments and questions, as well as the public for speaking in the Public Hearing the previous month. Mayor Pro Tem Lambert stated that this agenda item was to give the Council another chance for any further discussion regarding the Cell Tower lease. No discussion was necessary. Mayor Fontaine asked Town Clerk Miller to email Cris Iverson to finalize the signing of the Lease Agreement and Memorandum of Lease. No action was taken. (CLOSED)

NEW BUSINESS—NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Board—No meeting

Public Works—No meeting

Public Safety Committee –No meeting

Recreation Commission—Anne Fontaine stated that the Gardening Club had done work on the flower bed below the Fire Department garage on Devils Lake Drive and by the electronic sign. She wished to thank all those who helped.

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ABC Board—Mike Tarlton stated that the Council would hopefully be presented with copies of the ABC Audit report by Friday, September 11, 2015.

Public Safety Department

Police Report

Fire Report

Financial Report

CLOSED SESSION—PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6), PERSONNEL ISSUES

Member Ehmig made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 5:45PM. Member Hooper seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

Discussion of personnel matters ensued, but no action was taken during the Closed Session.

Member Ehlinger made a motion to exit the Closed Session at 6:12PM. Member Hooper seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Fontaine stated that he wanted to organize a “Meet the Candidates” open forum for the upcoming Council election. He stated that there were three open positions and four candidates running. He wished to obtain the opinion of the rest of the Council regarding this forum. All Council members agreed it would be a positive event. Mayor Fontaine suggested that residents Butch McLean or Phyllis Miller be moderators for the event and that the list of questions be well thought out and prepared in advance. Mayor Pro Tem Lambert suggested that the moderator make sure that the order in which questions were addressed is at random. Member Ehlinger suggested enforcing time limits for asking and answering questions. Mayor Fontaine stated that he would go ahead and pursue organizing the forum.

Mayor Fontaine stated that the \$100 bonuses for the Town employees that worked at SafetyFest would be delayed until Manager Evans came back from vacation. He stated that Manager Evans wished to include a letter of thanks with the bonus to all those who gave their time.

ADJOURN

Member Ehlinger made a motion to adjourn. Member Ehmig seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30PM.

Larry Fontaine, Mayor

Sara Miller, Town Clerk