

**Stevensville Special Town Council Meeting**  
**Minutes for**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 07, 2019**  
**7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll Call: Mayor Dewey, Councilmembers Holcomb, Gibson, Vick and Shourd. Staff and members of the community were also present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Unfinished Business

Council engaged in discussion about the October 24, 2019 meeting write-up in the newspaper, quoting councilmembers during that meeting, including the Motion to Censure the Mayor.

4. New Business

- a. Discussion/Decision: Action on a Right of First Refusal for 26.06 acres adjacent to the Town's well-field.

The 26.06 acres of land is currently owned by Missoula Federal Credit Union, which borders the town's well-field, which currently consists of a 7-acre parcel. The property is currently under a contract and the town has the First Right of Refusal. This would allow the town to purchase the property at the contract price. The deadline is November 20, 2019. The property is a potential site for future water storage, which is planned for the Phase IV water storage project. The Public Works Director, George Thomas spoke about the property, including the history and future development to the property. Councilmember Gibson asked about the reservoir, the water rights and the potential to put more wells on the property in the future. George talked about the existing wells, all-ready over-lapping a little already. Council discussion continued about other properties available for a lesser price. Mayor Dewey asked if some, or all councilmembers would like to meet with George before the next scheduled meeting, which will be scheduled 11/19/2019.

5. Public Comments

Mayor Dewey called for Public Comment.

Bob Michalson, 222 Turner St.

Mr. Michalson is concerned that this came up on to council on such a short notice; This is not feasibly responsible and would like to see the budget get in order first.

Mayor Dewey explained the time sensitivity; The 3<sup>rd</sup> party offer initiated the process, when the offer was put on the property.

The Finance Officer gave a to-date report on the Water Fund.

Jesse Reeves, 3747 Devin Loop

Jesse introduced himself as the person whom put the offer on the land, being discussed this evening. He spoke about his building plans and a potential water easement on the well.

Bill Perrin, 503 Charlos

Bill spoke about the current piping system.

George spoke more about how the land purchase could benefit the town and volunteered to meet with Jesse and Councilmember Gibson before the next meeting to make a site visit.

6. Adjournment

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.**

**APPROVE:**

**ATTEST:**

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Brandon E. Dewey, Mayor

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Monica Hoffman, Town Clerk