

## COUNCIL MINUTES

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on May 21, 2024, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Adam Estenson, Council members Bill Malloy, John Dorman Sr., and Rachel Hughes. Also, present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Jim Jeunehomme, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Police Chief Pat Cornwell, Public Works Director Basil Sorensen, and Town Engineer Anthony Barnett. Council member Dusty Lewis was absent.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the agenda with the addition of an oath of office for Chase Workman.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the financial statement for April 2024. The utility rate review was presented.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: MAIN STREET THERMOPOLIS: BREWFEST: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve a malt beverage permit and street closure for Main Street Thermopolis for the Brewfest on June 1 from 4-8pm on Broadway between 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: STREET CLOSURE REQUESTS: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the Pageant Days Parade and street closure on August 3, 2024, at 10am. Malloy made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve a street closure on October 24<sup>th</sup> for Moonlight Madness between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> streets, on Broadway from 5:30 pm to 9pm.

PUBLIC HEARING: JULIE MATHEWS HOME OCCUPATION: TRANSFER/BUY/SELL FIREARMS: Estenson opened the public hearing at 7:06 pm. No public comment was given, and the hearing was closed. Jeunehomme noted the application met all the qualifications for a home occupation permit. Malloy made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve a home occupation permit for 118 South 8<sup>th</sup>, for the purpose of buying/selling/transfer of firearms.

PUBLIC HEARING: BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING & RESOLUTION 580: Estenson opened the public hearing at 7:12 pm. No public comment was given, and the hearing was closed. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve Resolution 580 which amends the 23-24 budget for an additional \$70,000 in landfill expenses.

OATH OF OFFICE: Mayor Adam Estenson administered the oath of office to Chase Workman, a new police officer.

ADMINISTRATION: HOT SPRINGS RURAL WATER JPB: Jeunehomme presented an annual report from the joint powers board and noted a public meeting would be held on May 22 to gather and present information on the Level II water study.

ADMINISTRATION: FIRST DRAFT OF THE 2024-25 BUDGET: Following discussion, Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the first reading of the budget, with the addition of adding a longevity pay increase and an additional \$75,000 funding for the one-cent budget.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: WORKSHOP MEETINGS: Estenson noted he would like to begin workshop meetings at 6pm before the first council meeting. He anticipates working on ordinances and other items, beginning July 2, 2024.

MAYOR & COUNCIL OTHER: At 7:45 pm Malloy made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried, to enter executive session, as allowed under state statute 16-4-405 (a)(iii). At 8:45 pm the executive session ended. Estenson noted he would update the paper on Sargent Mascorro's post investigation. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to adjourn at 8:45 pm. The next Council meeting is June 4, 2024, at 7pm.

ATTEST:

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Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

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Adam R. Estenson, Mayor