

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on September 3, 2024, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Adam Estenson, Council members John Dorman Sr., Rachel Hughes and Dusty Lewis. Also present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Jim Jeunehomme, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Police Chief Pat Cornwell, Public Works Director Basil Sorensen, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett and Town Attorney Marshall Keller. Council member Bill Malloy was absent.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the agenda as presented.

MINUTES: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from August 6 and 20th and the work session minutes from August 20, 2024.

BILLS: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for August 2024.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: JACQUELINE MICHEL & ELLEN SUE BLAKEY : LITTLE FREE LIBRARY PROPOSAL: Michel requested to place a little free library in Bicentennial Park in the gravel area at the northeast edge. Buffalo Creek Foundation, of which she and Blakey are trustees, will be responsible for the library. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the little free library as presented.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: THERMOPOLIS-HOT SPRINGS CHAMBER: MOONLIGHT MADNESS STREET CLOSURE REQUEST: MERI ANN DORMAN: Dorman requested both sides of Broadway, between 4th and 5th street to be closed for Moonlight Madness and the Halloween costume contest. She also requested use of the fire hall for a photo booth. Dorman Sr, made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the requests.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: OEB SALOON – CATERING PERMIT: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve a catering permit for OEB Saloon for the Gottsche Boots-n-Bling on September 7, 2024, from 4pm to midnight.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: The following reports were available for review: police, engineering, streets and alleys, water, wastewater, sanitation and landfill. Sorensen noted a break-in at the landfill is being investigated. Barnett noted a preliminary plat for the transfer station was approved. Estenson noted more information about the transfer station would be forthcoming.

CODES: VARIANCE REQUEST: 513 N. 5TH – PORCH: Jeunehomme noted zoning was changed in the 1980's and code section 15-400 relates to non-conforming areas. This address falls into a non-conforming area, as there are no setbacks in this area. Jeunehomme believes the

porch request would be allowed under 15-405. Lewis asked if allowing the porch would set a precedent in the neighborhood. Jeunehomme said no, as the house does not go to the property line, as many homes in the neighborhood do. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the variance request for the porch as requested.

ADMINISTRATION: RECONSIDER A MOTION REGARDING RESURFACING THE FAMILY PARK BASKETBALL COURT: Lewis made a motion and Dorman seconded to reconsider a prior motion to accept a quote for asphalt resurfacing of the Family Park Basketball Court. Dorman, Lewis and Estenson voted aye, Hughes voted no, motion carried. Discussion ensued on the price of the asphalt and concrete quotes, maintenance, size of the court, sidewalks, and state statutes requiring bids (\$75,000 & above). Lewis made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to accept a quote from Owl Creek Construction for a same sized concrete court for \$39,768.05.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: Discussion ensued about replacing the town hall phone system, (installed in 2004), which has failed twice in the last month. Additional discussion ensued on cameras, wiring, lease options through Range and funding coming from delaying a portion of the park improvements. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve moving forward with a new phone system. Jeunehomme noted Assessment to Action (A2A) community surveys were located at town hall. At 7:45 pm, Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to adjourn. The next council meeting is September 17, 2024, at 7pm.

BILLS: AFLAC, Insurance, \$363.12; Aimpoint, Site Mount, \$447.00; Airgas, Welding Supplies, \$677.20; American Welding & Gas, Rentals, \$136.95; AMLO Services, Deposit on Patrol Lights, \$2,378.68; BCN, Phone, \$108.82; Big Horn Water, Rental, \$33.50; Brenntag, Lime, \$12,217.24; Carquest, Supplies \$803.51; Caselle, Support, Software \$804.00; Computer Projects of Il, Dues, \$198.00; Katie Crosby, Mileage Reimbursement, \$239.06; Dana Kepner, Parts, \$3,574.89; Engineering Assoc., Service, \$16,095.04; Grainger, Parts, \$158.00; Great West Trust, Retirement, \$840.00; Hach, Supplies, \$1,094.72; Hansons Fire Equip, Service & Supplies, \$393.85; Hasco, Parts, \$43.64; Hawkins, Chlorine & Rental, \$2,512.20; High Plains Power, Service, \$67.20; HSC CPR, Class, \$120.00; HSC Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955.00; HSCSD#1, Fuel, \$8, 611.39; HS Rural Joint Powers Bd, Dues, \$11,976.50; HSC Treasurer, Fees, \$5.40; IR, Legal Ads, \$955.00; Insurance Trust, Premiums, \$37,448.00; Jadeco, Service, \$2,074.97; Joe Johnson, Streetsweeper, \$269,924.00; John Reid & Assoc., Class, \$149.00; Ron Jurovich, Service, \$900.00; Keller Law, Service, \$4,400.00; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$100.00; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$208.00; OSLIB; Loan, \$50,000.00; One Call, Fees, \$15.75; O'Reilly, Supplies, \$43.96; Owl Creek Vet Clinic, Service, \$45.00; Postmaster, Postage, \$695.92; R&A Safety, Service, \$132.42; Range, Service, \$556.00; Riverton Tire & Oil, Tires, \$3,989.90; Road Runner, Parts, \$6.52; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$23,637.90; Sherwin Williams, Part, \$1,250.00; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, \$43.96; Thermop PD, Supplies, \$51.62; TOT General, Loan Pymt, \$45,000.00; TOT Office, Postage & Filing, \$51.95; TOT, Depreciation & Utilities, \$83,329.25; Tractor & Equip, Parts, \$857.07; Traveling Computer, Computer, \$1,269.00; US Treasury, Form 720, \$141.68; Unum, Insurance, \$116.82; Verizon, Phone, \$472.04; Visa, Supplies, \$2,090.53; VSP, Insurance, \$321.81; Law Enforcement Academy, Class, \$675.00;

WYDOT, Exempt Plates, \$490.00; Workforce Services, Workers Comp, \$3,805.39; WY Gas, Service, \$307.46; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$26,944.96; WY Rural Water, Class, \$239.00; WY.Com, Service, \$25.00; WyoNet, Gmail; \$234.00; Youth Alternatives, Services, \$500.00; Payroll, \$104,970.58; Payroll Taxes, \$34,380.65.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Adam Estenson, Mayor