

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on February 18, 2025, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Adam Estenson, Council members Tony Larson, John Dorman Sr., Rachel Hughes, and Dusty Lewis. Also, present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Jim Jeunehomme, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Police Sargent Mike Mascorro, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett, and Town Attorney Marshall Keller.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the financial statement for January 2025.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: OEB SALOON – CATERING PERMIT: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve a catering permit for OEB Saloon for Hot Springs Health Casino Night on March 1, 2025, at the Fairgrounds, from 4pm to 12am. Fair Board approval was received.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: LETTER OF SUPPORT: RIVER OF LIFE FELLOWSHIP: Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to allow the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the River of Life's AARP grant application for food pantry equipment.

PUBLIC HEARING: LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL: At 7:03 pm a public hearing was opened for comments on the liquor license renewal applications for the period of April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026. Hearing no public comment, Estenson closed the hearing. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the liquor license renewals. The retail licenses include: OEB LLC, 7 Lazy S Café & Bar LLC, Mack's Market Inc, OEB Saloon LLC, Grand Cru Enterprises, Maverik Inc (Maverik #577), Big Spring Spa Inc (Safari Club), and Compass Realty Group (Thermopolis Liquor); bar and grill licenses for OEB LLC (One Eyed Buffalo Brewing), Lopez Inc (Los Cabos) and the VFW; and Microbrewery License for OEB LLC (One Eyed Buffalo Brewing).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Estenson noted body cam footage from the September 2024 police department shooting would be released this evening. Sorensen noted the high pressure water line has been temporarily fixed. Barnett noted the line was not installed as engineered as thrust anchors are missing. (The anchors are needed to support the line under the county road.) Due to the depth of the line and type of repair, a construction company will be hired to complete the repair. Barnett also noted S & S Builders was the low bidder on the Broadway Bridge repair. The bridge will be closed through the summer, with traffic diverted to Park Street.

TOWN ATTORNEY: AMENDING 24HR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE APPLICATIONS & SALES: Keller read the proposed ordinance, which would improve the efficiency of the permitting process and allow for administration to approve permits. Larson made a motion and Hughes seconded to approve the third reading of the ordinance. Keller noted one grammatical error was changed. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 878

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SEC.3-110 AND 3-111(B), PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE APPLICATIONS AND SALES PERMITS.

PASSED ON FIRST READING January 21, 2025.

PASSED ON SECOND READING February 4, 2025.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIRD AND FINAL READING February 18, 2025.

CODES ADMINISTRATION: Jeunehomme noted the flag pole would be re-ordered.

ADMINISTRATION: ROCKY MTN POWER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT: Jeunehomme noted the agreement would be re-submitted to Rocky Mountain Power. Once approved, the ordinance process would begin. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to re-submit the agreement.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: At 7:18pm Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to adjourn. The next Council meeting is March 4, 2025, at 7pm.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Adam R. Estenson, Mayor