

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Larson made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the agenda with the addition of Merchant McIntyre update under Administration.

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

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: OEB SALOON – CATERING PERMIT: Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve a catering permit for OEB Saloon for the Rocky Mtn Elk Foundation Banquet on April 5, 2025, at the Fairgrounds, from 2pm to 12am. Fair Board approval was received.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: CENTRAL BANK & TRUST – MALT BEVERAGE PERMIT: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve a malt beverage permit for Central Bank & Trust for their Beer ‘n Brats on May 29, 2025, at the State Park, from 5:30pm to 7pm. State Park approval was received.

TOWN ATTORNEY: ROCKY MTN POWER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT ORDINANCE: Keller noted the ordinance had not changed from the first reading. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the second reading of the ordinance.

TOWN ATTORNEY: AN ORDINANCE REVISING CARPORT DEFINITION, LOCATION AND CONSTRUCTION: Keller read the proposed ordinance, which updates the definition, allows carports in front of a house and updates anchoring requirements. Dorman made a motion and Larson seconded to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Discussion ensued on permitted size, obtaining a permit, not allowing private garages in the front yard, and allowing for three sides. Keller will make the changes for the second reading. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION: JASON GIUDICE: HOLOPHANE LIGHTING DEMONSTRATION: Giudice reviewed two streetlight prototypes. Jeunehomme noted the mayor and council and previously approved changing vendors and types of street lights and wanted to let them see what the new lights will look like.

ADMINISTRATION: WAM VOTING DELEGATE: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Larson to nominate Hughes as the voting delegate at the 2025 summer convention. Voting aye were Larson, Dorman and Estenson. Hughes did not vote. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION: MERCHANT MCINTYRE UPDATE: Jeunehomme noted the federal earmarking request will now include a match of \$400,000 with federal funds of \$1.6 million for phase one of the 14th street road rebuilding project. Estenson noted the original endeavor was a joint project with the Senior Center. Administration recently learned that the Senior Center was not meeting separately with the consultant, and is not included in the current request.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: Larson noted he would like to explore the option of the town being reimbursed for schooling costs for the police department and CDL's. Estenson noted the topic would be discussed in a work session. Dorman asked about the Broadway Bridge and Barnett noted the start date is the end of May. Estenson noted with property tax unknowns, the town will focus on infrastructure in the upcoming budget. At 7:50pm Hughes made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to adjourn. The next Council meeting is April 1, 2025, at 7pm.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Adam R. Estenson, Mayor