

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on May 6, 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 Chief Pat Cornwell, Public Works Director Basil Sorensen, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett and Town Attorney Marshall Keller.

AGENDA: Larson made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the agenda with the following changes: 1. move Riverside Subdivision from Engineer to Codes and 2. Add another executive session as allowed under 16-4-405 (a)(ii).

MINUTES: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from April 1 and 15, 2025 and the work session minutes from April 15, 2025.

BILLS: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for April 2025.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: TRAVEL & TOURISM NOMINATION: Jeunehomme noted two applications were received, William Robinson and Mike Cumston. Following discussion, Larson made a motion, and Lewis seconded to reappoint Will Robinson to a 3-year term on the Lodging Tax Board. Voting aye were Larson, Estenson and Lewis. Voting no were Dorman and Hughes.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: PRCA RODEO PARADE: Larson made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve street closures for the PRCA Rodeo parade on June 21, 2025 at 10am. Broadway will be closed from 6th to 4th street and 6th street from Shoshoni to Broadway (pending WYDOT approval).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Discussion ensued on public records requests, how to file complaints with the police department, replacing a fire hydrant and picking up branches.

TOWN ATTORNEY: AN ORDINANCE INCREASING SANITATION RATES: Keller read the first reading which increases sanitation rates for dumpsters, tires and landfill fees. Lewis made a motion seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the first reading of the ordinance with the deletion of Section 7.

CODES: LANDFILL AGREEMENT EXTENSION: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the Mayor signing the landfill agreement extension. Jeunehomme noted if the County does not fund the agreement, residential rates would need to increase \$15/month.

CODES: RIVERSIDE SUBDIVISION PLAT: Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the Riverside Subdivision Plat, located on the southeast corner of Shoshoni and 8th street.

ADMINISTRATION: WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: Jeunehomme noted the 2024 Annual Water Quality Report has been reviewed, completed and accepted.

ADMINISTRATION: EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:43pm Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to enter into executive sessions, as allowed by 16-4-405 (a)(iii) and 16-4-405(a)(ii). At 8:24pm the Mayor and Council returned to regular session. Larson made a motion and Dorman seconded to accept the resignation of Sargent Mike Mascorro as discussed in executive session. Voting aye were Larson, Dorman, Lewis and Estenson. Hughes voted no. Motion carried.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: Estenson and Jeunehomme summarized a recent trip to the Saratoga transfer station. Hughes asked about the A2A action plan, Jeunehomme noted the plan is posted on the town website. Additional discussion ensued on social media and public notification. At 8:41 pm, Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to adjourn. The next council meeting is May 20, 2025, at 7pm.

BILLS: AFLAC, Insurance, \$459.32; American Welding, Welding Gases, \$83.85; Jere Apland, Mileage, \$176.88; Jonathan Bartlett, Meal Reimbursement, \$27.46; BCN, Phone, \$103.77; Big Horn Water, Service, \$69.00; Hannah Brooks, Mileage, \$240.80; Canyon Concrete, Road Base, \$1,755.00; Carquest, Supplies \$1,748.48; Caselle, Support, Software \$844.00; Chamber of Commerce, Fireworks, \$1,500.00; CMI-Teco, Batteries, \$405.00; Frank Davis, Mileage; \$176.88; WYDOT, Plates, \$20.00; Discover Thermopolis, Supplies, \$932.00; Energy Labs, Service, \$2,331.00; Engineering Assoc., Service, \$11,238.90; Fastenal, Supplies, \$1,231.55; Grainger, Parts, \$336.47; Great West Trust, Retirement, \$800.00; Hach, Supplies, \$88.45; Hawkins, Rental, \$20.00; High Plains Power, Service, \$421.72; HSC, Phone, \$46.55; HSC Fire District, Snow Removal, \$660.00; HS Health, Pre-employment Test, \$168.00; HS Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955.00; HSCSD#1, Fuel, \$3,293.48; HSC Treasurer, Tax Commission, \$6.72; Imperial Pump, Repair, \$3,220.00; IR, Legal Ads, \$1,890.00; Insurance Trust, Premiums, \$37,792.00; Jadeco, Service, \$712.41; Jodi Blom, Utility refund, \$28.51; Joe Johnson Equip., Parts, \$1,287.88; Keller Law, Service, \$4,400.00; Kleen Pipe, Service, \$2,658.80; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$100.00; Long Building Technologies, Repair, \$5,115.00; LTRC Services, Patrol Lights, \$1,250.00; Michael Mascorro, Meal Reimbursement, \$11.80; Master Plumbing, Service, \$540.00; MacMac, Service, \$1,340.00; Merchant McIntyre, Retainer, \$8,000.00; Motor Power Equip., Parts, \$1,242.92; Napa, Parts, \$1,147.94; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$224.00; Normont, Part, \$465.00; One Call, Dues & Locates, \$13.65; O'Reilly, Supplies, \$45.29; Peak Water Services, Repair, \$6,996.71; Pitney Bowes, Lease, \$163.83; Postmaster, Postage, \$724.69; QM, Appraisal, \$2,000.00; R&A Safety, Service, \$115.50; Range, Service, \$1,036.86; Riverton Sheet Metal, Refund Overpayment, \$46.80; Riverton Tire, Tires, \$3,975.68; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$18,167.72; Staples, Supplies, \$120.25; The Office Shop, Copier Contract, \$100.07; The Radar Shop, Service, \$967.00; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, \$228.43; TOT, Labor, \$1,320.00; TOT, Depreciation & Utilities, \$78,525.75; Traveling Computer, Service, \$374.99; Unum, Life Ins., \$118.06; USA Blue Book, Supplies, \$521.05; James Van Heule, Mileage, \$176.88; Veolia, Chemicals, \$13,133.32; Verizon, Phone, \$471.49; Visa, Supplies, \$2,518.05; VSP, Insurance, \$319.32; Williams Law Office, Service, \$900.00; Workforce Services, Workers

Comp, \$3,614.09; WY Gas, Service, \$2,758.98; WY Public Health Lab, Fees, \$72.00; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$25,334.33; WY.Com, Service, \$25.00; WyoNet, Email, \$252.00; Youth Alternatives, Services, \$500.00; Payroll, \$99,564.99; Payroll Taxes, \$32,599.14.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Adam Estenson, Mayor