

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on August 19, 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, Public Works Director Basil Sorensen, Police Chief Pat Cornwell, Town Attorney Marshall Keller and Town Engineer Anthony Barnett.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman 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 July 2025.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: LISA MUELLER – MC2: SENIOR CENTER – CDBG GRANT SPONSOR REQUEST: Mueller noted the CDBG \$349,962 grant request is for the kitchen expansion at the new Senior Citizen Center. The land and building at 142 Hwy 20 S, owned by the Senior Center will satisfy the match requirement. Mueller noted the Town would need to provide the following four items on the checklist: certificate of application, proof of publication, financial statements and local resolution. Additional discussion on prior public hearings, letters of support, plans for future funding and whether the town could sponsor a project that was not located within town limits. Mueller noted she would check on the sponsorship question and noted the letter of intent and public hearing would not obligate the Town. It was noted the grant is reimbursable, ie: the Town will expend funds, then be reimbursed by the WCDA. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to proceed with the letter of intent and public hearing.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: JIM OLSEN: PICKLE BALL COURT REQUEST: Following discussion, Olsen asked for permission to reconfigure one tennis court into four pickle ball courts. He presented a quote from Tarkett sports totaling \$54,995.00 for the project. Olsen asked for permission to make the change (the space will be re-surfaced and painted and a 4' fence placed between the tennis and pickle ball courts. Olsen noted he would raise the amount and is planning on a spring completion date. Estenson noted the town would schedule a public hearing on September 16th as the project would mix private funds and public property.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Barnett anticipates the Owl Creek water line repair to begin this fall. Discussion ensued on combining several water projects and transfer station status. Jeunehomme noted the 7001 Report to the Army Corp of Engineers was submitted by Merchant McIntyre. He is working on updating the McManigals plat and a plat near Grandview Storage. Keller noted he plans to update some ordinance with fine amounts.

ADMINISTRATION: FALL REGIONAL MEETING: Estenson noted the WAM regional meeting will be held in Thermopolis on September 29th at 5:00pm.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: At 8:05 Dorman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larson and carried. The next Council meeting is September 2, 2025, at 7pm.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Adam R. Estenson, Mayor