

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on November 4, 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: Following the pledge of allegiance, Dorman made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the agenda as presented.

MINUTES: Hughes made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from October 7 and 21, 2025 and the executive session minutes from October 21, 2025.

BILLS: Lewis made a motion and Larson seconded to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for October 2025. Hughes asked about the Indeed bill and a bill for flower bed supplies. All voted aye, motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: BIG HORN BASIN NATURE & DISCOVERY CENTER BOARD APPOINTMENT: Jeunehomme noted only one application was received. Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to appoint Frank Lambrick to a 3-year term on the Big Horn Basin Nature & Discovery Center Board.

VFW POST COMMANDER BRAD BECERRA – VETERANS OUTREACH: Becerra voiced his concerns about how the town communicates changes to citizens. He mentioned the addition of stop signs on Arapahoe and the school and the fireworks after the recent playoff football games. He noted due to the lack of communication, many combat veterans were unaware and were impacted by the mortar rounds. He asked that the fireworks be relocated and asked for improved communication in how citizens are notified. He then presented a video on PTSD and the effects on the brain. Estenson noted he would work with the fire department and booster club about relocating the mortar rounds.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: MAIRAM ERKINBAEVA: FIREWORKS COMPLAINT: Ms. Erkinbaeva noted on October 31, while supervising her trick or treating children, near 14<sup>th</sup> street, the first mortar went off. She noted the noise and vibration startled children and herself. She also noted she experienced lingering personal effects from the noise and vibration. She asked the Mayor and Council to use noiseless fireworks. Her husband, John Waid also asked that the detonation be moved away from Arapahoe Street, as he owns a rental unit at 327 Arapahoe and several elderly tenants were upset with the noise.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: The following reports were available for review: police, engineering, streets and alleys, water, wastewater, sanitation and landfill. Cornwell noted there were 12 calls received about the fireworks. Hughes asked about filling the Animal Control

officer position. Cornwell noted he is concentrating on filling the open patrol and dispatch positions, first. Sorensen noted the Owl Creek line was fixed and there was a water break on Warren Street. The Warren street line was lead and has been replaced. Hughes asked about replacing the small, yellow children at play signs. Sorensen noted he recently placed a sign order. Barnett noted asphalt may not be able to be installed at the Broadway Bridge and the State of Wyoming is looking for an alternate.

ADMINISTRATION: MEL ROBINSON RETIREMENT: Estenson noted Melody Robinson, the Chief Wastewater Plant Operator is retiring after 47 years with the Town.

ADMINISTRATION: HEALTH CARE RENEWAL: Jeunehomme noted the Town's health insurance renewal increased 14%. Nationwide the average increase is 11%. He noted the Town had to lock in the rate, as of October 31. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to move forward with the option selected by administration.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL: LOCAL GOVERNMENT LIABILITY POOL: BOARD MEMBER ELECTION: Lewis made a motion and Dorman seconded to cast the town's LGLP ballot for Brad Basse. Hughes noted she would like to see someone new. Voting aye were Larson, Dorman and Lewis, Hughes voted no, motion carried.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: CAPTAIN HILAN ERNEST JONES PROCLAMATION: Estenson read the proclamation that declared November 12, 2025, Hilan Ernest Jones day in Thermopolis.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DESIGNATION: Larson made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve December 26, 2025 as the additional Christmas holiday.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: OTHER: At 7:56pm, Dorman made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to adjourn. The next council meeting is November 18, 2025, at 7pm.

BILLS: 71 Construction, Cold Mix, \$9,259.25; AFLAC, Insurance, \$370.26; Brett Andreen, Safety Boots, \$179.99; APCO International, Dues, \$391.00; BCN, Phone, \$97.00; Big Horn Water, Service, \$39.50; Biolyneus, Probiotic Scrubber, \$4,731.25; Brenntag, Lime, \$10,249.75; Brown's Western Appliance, Refrigerator, \$714.99; Carquest, Supplies \$355.74; Caselle, Support, Software \$972; CMI-TECO, Supplies, \$107.82; Core & Main, Parts, \$236.32; Patrick Cornwell, Mileage, \$176.88; Cummins, Service, \$3,092.50; Discover Thermopolis, Shipping, \$154.77; Econ-Signs, Signs, \$1,523.64; Energy Labs, Service, \$1,486; Engineering Assoc., Service, \$12,468.78; Ferguson Waterworks, Parts, \$5,415; Floyd's Truck, Parts, \$52.45; James Folsom, Safety Boots, \$148.00; Grainger, Parts, \$262.71; Great West Trust, Retirement, \$800; Green Turf, Service, \$793.80; Hach, Supplies, \$470.20; Hawkins, Cylinder Fee & Chlorine, \$2,537.20; High Plains Power, Service, \$61.17; Hot Springs Title Trust, Property, \$23,558.94; HS Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955; Hot Springs Weed & Pest, Chemicals, \$574.20; HSCSD#1, Fuel, \$3,012.22; HSC Treasurer, Tax Collection, \$119.60; IR, Legal Ads, \$973.75; Insurance Trust, Premiums, \$32,517; Jadeco, Service, \$645.39; Keller Law, Service, \$4,400; Laird Sanitation,

Service, \$100; Merchant McIntyre, Retainer, \$5,000; Micro-Comm, Fees, \$400; Motor Power Equip., Service, \$232.65; Napa, Tools, \$99; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$192; One Call, Locates, \$17.85; The Only Co., Service, \$10,000; O'Reilly, Supplies, \$66.46; Peak Water Service, Service, \$422.20; Pitney Bowes, Lease, \$163.83; Postmaster, Postage, \$809.34; QA Balance, Service, \$277.00; Range, Service, \$992.25; Road Runner, Parts, \$16.98; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$20,237.24; Seckman & Thomas, Audit, \$17,500; Serlkay, Printing, \$67; Basil Sorensen, Safety Boots, \$149.99; Staples, Supplies, \$280.51; Tegeler & Assoc., Notary Bonds, \$100.00; The Office Shop, Contract, \$120.36; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, \$914.76; Thermopolis PD, Postage, \$15.75; T-Mobile, Phone, \$329.82; TOT, Depreciation, Utilities, \$78,221.75; Tractor & Equip, Parts, \$976; Traveling Computer, Printer, \$1,499.99; Unum, Life Ins., \$97.06; USA Blue Book, Supplies, \$449.76; Visa, Supplies, \$4,833.88; VSP, Insurance, \$242.99; Wamcat, Dues, \$75.00; Wild West Construction, Service, \$6,400; Williams Law Office, Service, \$900; Winter Equip., Parts, \$5,212.80; Workforce Services, Workers Comp & Unemployment, \$12,094.35; WY Gas, Service, \$374.75; WY Public Health Lab, Postage, \$72.00; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$23,975.38; WY.Com, Service, \$25; WyoNet, Email, \$252; Youth Alternatives, Services, \$500; Payroll, \$90,970.26; Payroll Taxes, \$29,733.14.

ATTEST:

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Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

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Adam Estenson, Mayor