

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on December 16, 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, 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 November 2025.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: KAREN CUNNINGHAM – SPEED LIMIT SIGN REQUEST:

Cunningham requested a 20mph sign between the bridge and the railroad tracks on Broadway, due to vehicle speed and 7 children in that area. It was noted that on Broadway, east and west of that area, there are 20mph signs. Discussion ensued on a planned safe routes grant, required traffic studies and installing a temporary sign. Estenson asked Keller and Barnett to explore requirements for a temporary sign.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: LISA BOMENGEN – PINE PORCH PROJECT: Bomengen noted the senior class is decorating landscaping pots for Christmas. She stated all six pots in Bicentennial Park would be decorated for \$175.00. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the expense.

PUBLIC HEARING: DOUBLE R STORE LLC LIQUOR LICENSE– TRANSFER: Estenson opened the public hearing at 7:16pm. No public comments were made and the hearing was closed at 7:17pm. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the Grand Cru liquor license transfer to Double R Store, LLC.

PUBLIC HEARING: LEAD SERVICE LINE INVESTIGATION & REPLACEMENT

PROJECT: Estenson opened the public hearing at 7:19pm. During the hearing Sarah Easton and Mary Wojciechowski asked questions about testing and replacing lead lines, cost, who would be responsible for the replacement (property owner) and scheduling for line photos. Jeunehomme noted the town is in the process of applying for a grant/loan to determine the number of lead lines in the town and noted property owners have been very helpful in obtaining pictures of water lines in homes and businesses. The federal government is requiring water line materials to be inventoried and lead lines replaced. Jeunehomme noted the cost of replacing lead lines and funding sources has yet to be determined. Barnett noted every water line photo will help reduce the cost of documenting the inventory.

TOWN ATTORNEY: AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE FOOD PERMIT FEES: Keller noted the second reading included the requested change for license renewal dates. Larson made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the second reading of the ordinance.

TOWN ATTORNEY: RESOLUTION 588: GENERAL FUND CASH RESERVE POLICY:

Lewis made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the resolution which would create a six month reserve account for the General Fund.

TOWN ATTORNEY: OTHER: Keller noted Paul Mathewson filed an injunction against the town, claiming he owned 117 Fremont. The trial was December 16, 2025. Judge Cassidy dismissed the case with prejudice, as Mathewson failed to provide proof of ownership. The town previously purchased the property from Alan Weber.

CODES: WELBORN-LYE SUBDIVISION: During a proposed sale of land, Jeunehomme asked Charlene Anderson for a subdivision plat. Barnett noted that the land is not changing owners, however the plat was completed and cleaned up some easements. Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to allow the mayor to sign the subdivision plat.

ADMINISTRATION: MERCHANT MCINTYRE – SERVICE AGREEMENT: Estenson noted the company will honor the reduced rate of \$5,000 per month and has presented a 6 month contract. Discussion ensued on upcoming projects, potential state legislation prohibiting lobbying and the company's wide ranging contacts. Lewis made a motion to approve the service agreement and Hughes seconded. Voting aye were Dorman, Estenson, Hughes and Lewis. Larson voted no. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION: OTHER: Jeunehomme noted he, the mayor, Sorensen and Barnett recently met with the Washakie County landfill board. Washakie County is willing to take the town's trash and their landfill is set up for a minimum of 100 years. Comparisons will be made between Park County and Washakie County with tipping fees, mileage, maintenance, fuel costs and driver safety.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: At 8:03 Dorman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larson and carried. The next Council meeting is January 6, 2026, at 7pm.

ATTEST:

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Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

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Adam R. Estenson, Mayor