

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on January 6, 2026, 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 Chief Pat Cornwell, Public Works Director Basil Sorensen, 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 Dorman and carried to approve the agenda as presented.

MINUTES: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from December 2 and 16, 2025 and the executive session minutes from December 2, 2025.

BILLS: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for December 2025. Council member Larson abstained on the approval of the bill to his business.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: The following reports were available for review: police, engineering, streets and alleys, water, wastewater, sanitation and landfill. Chief Cornwell noted the new Sargent, Nicole Anderson would begin duty on January 16, 2026.

TOWN ENGINEER: SPEED LIMIT SIGN REQUEST: Barnett noted the Town was recently awarded a Federal Safe Streets for All planning grant. He stated Broadway from the railroad tracks to the river would be included in the grant. He also noted state statute allows for a one-year decrease in speed due to construction or emergency. Barnett noted there is still additional work scheduled for the bridge. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to place 20mph signs on Broadway between the railroad tracks and the river, beginning February 1, 2026, for one year.

TOWN ATTORNEY: THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE FOOD PERMIT FEES: Keller noted there are no changes from the second reading which adds a definition for food truck and food trailer and lowers the transient merchant license from \$300 to \$50 per year. Larson made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the third and final reading of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE 883

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TOWN CODE, ARTICLE I, PEDDLERS (GREEN RIVER ORDINANCE) SECTION 12-101 AND 12-102 AND ARTICLE II, TRANSIENT MERCHANTS SECTIONS 12-204 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: TO AMEND CODE SECTION 12-205(B); AND TO SET FORTH AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS REGARDING PERMITS, FOOD VENDORS AND ITINERANT VENDORS.

PASSED ON FIRST READING DECEMBER 2, 2025
PASSED ON SECOND READING DECEMBER 16, 2025
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON JANUARY 6, 2026.

TOWN ATTORNEY: OTHER: In reference to 117 Fremont, Keller noted Mathewson filed a rule 60 motion on January 5, 2026. In circuit court on January 6, 2026, Judge Luhm granted Mathewson 60 days before eviction, as allowed by rule 60, delaying eviction until March 6, 2026.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: CLERK/TREASURER IN TRAINING: Estenson introduced Connie Guntly who will begin training for the Clerk/Treasurer position, as Tracey Van Heule will be retiring.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: OTHER: At 7:14pm, Hughes made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to adjourn. The next council meeting is January 20, 2026, at 7pm.

BILLS: AFLAC, Insurance, \$370.26; American Welding, Welding Gas, \$84.87; BCN, Phone, \$99.91; Big Horn Water, Service, \$79; Bobcat Class of 2026, Christmas Decorations, \$175; Carquest, Supplies \$988.37; Caselle, Support, Software \$972; CMI-TECO, Parts, \$882.29; Core & Main, Meter & Parts, \$1,479.18; CR Lock, Service, \$175; Cummins, Repair, \$4,400.02; Discover Thermopolis, Supplies, \$575; Energy Labs, Service, \$6,298; Engineering Assoc., Service, \$17,442.27; Fastenal, Parts, \$1,380.98; Grainger, Parts, \$91.74; Great West Trust, Retirement, \$800; Hanson's Fire Equip., Service, \$1,388.44; Hawkins, Cylinder Fee, \$10; High Plains Power, Service, \$244.48; HSC, PD Phone, \$46.56; HSC Fire District, Contract, \$15,330; HS Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955; HSCSD#1, Fuel, \$3,406.75; IR, Legal Ads, \$1,032.50; Insurance Trust, Premiums, \$32,513; Jadeco, Service, \$959.19; Keller Law, Service, \$4,400; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$100; Lanair, Parts, \$218.35; Napa, Parts, \$993.05; National Band, Tags, \$62.81; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$192; One Call, Locates, \$17.85; The Only Co., Service, \$10,000; O'Reilly, Parts, \$162.13; Postmaster, Postage, \$669.06; Range, Service, \$992.25; Riverton Tire, Tire, \$176; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$19,826.95; Team Lab, Supplies, \$187.50; Tegeler, Insurance, \$67,129; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, \$219.33; T-Mobile, Phone, \$329.82; Tony's TLC, Contract, \$9,000; TOT General, Labor, \$1,490; TOT, Depreciation, Utilities, \$75,894; Tracey Van Heule, Reimb for ½ CPA License., \$95.00; Tractor & Equip, Parts and Service, \$3,147.91; Traveling Computer, Service, \$816.13; Unum, Life Ins., \$94.96; Visa, Supplies, \$2,273.78; VSP, Insurance, \$213.05; Williams Law Office, Service, \$900; WY Secretary of State, Notary, \$60; Workforce Services, Workers Comp, \$4,835.70; WY First Aid, Supplies, \$305.78; WY Gas, Service, \$876.55; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$23,786.97; WY Rural Water, Dues, \$249; WY.Com, Service, \$25; WyoNet, Email, \$252; Youth Alternatives, Services, \$500; Payroll, \$89,823.26; Payroll Taxes, \$29,390.49.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Adam Estenson, Mayor