

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on February 17, 2026, 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, Town Attorney Marshall Keller, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Connie Guntly, Public Works Director Basil Sorensen, Police Chief Pat Cornwell, and Town Engineer Anthony Barnett.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Lewis made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve an amended agenda, adding a request for a letter of opposition regarding the Worland Airport and National Weather Service under Mayor and Council.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the financial statement for January 2026.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: 7 LAZY S – CATERING PERMIT: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve a catering permit for 7 Lazy S for the Chamber of Commerce Banquet on March 14, 2026 at the Fair Building. Fair Board permission was received.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: STREET CLOSURE REQUEST: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve a request to close 6th Street on June 13, 2026 to conduct a non-motorized parade for Trailblazer Days. Mrs. Dorman explained the parade route will be similar to Rodeo parade. The WYDOT application was presented for Mayor's signature.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Estenson opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 pm for comments on the liquor license renewal applications for the period of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027. After three calls for public comment and hearing none, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:07 pm. Mayor Estenson explained two of the applications, Los Cabos and Big Springs Spa Inc., should be pulled from the batch for further discussion and separate approval. Larson made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to pull the Los Cabos and Big Springs Spa Inc. for separate discussion and approve the other liquor license renewal applications as follows: Retail: OEB LLC, 7 Lazy S, Compass Realty Group, Mack's Market, OEB Saloon LLC, Double R Store, and Maverik; Bar and Grill: VFW; Restaurant: GMRG ACQ 1 (Pizza Hut); and Microbrewery: OEB LLC Brewing Company. Mayor Estenson explained Big Springs Spa, Inc. (Safari Club) does not have an active lease with the State through the term of the liquor license, as mandated by State statute. However, the Town has another Public Hearing for Big Springs Spa, set for February 27 at 10:00 am to discuss transfer of location for the retail liquor license. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to table Big Springs Spa, Inc. renewal liquor license application. Mayor Estenson noted Los Cabos has failed to provide a statement of operational status, after numerous requests. The restaurant closed in the fall of 2025 and State Statute only allows nonoperational status for one year. Larson made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the Los Cabos Bar and Grill license contingent upon receiving the statement of operational status prior to March 31, 2026.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: Mayor Estenson stated the National Weather Service (NWS) is taking public comment regarding the removal of NWS from the Worland Airport. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve a letter of opposition of closing the National Weather Services at the Worland Airport. At 7:23 pm Dorman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hughes and carried. The next Council meeting is March 3, 2026, at 7pm.

ATTEST:

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Connie Guntly, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

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Adam R. Estenson, Mayor