

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on February 3, 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, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Connie Guntly, Police Chief Pat Cornwell, Public Works Director Basil Sorensen, and Town Attorney Marshall Keller.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Following the pledge of allegiance, a moment of silence was held for former Police Chief and Mayor Mike Chimenti, whose funeral was on January 30, 2025.

AGENDA: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the agenda as presented.

MINUTES: Larson made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from January 6 and 20, 2026 and the executive session minutes from January 20, 2026.

BILLS: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for January 2026.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: FRANK DAVIS-MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS PARADE: Larson made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve a police escort for the motorcycle awareness parade on May 2, 2026 at noon and the closure of 5th Street between Broadway south to the alley (Farmers Market area) from noon to 2pm for a free kid's day with food.

PUBLIC HEARING: DARLENE AXTELL- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT-1130

ARAPAHOE: Jeunehomme reviewed the application for yoga classes and massage therapy. Estenson opened the public hearing at 7:08pm and called for public comments, three times. No comments were made and the hearing was closed at 7:09pm. In discussion it was noted that class size is expected to be 6-10 people. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the home occupation permit.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: The following reports were available for review: police, engineering, streets and alleys, water, wastewater, sanitation and landfill.

ADMINISTRATION: TRANSFER STATION UPDATE: Jeunehomme noted the Town and the State DEQ will be asking SLIB (State Loan & Investment Board) to increase the state portion of transfer station funding to \$2 million, due to cost increases. A funding decision is anticipated in April 2026.

ADMINISTRATION: WIND RIVER CANYON STUDY: WYDOT is studying the wind river canyon corridor to explore redundant routes to the Big Horn Basin.

ADMINISTRATION: OTHER: Estenson noted Congresswoman Hageman recently toured 14th street, the transfer station site and the water treatment plant as the town is applying for federal grant assistance. Jeunehomme noted WYDOT is planning to resurface highway 120 (Broadway) in 2027.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: OTHER: At 7:22pm, Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to adjourn. The next council meeting is February 17, 2026, at 7pm.

BILLS: AFLAC, Insurance, \$370.26; Aimpoint, Rifle mounts, \$2,658.00; American Welding, Welding Gas, \$160.12; BCN, Phone, \$100.64; Big Horn Water, Service, \$54.25; Big Sky Steel, Metal, \$1,297.11; Brenntag, Lime, \$10,250.61; Carquest, Supplies \$1,055.14; Caselle, Support, Software \$972; Core & Main, Software Renewal, \$4,086; Counter Strike, Uniform, \$989.98; Discover Thermopolis, Supplies, \$13.42; Econo Sign, Signs, \$396.87; Empower, Retirement, \$800; Energy Labs, Service, \$879.50; Engineering Assoc., Service, \$19,197.53; Frandson Safety, Monitor, \$1,154; Grainger, Parts, \$346.12; Hasco, Parts, \$174.24; Hawkins, Cylinder Fee, \$20; High Plains Power, Service, \$367; HSC, PD Phone, \$46.46; HS Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955; HSCSD#1, Fuel, \$1,672.99; HSC Treasurer, Tax Collection; \$428.91; Hub, Fees, \$7,000; IDI, Software, \$900; IR, Legal Ads, \$1,137.13; Insurance Trust, Premiums, \$31,606; Jadeco, Service, \$4,433; Joe Johnson, Parts, \$361.87; Keller Law, Service, \$4,400; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$100; Merchant McIntyre, Service, \$15,000; Motorola, Service Agreement, \$7,736.12; Murdoch, Fuel, \$2,212.20; Napa, Parts, \$2,277.74; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$192; Norco, Co2; \$27,297.30; NW Pipe, Pipe, \$4,615.76; One Call, Locates, \$18.90; The Only Co., Service, \$3,131.46; O'Reilly, Parts, \$1,059.45; Pitney Bowes, Lease, \$163.83; Postmaster, Postage, \$734.51; R & A Safety, Service, \$90.50; Range, Service, \$991.65; Ridgecrest Products, Supplies, \$106.40; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$19,393.65; Smith Oilfield, Service, \$1,260; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, \$420.55; T-Mobile, Phone, \$329.62; Total Response, Fees, \$159.80; TOT General, Labor, \$8,245; TOT, Depreciation, Utilities, \$75,902; Traveling Computer, Service, \$2,643.63; Tumbleweed Propane, Propane, \$13.16; James Van Heule, Reimbursement, \$121.22; Veolia, Chemicals, \$12,471.13; Visa, Supplies, \$187.28; WWQ & PCA, Fees, \$240; WAM, Registration, \$510; Williams Law Office, Service, \$900; Workforce Services, Unemployment, \$2,570; Workforce Services, Workers Comp, \$5,364.89; WY Gas, Service, \$2,847.64; WY Public Health Lab, Fees, \$72.00; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$27,026.78; WY.Com, Service, \$505; WyoNet, Email, \$252; Youth Alternatives, Services, \$500; Payroll, \$101,241.28; Payroll Taxes, \$33,083.60.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Adam Estenson, Mayor