

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on April 21, 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, Dorman made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the agenda.

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

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: MALT BEVERAGE PERMIT: Central Bank and Trust, requested permit for the May 14, Beer and Brats event at the State Park. Larson made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the 24hr Malt Beverage Permit. State Park permission was received.

### TOWN ATTORNEY:

1. Third Reading Amending Ordinance for Adoption of Codes: Keller noted there are no changes. Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the third and final reading of the ordinance.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 884**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 857, SECTION 1, ADOPTED CODES, ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE, INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT CODE, INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE, INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE, INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE, INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE AND THE NFPA 58 NATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE AND THE NFPA 54 NATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE AND ESTABLISHING RELATED FEES.

Passed on the first reading March 17, 2026.

Passed on the second reading April 7, 2026.

Passed, approved and adopted on the third and final reading April 21, 2026.

2. Third Reading Repealing and Reenacting Fireworks Town Code: Keller noted there are no changes. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the third and final reading of the ordinance.

### **ORDINANCE 885**

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REENACTING TOWN CODE SECTION NO. 11-102 CONCERNING THE SALE, DISTRIBUTION AND DETONATION OF FIREWORKS WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS; PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION THEREFORE AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION.

Passed on first reading March 17, 2026.

Passed on second reading April 7, 2026.

Passed, approved and adopted on the third and final reading April 21, 2026.

3. Third Reading Mayor and Council Pay Rate Scale Ordinance: Keller noted there are no changes. After further discussion of the pay scale, Lewis made a motion, seconded by Larson for a vote to approve the ordinance. The motion failed with Lewis voting yes, and Larson, Dorman, Hughes and Estenson voting no.

CODES ADMINISTRATION – The Spring Cleanup days are set for May 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> with the free dump day on May 16, 2026.

ADMINISTRATION –

1. Tandem Dump Truck Bid: Five bids were publicly opened on April 14, 2026. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to accept the low bid of \$174,994.00 from Floyds Truck for the 2027 Freightliner truck.
2. SUV Police Vehicle Bid: No bids were received. The Police Department will request at least three quotes.
3. Water Plant/Well Discussion: Jeunehomme noted the Yankee Dome water well project is ineligible for funding due to lack of easements. Discussion ensued on timing with the filter to waste project at the water plant and potentially duplicating effort and spending funds twice if a new water plant is built. Jeunehomme noted the town needs to make a decision on whether to invest in a new water plant.
4. Update on 117 Fremont St.: Jeunehomme is seeking quotes for the demolition and cleanup of the property. The Town will cover the dump fees for the Contractor during clean up. The Council generally agreed Town Administration could move forward if the quotes were less than the state statute amount for bidding.
5. Other: Jeunehomme noted two lots on 7<sup>th</sup> Street are for sale, however per Town ordinance the lots cannot be built on because of easements and access issues, discussion ensued regarding allowing variances for the property.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: At 7:50 pm Lewis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hughes and carried. The next Council meeting is May 5, 2026, at 7pm.

ATTEST:

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Connie Guntly, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

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Adam R. Estenson, Mayor