

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on June 16, 2026, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Adam Estenson, Council members Tony Larson, John Dorman Sr., Rachel Hughes. Also, present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Jim Jeunehomme, Clerk/Treasurer Connie Guntly, Town Attorney Marshall Keller, Public Works Director Basil Sorensen, Police Chief Pat Cornwell, and Town Engineer Anthony Barnett. Councilman Lewis had an excused absence.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the agenda.

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

PAY BILLS: Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the bills, Hughes abstained from her travel voucher.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. MALT BEVERAGE PERMIT: Hot Springs Heritage Foundation, requested a permit for July 4th, Freedom Fest event at the State Park. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to conditionally approve the 24hr Malt Beverage permit with proof from State Parks of receiving the liability insurance and admin fees. The Town had not received permission from the State Park at the time of the meeting.
2. MALT BEVERAGE PERMIT: Hot Springs Heritage Foundation, requested a permit for July 11 and 12, 2026, Wyoming Discovery Days at the State Park. Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the 24hr Malt Beverage Permit. Permission was received from the State Park.
3. CATERING PERMIT: OEB Saloon, requested a permit for July 11, Pat Collins Reunion/Anniversary event at the Fairgrounds. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the 24hr Catering Permit. Fair Board permission was received.
4. STREET CLOSURE REQUEST: Cindy Sampson, Chamber of Commerce, requested signature on a WY DOT Street Closure Permit for the Gift of the Waters Pageant Parade on August 1 starting at 10:00 am, closing Highway 20. Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve signature on the permit.
5. FIREWORKS FOR HOME GAMES TOUCHDOWNS: Jackie Dorothy, Gridiron Club, requested the allowance of Fireworks during each home game and every touchdown made. Following discussions, Larson made a motion, seconded by Hughes, and carried to approve the Fireworks with the following conditions: move the location of the fireworks detonation to the parking lot east of the field across the street, posting flyers in the community especially at the VFW and Veterinary clinics with dates of the games, and having open communication for the size of mortars if complaints continue to come to Town Hall.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. NATE MILLER – DRY STORAGE BUILDING: Mayor Estenson opened the Public Hearing at 7:17 pm, after three calls for comment and hearing none the Public Hearing was closed at 7:18 pm. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the Variance Request with the following conditions, no productions on the property only dry storage, and no town utilities, only power and gas to the property.
2. COMMENTS ON PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 BUDGET: Mayor Estenson opened the Public Hearing at 7:26 pm, after three calls for comment and hearing none the Public Hearing was closed at 7:28pm.
3. THIRD READING – APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 BUDGET, ORDINANCE 886: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Larson to approve and adopt the third and final reading of the budget. Motion carried with Estenson, Larson, and Dorman voting yes, and Hughes voting no.

ORDINANCE NO. 886

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 TO 2027.

PASSED ON FIRST READING MAY 19, 2026

PASSED ON SECOND READING JUNE 2, 2026

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON JUNE 16, 2026.

TOWN ENGINEER: Anthony Barnet requested a work session in regards to the Safe Streets for All Grant on July 21.

TOWN ATTORNEY: EXECUTIVE SESSION W.S. 16-4-405 (a)(iii): At 8:02 pm, Dorman made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to go into executive session as allowed by state statute 16-4-405(a)(iii). The Mayor and Council returned to regular session at 8:14 pm, with no action taken during Executive Session. Attorney Keller, recommended a motion to seek approval of the press release for the potential settlement that is advised by litigation counsel, Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the press release.

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant: Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve signature on the agreement.

MAYOR & COUNCIL:

1. Travel and Tourism Board Appointment: Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve Audra Dominguez for the Travel and Tourism Board.

At 8:32 pm Dorman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hughes and carried. The next Council meeting is June 25, 2026, at 4pm.

BILLS:

BCN Telecom, Monthly Services, \$90.97; Cities Digital, Annual Support, \$940.66; Empower, Deferred Comp, \$250.00; Grainger, Equipment, \$4,492.73; High Plains Power, Monthly Services, \$88.00; Hooper Disposal, Tires, \$976.00; Hot Springs Heritage Foundation, Reimbursement, \$25.00; HSC Treasurer, Tax Collection Commission, \$76.52; Rachel Hughes, Travel, \$394.40; IR, Ads, \$2,103.00; Jim Jeunehomme, Travel, \$394.40; Long Building Tech, Repairs, \$7,895.00; Micro Comm, Software, \$3,500.00; Range, Monthly Services, \$1,035.33; Tegeler Associates, Bonds, \$595.00; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, \$57.98; TOT, Depreciation, Utilities, \$148,465.76; Tractor and Equip., Supplies, \$849.96; US Treasury, IRS Form 720, \$153.60; VISA, Supplies, \$2,657.44; Wy Gas, Monthly Services, \$890.55.

ATTEST:

Connie Guntly, Clerk/Treasurer

Adam R. Estenson, Mayor