COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on June 2, 2026, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Adam Estenson, Council members Tony Larson, Rachel Hughes, Dusty Lewis, and John Dorman Sr. Also present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Jim Jeunehomme, Clerk/Treasurer Connie Guntly, Police Chief Pat Cornwell, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett and Town Attorney Marshall Keller.

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 May 5 and May 19, 2026.

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

PAY BILLS SEMIMONTHLY: After discussion regarding bill pay, the Council was in agreeance for bills to be presented at each Council meeting.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. 7 LAZY S CAFE: CATERING PERMIT: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve catering permit for 7 Lazy S Cafe. The permit is for Trailblazer days June 12th at the Fairgrounds. Permission was received from the Fair Board.
2. KIM BARTLETT:
   a. Communities over Cuts: Bartlett presented the nonpartisan political action committee called Communities over Cuts to the Council.
   b. Farmers Market: Bartlett requested approval for the Farmers Market and sign placement. Larson made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the signage.
3. OEB SALOON: CATERING PERMITS: Larson made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve three catering permits for OEB Saloon. Permit 1, Trailblazer days June 13th at the Fairgrounds, permission was received. Permit 2, Parking Lot Party June 27th at 500 S. 6th St. Permit 3, Horse Sale June 20th at the Fairgrounds, permission was received.
4. OEB SALOON STREET CLOSURE: Jennifer Fisher requested permission to close the street from Town Hall to the stop light for their street dance on September 5, 2026, and will keep Council informed of any updates. Lewis made a motion, seconded Hughes and carried to approve the street closure.

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

TOWN ENGINEER: Anthony Barnett updated the Council on the Tank and Clarifier painting project.

TOWN ATTORNEY: EXECUTIVE SESSION W.S. 16-4-405 (a)(iii): At 7:20 pm, Larson made a motion, seconded by Lewis 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 7:40 pm, with no action taken during Executive Session.

ADMINISTRATION:

1. SECOND DRAFT OF THE 2026-27 BUDGET: Following discussion, Lewis made a motion, seconded by Larson to approve the budget as presented. Hughes made a motion to amend the original motion to remove the police department hiring incentive, gong back to $415,000 for the salaries for PD, motion fails for a lack of second. Chief Cornwell pointed out this year's budget should only be $5,000 increase for salaries, the $10,000 is spread out over three years, Clerk Guntly will make the correction. The original motion is called to question, the motion carried with Estenson, Dorman, Lewis and Larson voting yes and Hughes voting no.
2. FINAL BILLS PAYMENT: Larson made motion, seconded Lewis and carried to have a meeting June 25th at 4:00 pm for Fiscal Year 2025-26 final bills. The July 7th meeting will be cancelled.
3. SPRING CLEAN UP RECAP: Jeunehomme reported to the Council the Spring Cleanup cost the Town $12,780.
4. GOVERNOR'S MATCHING FUNDS FOR SAFE STREETS 4 ALL (SS4A): The Town received $41,250 to match the SS4A grant funds, which was added to the budget.
5. ELECTRONIC BILLING: Guntly informed the Council electronic bill pay has been implemented on a few bills and reporting is being worked on.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: OTHER:

1. TRIATHLON: The triathlon is scheduled for July 17 and 18, the route is still being configured, and Police assistance may be needed.

At 8:35 pm, Lewis made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to adjourn. The next council meeting is June 16, 2026, at 7pm.

BILLS: Adam Estenson, Mileage, $638.00; AFLAC, Insurance, $370.26; American Welding, Cylinder rental, $80.33; Applied Concep, Radar Units, $3,363.00; Axon Enterprises, Subscription, $1,905.00; BCN, Phone, $93.51; Big Horn Water, Service, $131.50; BNSF Railway, Contract, $1,083.67; Brenntag, Supplies, $10,691.60; Brooks, Hannah, Mileage, $261.00; Bureau of Reclamation, Water Contract, $4,372.00; Carquest, Supplies $562.30; Caselle, Support, Software $972; D & A Construction, Demo, $18,875.00; Discover Thermopolis, Supplies, $1,224.00 ; Empower, Retirement, $1,000; Energy Labs, Service, $730.00; Engineering Assoc., Services, $26,255.52; Fisher, Casey, Fuel, $47.00; Frandson Safety, Service, $50.00; Hach, Supplies, $145.00; Hawkins, Chlorine Cylinder, $2,567.20; High Plains Power, Service, $132.33; Hopper Disposal, Spring Clean, $6,300.00; HSC CPR Chapt., CPR Class, $45.00; HS Vet Clinic, Contract, $955; HSC Weed and Pest, Supplies, $88.29; HSCSD#1, Fuel, $4,098.67; HSC Treasurer, Tax Commission, $93.22; IDI, Services, $3.00; Imperial Pump, Service, $4,120.00; IR, Legal Ads, $1,638.75; Insurance Trust, Premiums, $41,896.00; Jadeco, Service, $538.37; JH Computer, Services, $5,539.41; Joe Johnson Equip, Parts, $868.87; Keller Law, Service, $4,400; Laird Sanitation, Service, $100; Limb Walkers, Services, $2,725.00; LGLP, Insurance, $15,622.00; Merchant McIntyre, Service, $5,000; Miller Construction, $14,300.00; Murdoch Oil Inc, Fuel, $4,295.38; Napa, Parts, $531.58; Napa Motor Supply, Supplies, $245.93; NCPERS, Life Ins., $192; Normont, Supplies, $4,250.88; One Call, Locates, $24.15; O'Reilly, Parts, $7.09; Postmaster, Postage, $479.09; Range, Service, $1,029.33; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, $20,587.41; Stehlin, Robert, Services, $1,175.00; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, $182.85; Police Dept., Petty Cash, $1.90; T-Mobile, Phone, $473.45; TOT, Depreciation, Utilities, $152,441.00; USPS, Postage, $412.40; Unum, Insurance, $114.50; USA Bluebook, Supplies, $2,309.95; Visa, Supplies, $4,503.95; VSP, Insurance, $315.32; WAM, Convention fees, $270.00; Williams Law Office, Service, $900; WY Law Enforcement, Academy, $1,645.00; Workforce Services, Workers Comp, $6,039.16; WY Gas, Service, $1,677.65; WY Retirement, Retirement, $28,142.60; WY.Com, Service, $45; Youth Alternatives, Services, $500; Payroll, $110,133.63; Payroll Taxes, $35,950.93.

ATTEST:

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Connie Guntly, Clerk/Treasurer Adam Estenson, Mayor