

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on August 18, 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 Connie Guntly, Public Works Director Basil Sorensen, and Police Chief Pat Cornwell. The Mayor requested a moment of silence for former Mayor Karl Allen.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Larson made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the July Financial Statement.

BILLS: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the bills.

CITIZEN PARTICPATION:

1. MALT BEVERAGE PERMIT – Hot Springs County Fair Board, requested a Malt Beverage Permit for August 29, 2026, Smoking Waters Demolition Derby event at the Fairgrounds. Larson made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the 24 hour Malt Beverage Permit. Fair Board permission was received.
2. CATERING PERMIT – One Eyed Buffalo, requested a permit for September 5, 2026, End of Summer Jam event Down Town. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the 24 hour Catering permit. The street closure request is being submitted to the police department.

CHIEF OF POLICE: The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Daniel Assman for the Police Officer position.

PUBLIC WORKS: Basil Sorensen updated the Council on the Sewer Plant.

ENGINEER: Anthony Barnett provided the Council a brief summary of the Resolution presented for the Water Service Line project along with the Home Owners Agreement, and the Office of State Lands and Investments (OSLI) Loan Agreement for the Service Line Identification and Replacement Project. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve Resolution 593, A Resolution to Comply with the Terms of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan (Loan) Provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the Completion of the Service Line Identification and Replacement Project. Larson made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the OS LI Loan Agreement. Barnett presented the bids for the chip seal project. Larson made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the lowest bidder for 5th Street Chip Seal Project, Wild West Construction, for \$133,000. Barnett also updated the Council on the Water paint and repair project.

CODES: Jeunehomme presented the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in regards to the Safe Streets 4 All Grant. The Council requested more time to review the RFQ and it will be tabled until the September 1, 2026 meeting. Anthony Barnett stepped out of the room for the discussion of the Request for Qualifications.

BILLS: American Welding & Gas, Supplies, \$80.33; BCN, Phone Services, \$98.96; Big Horn Water, Services, \$77.50; Brenntag, Lime, \$10,679.00; Cummins Sales and Services, Services, \$4,389.01; Dickinson, Max, Mileage, \$191.40; Empower, Retirement, \$320.00; Energy Labs, Testing Supplies, \$292.00; Hawkins, Rental, \$10.00; High Plains Power, Monthly Service, \$68.58; Hopper Disposal, Tires, \$475.20; HSC, Title Fee, \$15.00; HSC Treasurer, Tax Collection, \$4.81; IR, Legal Ads, \$2,546.25; Weller Truck Parts, Supplies, \$1,947.30; JH Computer, IT Services, \$6,436.64; Joe Johnson Equip, Parts, \$1,575.67; LGLP, Deductible, \$1,000.00; Merchant McIntyre, \$5,000.00; Normont Equip, Parts, \$1,513.41; One Call Wyo, Locates, \$33.60; O'Reilly, Parts, \$208.98; Parker, Senaka, Mileage, \$48.00; Pence Macmillan, Services, \$1,239.00; Postmaster, Postage, \$390.00; Range, Monthly Services, \$1,036.49; Thermop Hardware, Concrete Mix, \$391.44; TOT, Depreciation, \$107,028.49; Tractor & Equip Co, Parts, \$1,041.49; VISA, Misc Parts and Supplies, \$1,636.12; WYO Child Support, Child Support, \$250.00; Wyo Gas, Monthly Services, \$304.13.

At 7:28 pm Larson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hughes and carried. The next Council meeting is September 1, 2026, at 7pm.

ATTEST:

Connie Guntly, Clerk/Treasurer

Adam R. Estenson, Mayor