COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on October 6, 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, Town Attorney Marshall Keller, Public Works Director Basil Sorensen, and Police Sergeant Nicole Andersen.

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

MINUTES: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the Minutes from September 1, and September 15, 2026.

BILLS: Dorman made a motion and carried to approve the bills payment. Larson and Mayor Estenson will recuse themselves from their vouchers.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. CATERING PERMIT – 7 Lazy S requested a permit for October 10, 2026, 1890 Riders Halloween Party at the Armory. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the Catering Permit. Recreation District permission was received.
2. MALT BEVERAGE PERMIT – Rotary Club requested a permit for October 10, 2026, Fall Festival at Gottsche. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the Malt Beverage Permit. Gottsche permission was received.
3. STREET CLOSURE REQUEST – Falina Hill from the Chamber of Commerce presented a Highway Street Closure Request for the Lighted Christmas Parade December 4, 2026. Larson made a motion, seconded Hughes and carried to approve the road closure request.

PUBLIC HEARING: Lewis made a motion and carried to add a Public Hearing, which was advertised however did not make the Agenda, for the transfer of the Maverik Inc. Retail Liquor License to Maverik Group LLC. Mayor Estenson opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 pm after three calls for comments and hearing none the Public Hearing was closed at 7:11 pm. Larson made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to grant the transfer of the Liquor License to Maverik Group LLC.

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

PUBLIC WORKS: Basil Sorensen reported on the State Park water tank project.

ENGINEER:

1. CHIP SEAL PROJECT – Anthony Barnett presented the chip seal pay estimate #1 and substantial completion. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the pay estimate #1.
2. TANK PAINTING PROJECT – Barnett presented the change order #2 for the tank painting project, which grants an additional 7 days of work and $2,055.77 for State Park tank blasting. Pay Estimate #3 in the amount of $32,396.40 was presented for the State Park and Airport tank work. Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the pay estimate #3 and change order #2.
3. TRANSFER STATION PROJECT – Barnett reported the public notices were advertised in the newspaper and letters were sent to adjacent land owner for the open comment period. Discussion ensued regarding the transfer station process.

ADMINISTRATION:

1. SOFTWARE UPDATE – Treasurer/Clerk Guntly presented a request for software upgrades to Caselle, which is the main software system the Town uses for utilities, billing and personnel. Council agreed to move forward with the upgrades.
2. CDL TRAINING – Discussion ensued regarding CDL certifications for Town employees, which includes different training options, such as the virtual classes. Staff will look into the prices through Northwest College and report back.
3. AIRMEDCARE – Jim Jeunehomme presented group rates for Town employees through AirMedCare. Discussions followed regarding which air ambulance services came to this area most often. Staff will look into the different services and report back to the Council.

BILLS: Adam Estenson, Travel, $85.55; AFLAC, Insurance, $482.46; Brenntag, Lime, $10,990.30; Carquest, Supplies $1,424.66; Core and Main, Equipment, $795.54; Cummins, Block Heater, $389.47; Eforce, Subscription, $8,339.58; Empower, Retirement, $300.00; Engineering Assoc., Services, $27,135.99; Floyd's Truck, Parts, $316.53; Frandson Safety, Service, $50.00; Constance Guntly, Travel, $191.40; HACH, Lab Chemicals, $570.28; Kyle Happ, WYDOT Reimbursement, $46.08; Hawkins, Cylinder Rental, $10.00; Hose and Rubber, Adapters, $127.13; Hot Springs County, Phone, $139.32; HS Vet Clinic, Contract, $955; HSCSD#1, Fuel, $5,532.26; HTO, Chemicals, $1,471.64; Insurance Trust, Premiums, $50,854.00; Jadeco, Service, $3,336.24; JH Computer, Services, $252.00; JRA, INC. Services, $136.50; Keller Law, Service, $4,400.00; Laird Sanitation, Service, $100.00; Merchant McIntyre, Service, $5,000; Napa Motor Supply, Supplies, $75.53; NCPERS, Life Ins., $160.00; Vicki Nichols, Services, $49.00; Normont Equipment, Pipe, $569.61; O'Reilly, Parts, $173.92; Postmaster, Utility Billing, $509.85; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, $22,316.64; Chris Seilaff, Travel, $191.40; Steve's Plumbing, Services, $235.00; Stotz Equipment, Parts, $113.88; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, $80.40; T-Mobile, Phone, $473.69; Tony's TLC, Services, $9,552.00; TOT, Transfers, Utilities, $15,945.10; Tractor & Equipment Comp, Manlift, Rental, $712.00; USPS, Postage, $191.39; Unum, Insurance, $113.22; USA Bluebook, Supplies, $578.57; VSP, Insurance, $238.99; WWQ & PCA,

Registration, $425.00; Westech, Services, $44,192.00; Williams Law Office, Service, $900; WY Child Support, $250.00; Workforce Services, Workers Comp, $4,749.55; WY Retirement, Retirement, $29,254.93; WY.Com, Service, $25.00; Youth Alternatives, Services, $500; Payroll, $108,475.90; Payroll Taxes, $35,093.62.

At 8:35 pm Larson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dorman and carried. The next Council meeting is October 20, 2026, at 7pm.

ATTEST:

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Connie Guntly, Clerk/Treasurer Adam R. Estenson, Mayor