

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session September 19, 2017 at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Mike Mortimore, Council members Tony Larson, John Dorman Sr., Bill Malloy and Dusty Lewis. Also, present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Fred Crosby, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Police Chief Steven Shay, Public Works Director Ernie Slagle, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett and Town Attorney Hope Mead.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the financial statement for August 2017.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: HSC HOSPITAL DISTRICT: GRANT REQUEST: Dan Herdt and Melissa Johnson from the Hospital District asked for a letter of support for a \$1.5 million SLIB Grant. Malloy made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to allow the Mayor to sign a letter supporting the grant request.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: MAIN STREET-UPDATES: Suzanne Samuelson, board chairperson of Main Street Thermopolis, reviewed recent events.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: OTHER: Matt and Linda Hughes noted they have an issue with tree limbs from a neighbor's tree. Mortimore noted the request was given to Attorney Mike Messenger for a legal opinion.

TOWN ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: Barnett presented a timeline for the Airport tank painting. He noted the chip seal project would be finished this week and meetings were held on the sewer lift station repair.

TOWN ATTORNEY: HOPE MEAD: SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE SEWER AND SOLID WASTE RATES: Following the reading of the ordinance, Dorman made a motion and Malloy seconded to pass the second reading of the ordinance. Discussion ensued on the wording in the ordinance. Motion carried. For Thermopolis residential customers the base rate will increase \$2.00 per month for sewer and \$2.00 per month for sanitation. There will be corresponding increases to business rates and out-of-town customers.

ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: CREW CAB PICKUP BID AWARD: Crosby publically opened two bids on September 6, 2017. Bids for a 2017 ¾ ton crew cab included Casper Ford \$29,517 and Fremont Motors \$35,806.28. Malloy made a motion seconded by Lewis and carried to accept the low bid from Casper Ford.

ADMINISTRATION: 12TH STREET SEWER REPAIR: Crosby publically opened two bids on September 19, 2017. Bids to repair the sewer main at the intersection of 12th and

Johnson included Owl Creek Excavation \$34,991.80 (with the Town providing the gravel, pipe and concrete) and Copper Creek \$59,695.00. Barnett noted the project has to be permitted by the DEQ and meet DEQ and Wyoming public works standards. Larson made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to accept the low bid from Owl Creek Excavation.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: OTHER: The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. The next scheduled council meeting is October 3, 2017, at 7 pm.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Mike Mortimore, Mayor