

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session September 18, 2018 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 Sargent Pat Cornwell, Public Works Director Ernie Slagle, Town Attorney Mike Messenger and Town Engineers Heath Overfield and Anthony Barnett.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy 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 2018.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: HSC HOSPITAL DISTRICT – GRANT REQUEST SUPPORT: The District withdrew their request until spring of 2019.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: SHORTY’S CATERING PERMIT: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve Shorty’s catering permit for the FFA Harvest Moon Ball on September 29, 2018 at the Fairgrounds from 4:30pm to midnight. Fair Board approval was received.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: CILEY ANDREEN: FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: Andreen asked for permission to close 6th street from the alley south of McDonalds to the walking bridge for National Fire Prevention Day. Larson made a motion, seconded by Mortimore and carried to close 6th street, as requested, from 5-8 pm on October 9th.

ENGINEER: HEATH OVERFIELD: RED LANE WATER DISTRICT TANK: Discussion ensued on Red Lane Water district’s request to eliminate their storage tank. Topics included their sanitary survey, fire protection, using the town tanks for storage, repairs and maintenance on the Town’s system resulting in no water for Red Lane, potential “boil orders” and costs to clean storage tanks. Mortimore asked if there was a motion to allow the Red Lane Water District to use the Thermopolis water storage tanks for their water storage. None made. Crosby, Overfield and Messenger were directed to update the expired water contract with Red Lane.

ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: PROJECT UPDATES: Barnett noted Wilson Bros. will be using a pipe burster on 5th street, due to fiber optic lines hampering excavation. Barnett will also coordinate with Ciley Andreen for October 9th, when a portion of 6th street is closed, as the water main replacement project includes that area.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER: FIRST READING UPDATING ANIMAL CODES: Messenger read the ordinance, which amends Chapter 4 by increasing various fees and fines, providing definitions and other changes. Larson made a motion, Malloy seconded and carried to approve the first reading of the ordinance.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER: EMERGENCY ORDINANCE: 14TH STREET: Messenger read the ordinance, which declares 14th street a non-through street and provides for a penalty. Discussion ensued on wording changes, public input, long haul trucks and motor vehicles using 14th Street, Google directions and resident traffic. Messenger added the following wording to Section 2, “as a through street to bypass downtown/6th Street and Broadway Street”. Lewis made a motion, Dorman seconded to pass the emergency motion with the wording changes. Mortimore, Dorman, Malloy and Lewis voted no. Larson voted no. Motion carried. Slagle was directed to update the signs.

ORDINANCE 853

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING 14TH STREET FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH U.S. HIGHWAY 20 TO STATE HIGHWAY 120 A NON-THROUGH STREET,

PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON September 18, 2018.

ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: CREW CAB PICKUP BID: Crosby noted one bid was publically opened on September 10, 2018 at town hall. Greiner Motor-Casper bid \$30,469.00 for a 2019 F250 4x4-crew cab pickup. Discussion ensued on streets vehicles. Malloy made a motion and Lewis seconded to accept the bid from Greiner Motor. Voting aye were Mortimore, Malloy and Lewis. Larson and Dorman voted no. Motion carried.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: OTHER: Slagle was directed to trim the trees near the Broadway Bridge. The next Council meeting is October 2, 2018 at 7pm.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Mike Mortimore, Mayor