

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session December 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 Chief Steven Shay, Public Works Director Ernie Slagle, Town Attorney Bob Reese and Town Engineer Anthony Barnett.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the financial statement for November 2018.

NEW BANK ACCOUNT: INSURANCE HRA: Van Heule noted after discussion with the Insurance consultant, administration opted for a \$4,000 single deductible in order to obtain a better rate. The Town would establish a health reimbursement arrangement to fund the difference between the approved \$1,500 single deductible and the \$4,000 contract deductible. Corresponding increases apply to family coverage. Federal requirements mandate a separate accounting of the funds. Mortimore made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to establish the new HRA account.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: MERI ANN RUSH: UPDATES: Rush noted 2019 would be the 100th birthday of the Thermopolis Chamber of Commerce. Discussion ensued on decorative lighting, murals and bike paths (ideas gathered by the “Spark” group (a spin-off from the place-making workshop), grant writing, completing the flowerbeds, way-finding signs and the WIFI project.

ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: Larson made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve a contract amendment on the water line replacement project.

TOWN ATTORNEY: BOB REESE: Nothing at this time.

ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: BUREAU OF RECLAMATION CONTRACT: Crosby noted the 40-year contract for water storage in Boysen expires in May 2019. Discussion ensued on the work the Bureau of Rec employees will complete in order to satisfy federal rules and regulations and the estimated \$15,000 cost to perform those tasks. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to allow the Mayor to sign the M.O.U., send a check for \$15,000 and revise the budget for the unanticipated expense.

OTHER: Crosby noted the State Engineer’s Office approved the two-year hot water use agreement. He also completed the contract with Rocky Mountain Power for the additional streetlights and sent a check for a portion of the costs. Mortimore made a

motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the contract with Covenant Insurance Group for health insurance consulting.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: Mortimore made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to appoint Bill Malloy as the voting delegate for the WAM Winter conference. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm and the next Council meeting is January 8, 2019 at 7pm.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Mike Mortimore, Mayor