

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session December 4, 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, Public Works Director Ernie Slagle, Police Chief Steven Shay and Town Engineer Anthony Barnett.

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

MINUTES: Larson made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from November 6 and 20, 2018 and the executive session minutes from November 20, 2018.

BILLS: Dorman made a motion and Malloy seconded to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for November 2018; with pending approval of a portion of the Engineering Associates bill (\$36,156.68). Payment will be made following a contract amendment. Motion carried. Mortimore and Dorman abstained on the approval of the bills to their businesses.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: MARTY SMITH: SNOW REMOVAL ISSUES: Smith asked the Mayor and Council for an ordinance about snow removal. Discussion ensued on the use of 4-wheelers pushing snow into the street and depositing snow on previously cleaned areas. Smith noted when the Town crew cleaned the streets they often pushed snow back onto the sidewalks. Slagle will look into changing procedures. Smith was encouraged to contact neighbors and the 4-wheeler driver.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: TOBI JOHANSEN: WIFI: RT was contacted by Main Street Thermopolis and Rotary about obtaining free WIFI downtown. Main Street and Rotary will provide the equipment, RT will provide the service and Johansen and Brad Basse will donate their installation costs. Johansen asked the Mayor and Council for permission to install the one pound equipment on decorative light poles between 4th and 6th Street on Broadway. The Town will also pay for the electricity use. Larson made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the request.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: FORREST COLEMAN-WEISZ: MAP UPDATES: Coleman-Weisz noted Goggle maps has removed 14th street as a by-pass in their travel directions. Travelers are routed down 6th street and west on Broadway, rather than using 14th street. The Mayor and Council expressed their appreciation for Coleman-Weisz's work.

TOWN ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: Barnett noted Wilson Bros. pay estimate #8 was in the list of bills. Larson made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to advertise substantial completion on the water line replacement project. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the Mayor's signature on a two-year agreement with the State Engineers for hot water use in commercial areas.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Chief Shay and Public Works Director Slagle presented November reports for their departments. Codes Administrative Assistant Crosby had nothing at this time.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER: Nothing at this time.

ADMINISTRATION: Crosby noted property insurance will be increasing three percent. Discussion ensued on placing three street lights along US Hwy 20 from Canyon Hills Road to Lane 3. Mortimore made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to contract with Rocky Mountain Power for the lights and to approve the expense from One-Cent cash reserve. Cobra arms (14 feet long) will be placed on existing poles. Costs were estimated at \$14,100. Crosby also noted the Town's health insurance policy single deductible will increase to \$4,000 with corresponding increases to family coverage. For the 2019 year, the Town will establish an HRA account to cover the difference between \$1,500 and \$4,000 single deductibles and corresponding increases to family coverage.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: OTHER: The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm. The next Council meeting is December 18, 2018 at 7 pm.

BILLS: A & I Dist., Oil, \$725.55; AFLAC, Insurance, \$411.92; American Welding, Rental, \$7.37; BCN Telecom, Service, \$44.91; Big Horn Water, Service, \$29.50; Brenntag, Chemicals, \$10,870.25; Carquest, Supplies, \$1,091.81; Caselle, Maintenance, \$500.00; Chief Supply, Equip., \$5,785.48; Cmi-Teco, Supplies, \$42.99; CNA Surety, Bonds, \$595.00; Colonial Research, Supplies, \$1,156.80; Communication Tech., Parts, \$563.31; Digital-Ally, Parts, \$415.00; DPC, Rental, \$50.00; Elan City, Signs, \$8,993.00; Energy Lab, Service, \$192.00; Engineering Associates, Service, \$43,324.55; Entenmann-Rovin, Supplies, \$324.00; Flying Eagle, Plaques, \$34.00; Gottsche, Membership, \$310.00; Great West Trust, Retirement, \$2,380.00; Green Turf, Service, \$765.64; HSC Treasurer, Tax Collection, \$347.75; Hach, Supplies, \$414.97; Hasco, Supplies, \$141.17; High Plains Power, Service, \$187.69; HSC, Phone, \$62.94; HS Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955.00; HSCSD #1, Fuel, \$4,803.09; Independent Record, Service, \$872.56; Indoff, Supplies, \$177.42; Inland Truck, Parts, \$797.58; Insurance Trust, Premiums, \$43,484.00; Jack's Truck, Parts, \$193.76; Jadeco, Service, \$507.33; Julson Enterprises, Service, \$55.00; Ronald Jurovich, Judge, \$825.00; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$60.00; Medtech Forensics, Supplies, \$158.85; Messenger Law Firm, Service, \$4,808.00; Micro-Comm, Service, \$6,250.00; Mike Mortimore, Service, \$300.00; Montana CSED SDU, Child Support, \$906.00; Motorola, Service, \$5,952.48; Murdoch Oil, Diesel, \$1,844.54; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$240.00; One Call, Locates, \$21.00; O'Reilly Auto, Parts, \$533.79; Owl Lumber, Supplies, \$101.92; Pitney Bowes, Lease, \$143.55; Postmaster, Postage, \$520.24; Professional Dispatch Mgmt, Class, \$300.00; Railroad Mgmt, Fees, \$633.38; Red Rock Family Practice, Service, \$160.00; Reese & Rays, Supplies, \$31.48; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$15,395.23; Daniel Ross, CDL Reimb., \$40.00; RT, Service, \$495.46; Scrub Board, Service, \$187.50; Terracon, Service, \$2,052.00; The Office Shop, Contract, \$86.43; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, \$7,793.66; Thermopolis Petro & Tire, Service, \$745.96; Police Dept., Petty cash, \$37.96; TOT General, Acct'g & Collection, Streets Labor, \$13,500.00; TOT, Depreciation & Intergov Water, \$83,846.00; TOT, Petty Cash, \$39.99; Tractor & Equip., Service, \$1,309.46; Traveling Cmptr, Service, \$200.98; Unum, Life Ins., \$113.10; Verizon, Service, \$159.46; Visa, Supplies, \$2,436.50; VSP, Insurance, \$397.99; WAM, Registration, \$225.00; Wilson Brothers, Pay Est # 8, \$391,911.58; WY Child Support, Child Support, \$793.00; WY Gas, Service, \$1,028.02; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$21,118.82; WY Rural Water, Dues, \$450.00; WY Supreme Court, Automation Fees, \$1,325.00; Wyoming.com, Service, \$25.00; WY-Test, Service, \$75.00; Zupan Electric, Service, \$139.50; Payroll, \$85,271.30; Payroll Taxes, \$28,338.15.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Mike Mortimore, Mayor