

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on October 17, 2023, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Adam Estenson, Council members Bill Malloy, John Dorman Sr., Rachel Hughes and Dusty Lewis. Also, present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Jim Jeunehomme, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Police Chief Pat Cornwell, Town Attorney Marshall Keller 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: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the financial statement for September 2023.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Mayor Estenson noted that if anyone had a complaint with a town employee, they should file a complaint with the department head, so the matter could be documented and investigated. Dave Denton spoke in support of Sergeant Mike Mascorro.

TOWN ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: LANDFILL PROJECT SCHEDULE: Barnett referenced a landfill project schedule, noting an estimated closure date at the end of 2026 or early 2027. Barnett noted the landfill cells were recently surveyed and another company measured lagoon sludge. Results, on both, are forthcoming.

TOWN ATTORNEY: EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:08 Lewis made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to enter executive session, to discuss confidential information, as allowed under state statute 16-4-405(a)(ix). Regular session resumed at 7:26 pm. Mayor Estenson read the town's official statement (posted online and at town hall).

ADMINISTRATION: Jeunehomme noted the playground equipment is installed at Family Park. Additional discussion ensued on the Text-my-Gov app included cost, program details, proposed uses, and the recent purchase of the app by Hot Springs County. Lewis made a motion and Dorman seconded to explore sharing the app with the County.

ADMINISTRATION: OTHER: Jeunehomme noted he had received the health insurance renewal with a 1.77% increase and the offer needed to be locked in before October 24, 2023. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the health insurance renewal.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: Estenson noted a work session would be scheduled in the next two weeks to discuss water rate increases. At 7:46 Dorman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hughes and carried. The next Council meeting is November 7, 2023, at 7pm.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Adam R. Estenson, Mayor