

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session November 15, 2022, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Mike Chimenti, 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 Sergeant Mike Mascorro, Town Engineer Anthony Barnette, Public Works Director Ernie Slagle and Town Attorney Marshall Keller.

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 October 2022. It was noted that the Insurance Trust financial statement was not included due to lack of information from Allegiance.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: OEB SALOON: CATERING PERMIT: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve a catering permit for OEB Saloon for the DU Banquet at the fair grounds on December 3 from 5-11pm. Fair Board approval was received.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: JAMES SECKMAN: 2022 AUDIT RESULTS: Seckman presented the audit of the Town's June 30, 2022 financial statements. The audit includes reviewing accounting principles, assessing deficiencies (lack of segregation of duties), assessing compliance and reviewing reserves. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to accept the 2022 audit.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: KRISTEN GUNTHER – CHARGING STATIONS: Gunther from Otterspace Electric Vehicles noted her company, as owner/operator, would like to build a fast charging station, for electric vehicles, near the Chamber of Commerce. She evaluated several sites and contacted the utility about power. She noted the proposed site is ideal for the utility and close to the State Park and downtown, for users. She noted her company is also reaching out to other businesses to establish Level 2 charging stations (3-8 hour charging).

TOWN ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: Barnett noted Peppermint Street was paved and warranty work would be completed in the spring. He anticipates landfill well monitoring completion by the end of the month and recommends starting excavation work on the final landfill cell.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MARSHALL KELLER: Keller recommended changing town code to disallow connection to lead lines or the private repair of lead lines. Dorman made a motion and Larson carried to direct Keller to prepare an emergency ordinance for the change. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: Crosby noted he anticipates the health and property insurance renewals in December. He also reviewed a five-year contract with Range for internet service. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the contract. The contact will increase the internet speed and reduce the monthly charges.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: OTHER: Julia Schleusher asked if permits were needed for an upcoming run/walk sponsored by The Pit. (No permit is required as the run/walk participants will be required to use the walk signal at the stop light.) The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm and the next Council meeting is December 6, 2022, at 7pm.

ATTEST:

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Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

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Mike Chimenti, Mayor