

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session November 17, 2020 at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Mike Chimenti, Council members John Dorman Sr. and Bill Malloy. Councilmen Tony Larson and Dusty Lewis were present via Zoom. Also, present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Fred Crosby, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Public Works Director Ernie Slagle, Police Chief Julie Mathews, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett and Town Attorneys Mike Messenger and Marshall Keller.

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 Dorman and carried to approve the financial statement for October 2020.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: MICHAEL WRIGHT: TOWN AUDIT RESULTS: Wright was not in attendance due to COVID concerns. Van Heule noted the audit is like prior years, with the only comment being the lack of segregation of duties and emphasized the importance of oversight by the Mayor and Council. Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to accept the 2020 audit.

ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: Barnett noted the firm is working on the state engineers water report.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER: FIRST READING – CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES: Messenger read the ordinance which adds new ordinances and repeals some prior code. Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the first reading of the ordinance.

ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: DISCOVERY CENTER JPB APPOINTMENT: Crosby noted he is still waiting on paperwork from Joe Moon, whom the County appointed to one of the joint positions. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to appoint Jeb Schenck to the Discovery Center Joint Powers Board. The appointment will expire at the end of 2023.

ADMINISTRATION: POLICE VEHICLE BID AWARD: Crosby noted the following five bids were received: Performance Automotive-2021 Explorer, \$33,375; Bob Rewart Motors-2021 Dodge Pursuit, \$31,000; Ken Graff-2021 Dodge Pursuit, \$30,820; Greiner Ford-2021 Ford Explorer, \$33,222 and Fremont-Riverton-2021 Chevy Tahoe, \$37,473. Messenger noted vehicles are not included in the 10% residency. Larson made a motion and Dorman seconded to accept the low bid from Ken Graff, if delivery was included in the bid price. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION: DEQ PERMIT: Crosby noted a permit with 7 conditions was received for a transfer station. Additional discussion ensued on revising hours and days at the Landfill, to allow for two employees on duty.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: OTHER: Chimenti noted the Golf Board minutes were available. He also summarized a meeting with Dr. Miller and the increasing COVID cases. Mayor Chimenti asked for people to wear masks and noted Town Hall would be open by appointment. Staff will be available as normal. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 and the next Council meeting is December 1, 2020 at 7pm.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Mike Chimenti, Mayor