

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session November 20, 2018 at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Pro-tem Dusty Lewis, Council members Tony Larson, John Dorman Sr. and Bill Malloy. 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 Mike Messenger and Town Engineer Anthony Barnett. Mayor Mike Mortimore was absent.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the agenda with the following additions under Citizen Participation: Michael Wright – Town Audit presentation and Bengé Brown – Wild Turkeys.

RESOLUTION 546: BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve and adopt Resolution 546, which adjusts the budget to reflect actual costs.

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

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: MICHAEL WRIGHT: 2018 AUDIT RESULTS: Wright presented a brief synopsis of the audit. The opinion letter notes the June 30, 2018 financial statement presents fairly the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities and aggregate remaining fund information for the Town. Wright noted the Internal Control report lists the lack of segregation of duties as a significant deficiency. The report notes that it is impractical for the Town to employ sufficient staff to achieve adequate segregation of duties at all times. Wright emphasized the importance of oversight by the Mayor and Council. Larson made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to accept the 2018 audit.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: BENGÉ BROWN: WILD TURKEYS: Brown provided background information on the turkeys and noted the game and fish department does not pay for damage to personal property. He offered several suggestions to disrupt the turkeys as they roost. Discussion ensued with Kevin Simpson on options to disrupt the roosting turkeys. Simpson was granted permission by the police department to use pop bottle rockets to scare the roosting turkeys.

ENGINEER: LANDFILL SURVEY UPDATE: Barnett noted the landfill settlement survey was completed. The current cell (nine) has 34 feet at the back of the cell before it is at capacity.

ENGINEER: TREATED WATER PROJECT: Barnett noted Wilson Brothers requested substantial completion on the water project.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER: Nothing at this time.

ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL: Crosby noted due to a bad year, the town received a 26% increase on the renewal. He noted the employees deductible will be raised. Larson made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to raise the deductible from \$500 to \$1,500 for a single and \$1,000 to \$3,000 on family coverage. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION: IT CONTRACT: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve a two-year IT contract with Mike Mortimore for \$300/month.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: Lewis noted he would like to re-visit the snow removal policy. At 7:45pm the Mayor and Council entered into executive session for litigation as allowed under Wyoming statute 16-4-405(a)(iii). At 8:31 pm the council meeting resumed. Larson made a motion seconded by Lewis and carried to send a letter to the County to being negotiations on the JLE contract (expiring December 31, 2018). The meeting then adjourned. The next Council meeting is December 4, 2018 at 7pm.

ATTEST:

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Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

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Dusty Lewis, Mayor Pro-tem