

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session January 16, 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, Police Chief Steven Shay, Public Works Director Ernie Slagle, Town Engineer Heath Overfield and Town Attorney Mike Messenger.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the agenda with the addition of Fireworks under Town Attorney.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the financial statement for December 2017.

PUBLIC HEARING: LOONIES BIN LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER: Mortimore opened the public hearing at 7:03 pm. Discussion ensued on the disposition of the estate, past non-operational status and current plans. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mortimore and carried to approve transferring the retail liquor license from the Estate of Claudia D. Guertzgen to Melvin E. Guertzgen dba Loonies Bin. The hearing was closed at 7:08 pm.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: RT COMMUNICATIONS: FRANCHISE AGREEMENT: Becky Dooley, General Manager for RT Communications asked for clarification on the franchise agreement. Discussion ensued on the franchise rate, fiber upgrades, alley problems, changes to the agreement and franchise revenue. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mortimore and carried to lower the proposed franchise fee from 5% to 3.5%. Changes in the agreement details will be negotiated with the Town Attorney.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC LAND INFO: Ginger Bennet from the Public Lands Initiative updated the Mayor and Council on a upcoming meeting January 22, 2018 in Lander to negotiate changing the Wilderness Study designation on a portion of Copper Mountain that borders Hot Springs County.

TOWN ENGINEER: HEATH OVERFIELD: Overfield noted a pre-bid meeting on the water project will be held on Thursday February 18, 2018.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER: FIREWORKS: Messenger noted he received an inquiry about a fireworks permit and the current code. Following discussion, no action was taken.

ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: Crosby received two requests for streetlights at the Library and the Recreation Center. Following discussion, Crosby will inquire about installation costs.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: At 7:45 the Mayor and Council went into executive session for potential litigation as allowed under Wyoming statute 16-4-405(a)(iii). The council meeting resumed and then immediately adjourned at 9:20 pm. The next scheduled council meeting is February 6, 2018 at 7 pm.

ATTEST:

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Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

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Mike Mortimore, Mayor