

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session December 6, 2022, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Mike Chimenti, Council members John Dorman Sr., Bill Malloy and Dusty Lewis. Also present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Fred Crosby, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett, Public Works Director Ernie Slagle, Police Chief Pat Cornwell and Town Attorney Mike Messenger. Council member Tony Larson was absent.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the agenda as written.

MINUTES: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from November 1 and 15, 2022.

RESOLUTION 568: BUDGET: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to record the adoption of the budget as approved on June 21, 2022.

RESOLUTION 569: BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve and adopt Resolution 569, which adjusts the budget to reflect actual costs.

BILLS: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for November 2022.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: JACKIE DOROTHY: COUNTY GRANT REQUEST FOR SUPPORT: Dorothy noted Hot Springs County is seeking a Business-Readiness Grant for site development at the old airport. She asked for a letter of support from the Town. Discussion ensued on the age and size of the sewer mains, annexation and contracting with a non-district entity. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to table the request until the December 20th council meeting.

TOWN ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: SILO FINAL PAY ESTIMATE: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the final pay estimate and close out paperwork for Carr Coatings on the Silo Project.

WATER PROJECT: ASPHALT & PAY ESTIMATE: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to allow the mayor to sign pay estimate #4 on the water project and to allow for some asphalt costs to be paid by the General fund and to allow for a winter shut down on the project.

WATER RIGHTS UTILIZATION: Barnett also presented a report on how the Boysen water rights were used.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Chief Cornwell presented the November police report. Slagle presented the Streets and Alleys, Water, Wastewater, Sanitation and Landfill reports.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER: ORDINANCE 866: AN ORDINANCE DECLARING LEAD PIPE WATER LINES AND ASSOCIATED ATTACHMENTS ARE TO BE REPLACED WITH LEAD FREE MATERIAL ONLY AND DECLARING AN

EMERGENCY: Messenger read the ordinance. Lewis made a motion seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the emergency ordinance and change water line repair requirements.

PASSED, APPROVED & ADOPTED ON THE 6th DAY OF DECEMBER 2022.

ADMINISTRATION: PROPERTY INSURANCE RENEWAL: Crosby reviewed the property insurance renewal from HUB. Malloy made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the \$52,576 renewal to HUB.

ADMINISTRATION: HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL: Crosby also reviewed the three-percent health insurance renewal and noted there are no lasers and tele-health coverage would be added. Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the renewal with Allegiance and Companion Life. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the \$7,000 health insurance consulting contract with HUB.

ADMINISTRATION: HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to allow December 23 and 26 as town holidays.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL: CHIEF REQUEST: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to accept Pat Cornwell's resignation as police chief and return to Sargent position. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to accept the mayors appointment of Cornwell as Interim Chief until the new mayor and council makes the chief appointment.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: EMPLOYEE PAY INCREASE: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried for an employee salary increase of \$1.00 per hour. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm and the next Council meeting is December 20, 2022, at 7pm.

BILLS: 71 Construction, Cold Mix, \$17,241.00; AFLAC, Insurance, \$113.12; American Welding & Gas, Rental, \$182.29; Charles Bartlett, Utility refund, \$81.80; BCN, Service, \$62.88; Big Horn Water, Rental, \$40.25; Brenntag, Lime, \$13,038.10; Carquest, Supplies, \$1,162.75; Caselle, Software Support, \$748.00; CNA Surety, Bonds, \$595.00; Fred Crosby, Supplies, \$59.34; Cummins Rocky Mtn, Service, \$2,100.00; Dana Kepner, Parts, \$163.87; Desert Mtn Corp, Ice Slicer, \$5,519.62; Discover Thermopolis, Postage, \$61.01; Energy Labs, Service, \$585.00; Engineering Associates, Service, \$27,705.22; Ferguson Waterworks, Meters, \$3,635.03; Great West Trust, Retirement, \$2,440.00; Green Turf, Service, \$459.64; Hawkins, Rental, \$10.00; High Country Construction, Pay Estimate #4, \$190,814.34; High Plains Power, Service, \$89.76; Hopper Disposal, Tires, \$691.60; HSC Clerk, Phone, \$45.78; HS Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955.00; HSCSD#1, Fuel, \$6,717.52; HSC Treasurer, Tax Collection, \$365.62; HTO Chemical, Glycol, \$1,804.70; Independent Record, Service, \$873.55; Insurance Trust, Premiums, \$34,295.00; Jadeco, Service, \$237.49; Ron Jurovich, Service, \$900.00; Keller Law Firm, Service, \$1,000.00; Kimball Midwest, Tool, \$106.19; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$85.00; Michael Mascorro, Uniform, \$90.12; Messenger Law Firm, Service, \$4,900.00; Mike Mortimore, Service, \$450.00; Motor Power Equipment, Parts, \$135.35; Motorola, Fees, \$6,771.62; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$256.00; Normont, Parts, \$1,213.78; NW Pipe, Parts, \$589.53; One Call, Fees, \$3.75; O'Reilly Auto, Parts, \$132.24; Pitney Bowes, Lease, \$143.55; Postmaster, Postage, \$567.66; Professional Software, Fees, \$320.00; Pro-ware, Software fees, \$409.00; R & A Safety, Service, \$115.00; Railroad Mgmt, Fees, \$751.63; Range, Service, \$580.77; Riverside Mgmt, Utility Refund, \$203.60; Riverton Tire, Tires, \$753.20; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$15,605.61; Seckman & Thomas, Audit, \$15,000.00; SW Equip, Parts, \$325.44; The Office Shop, Service, \$237.71; Thermopolis Hardware, Parts, \$202.64; Thermopolis Police Dept, Petty cash, \$17.51;

Titan Machinery, Parts, \$372.70; TOT General, Acct'g & Collection, \$13,000.00; TOT Office, Supplies, \$59.00; TOT, Depreciation & Intergov Water, \$69,865.95; Tractor & Equip, Food Grease, \$245.54; Tumbleweed Propane, Propane, \$130.00; Unum, Life Ins., \$105.12; Verizon, Phone, \$466.98; Visa, Supplies, \$837.50; VSP, Insurance, \$339.11; Wamco Lab, Service, \$1,000.00; Wild West Const., Asphalt, \$6,608.25; Workforce Services, Workers Comp., \$2,536.22; WY APCO, Class, \$300.00; WY Gas, Service, \$1,746.19; WY Machinery, Repairs, \$12,202.67; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$22,005.17; WY Rural Water, Dues, \$475.00; WY.Com, Service, \$25.00; Payroll, \$90,841.86; Payroll Taxes, \$29,526.46.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Mike Chimenti, Mayor