

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session March 7, 2017 at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Mike Mortimore, Council members Tony Larson, John Dorman Sr. and Dusty Lewis. Also present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Fred Crosby, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Public Works Director Ernie Slagle, Police Chief Steven Shay, Town Engineer Heath Overfield and Town Attorney Hope Mead. Council member Bill Malloy was absent.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Lewis made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to amend and approve the agenda. The order of citizen participation was changed.

MINUTES: Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from February 7 and 21 and work session minutes from February 7, 2017.

BILLS: Larson made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for February 2017. Mortimore, Dorman and Lewis abstained on the approval of the bills to their businesses.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: MERI ANN RUSH: CHAMBER/SOLAR ECLIPSE: Rush noted meetings are held on the second Wednesday at 10 am at the fire hall. She updated the council on estimated visitors, the chamber website and planning (extra trash canisters/pickups, port-a-pots, phone hotlines and other). Bill Gordon, Emergency Management Coordinator also spoke on communication, emergency and medical planning for the event. The solar eclipse is Monday August 21, 2017.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: MELENE MIERZEJAWSKI: STREET CLOSURE: Melene noted the HSC Counseling Center has been rebranded The Well Spring. In honor of mental health month, in May, they will have a family run on May 13, 2017.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: JOHN ZUPAN: DISPATCH CENTER BID QUESTIONS: Zupan asked the Mayor and Council to review and possible reverse their decision on the Jadeco bill (dispatch cable cleanup). Discussion ensued on change orders, overages, precedent and taxpayer funds. Larson made a motion and Mortimore seconded to reconsider the Jadeco bill. Discussion ensued. Voting aye were Larson, Mortimore and Lewis. Dorman voted no. Motion carried. Larson made a motion to subtract \$1,000 from the amount over the bid. Motion died for lack of a second. Larson made a motion, seconded by Mortimore and carried to table the topic until the next council meeting. Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to void the approved check to Jadeco and wait to pay the invoices in question.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Chief Shay and Public Works Director Slagle presented February reports for their respective departments.

TOWN ENGINEER: HEATH OVERFIELD: Overfield noted the LDS Church property has a drainage problem on Richards Street. A storm drain was discussed in 2011, however the Church did not pursue, therefore an agreement was not completed. The church is evaluating the project and asked Harry Hughes to design the project. Hughes noted it is his understanding that the church has no interest in owning or maintaining a storm drain and pipe and would give the pipe and drain to the Town, after a one-year warranty. Discussion ensued

on the 170 feet of proposed pipe, easements, agreements, existing storm drains and maintenance. Mortimore made a motion and Larson seconded to allow the drain pipe, but noted the Town will not take ownership nor maintain the pipe and drain. Motion included Town's agreement to direct legal counsel to draft appropriate contract documents to place the private main in the public street, upon notification from the Church that they intend to move forward with the project. In discussion, it was noted it would be similar to a privately owned pipe and storm drain located in the parking lot at 119 South 6<sup>th</sup> street. Motion carried.

Overfield noted the DEQ was requesting the landfill maps be modified to delete the cell labels and boundaries on the south side of the landfill. Discussion ensued on labeling, re-using existing cells (not allowed), current cell fill rate (2 to 2.5 years and three remaining cells) and permit expiration (2020). Overfield stated that the engineers will work to accommodate the DEQ's request, while also identifying these future cells as part of the approved landfill area in case there is a possibility of future use for construction and demolition waste.

CODES ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: Nothing at this time.

TOWN ATTORNEY: HOPE MEAD: Nothing at this time.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL: OTHER: Overfield noted the County had requested that he and Crosby attend the pre-selection meeting (for a consultant) for the upcoming WWDC water study, sponsored by the Big Horn Regional Joint Powers Board. At 8:38 pm the Mayor and council went into executive session for potential land acquisition as allowed under Wyoming statute 16-4-405(a)(vii). The council meeting resumed and then adjourned at 9:18 pm. The next Council meeting is March 21, 2017 at 7 pm.

BILLS: 71 Construction, Cold mix, \$16,428.20; American Welding, Rental, \$41.81; BCN Telecom, Service, \$40.62; Big Horn Water, Service, \$29.50; Bobcat of the Big Horn Basin, Parts, \$66.90; Carquest, Supplies, \$1,818.36; Caselle, Maintenance, \$296.00; Chemco, Service, \$9,700.00; Communication Tech., Service, \$154.50; CR Locksmith, Lock, \$20.00; DPC, Tank Rental, \$50.00; Energy Lab., Service, \$145.00; Engineering Associates, Service, \$38,215.21; Fastenal, Service, \$161.30; Ferguson Waterworks, Supplies, \$935.57; Finishing Touches, Service, \$220.50; Gottsche, Dues, \$300.00; Great West Trust, Retirement, \$1,870.00; HSC Treasurer, Tax Collection, \$127.45; High Plains Power, Service, \$359.15; Honnen, Part, \$223.53; HS County, Phone & JLE expenses, \$4,407.47; HS Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955.00; HSCSD #1, Fuel, \$3,844.30; Independent Record, Service, \$697.90; Insurance Trust, Health Ins., \$43,915.00; Jadeco, Service, \$11,612.70; Julson Ent., Service, \$55.00; Ronald Jurovich, Judge, \$825.00; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$50.00; Mark Manzanaras, Refund, \$10.00; Michael Mascorro, Supplies, \$71.44; Messenger & Overfield, Service, \$9,878.00; Micro-Comm, Scada Cmptr, \$7,553.00; Mike Mortimore, Service, \$300.00; Montana CSED SDU, Child Support, \$906.00; Napa, Supplies, \$780.14; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$256.00; Norco, CO2, \$11,312.40; Normont, Parts, \$2,842.51; One Call, Locates, \$28.00; O'Reilly, Parts, \$411.81; Owl Lumber, Supplies, \$89.90; Print Zone, Service, \$203.65; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$15,711.13; Rod's Excavating, Snow Removal, \$1,386.00; RT, Service, \$537.56; Scrub Board, Service, \$187.50; Shopko, Supplies, \$114.93; The Office Shop, Copies, \$63.69; The Radar Shop, Service, \$517.00; Thermopolis Hardware, Parts, \$99.51; Thermopolis Petro, Tires, \$849.64; TOT General, Acct'g & Collection & Labor, \$20,915.00; TOT, Depreciation & Intergov Water, \$69,140.00; Traveling Computer, Service, \$50.73; Tumbleweed, Propane, \$18.33; US Postal, Postage, \$220.00; Unum, Life Ins., \$115.63; UPS, Freight, \$108.28; Verizon, Service, \$157.70; Visa,

Supplies, \$1,661.95; VSP, Service, \$449.32; WY Workforce, Ins., \$4,779.76; WY Gas, Service, \$3,702.80; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$17,938.30; WY Rural Water, Class, \$385.00; Wyoming Supreme Court, Fees, \$570.00; Wyoming.Com., Hosting, \$25.00; Payroll, \$76,293.76; Payroll Taxes, \$27,103.17.

ATTEST:

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Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

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Mike Mortimore, Mayor