

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session April 6, 2021 at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Mike Chimenti, 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, Public Works Director Ernie Slagle, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett, Police Chief Julie Mathews and Town Attorneys Mike Messenger and Marshall Keller.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Larson made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the agenda with the deletion of a catering permit for Shorty's.

MINUTES: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from March 2 and 16, 2021.

BILLS: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for March 2021. Larson abstained on the approval of the bill to his business.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: MERI ANN RUSH: LIGHTING REQUEST: Rush presented information on a Main Street Placemaking Grant. The required grant match will be funded by Main Street Thermopolis. Funding for decorative string lights on 5th between Broadway and Arapahoe and Arapahoe from 5th to 6th and painting and banners for Bi-centennial Park are included in the grant request. Malloy made a motion and Lewis seconded to allow the Mayor to sign the grant. Discussion ensued on power costs and timers. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: JUDY CARSWELL: DOWNTOWN EVENT REQUEST: Carswell requested a street closure on Broadway between 4th and 5th streets on June 19th from 4pm to 8pm for the Rusty Old Truck Market in conjunction with the car show and to close parking on the south side of Broadway between 5th and 6th during the day of June 19th. Malloy made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to allow the street closure.

TOWN ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: Barnett noted four bids were received for the Town Shop roof. Atlas bid \$75,747.12; Redd Roofing \$60,965.00; Dave Loden Construction \$55,885.00; and Limmer Roofing \$81,141.00. Larson made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to accept the low bid from Dave Loden Construction for \$55,885.00.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Chief Mathews presented the March police report. Public Works Director Slagle presented the March reports for Streets and Alleys, Water, Wastewater, Sanitation and Landfill departments.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER: FIRST READING: LIQUOR LICENSE ORDINANCE: Messenger noted the changes will reflect new state law, effective July 1, 2021. Following the first reading of the proposed ordinance, Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the first reading. It was noted the new law revises the restaurant definition and fast-food restaurants will be able to apply for a restaurant liquor license, as allowed or disallowed by local code.

CODES ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: R.O.W. AGREEMENT – LAHOE: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve a fence right-of-way permit for a four-foot fence on a corner lot at 310 S. 8th Street.

VARIANCE BOARD APPLICATION: Crosby noted former board member Jim Kirsch had moved. Larson made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve Meri Ann Rush's application for the Board of Appeals.

SPRING CLEANUP DATES: Following discussion, spring cleanup will be held the third week of May. Crosby noted four roll-offs would be available for Town citizen use.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: CONDITIONAL USE DENIAL APPEAL REQUEST – BRAD

BECERRA: Becerra had applied for a home occupation permit for a vehicle detailing business at his home on 1116 Amoretti. Codes Administrator Fred Crosby denied the request as the business would be operated in an accessory building, in a residential area, which is prohibited by Town code. Becerra requested the Mayor and Council overturn the decision. Discussion ensued. Larson made a motion to table the topic, to consult with the Town Attorney for legal aspects of any limitations. Larson also noted neighbor complaints would be investigated and Becerra could continue his unapproved detail business unless problems develop or the Mayor and Council uphold the denial of his application for permit. The motion was seconded by Malloy and carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL: OTHER: It was noted that the decorative light at 544 Park (P-6 Restaurant) had been broken. Mayor and Council consensus was to cap the light, since this is the third time it has been broken. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm. The next Council meeting is April 20, 2021 at 7pm.

BILLS: A & I Distributors, Oil, \$749.86; AFLAC, Insurance, \$298.22; American Welding & Gas, Rental, \$49.01; BCN, Service, \$61.81; Big Horn Water, Rental, \$105.40; BNSF, Fees, \$100.81; Bobcat of the Big Horn Basin, Parts, \$420.91; California State Disbursement, Child Support, \$700.00; Carquest, Supplies, \$2,178.95; Caselle, Maintenance, \$500.00; Communication Technologies, Service, \$467.00; DPC, Rental, \$50.00; Energy Labs, Service, \$329.00; Engineering Associates, Service, \$7,125.32; Fastenal, Parts, \$157.98; Gottsche, Membership, \$300.00; Great West Trust, Retirement, \$1,580.00; HSC Treasurer, Tax Collection, \$7.12; Hanson's Fire Equipment, Service, \$66.15; High Plains Power, Service, \$320.54; Honnen, Parts, \$1,091.65; Hopper Disposal, Tire Shredding \$2,927.60; HSC Fire District, Snow Removal, \$2,520.00; HS Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955.00; HSCSD #1, Fuel, \$3,248.32; Independent Record, Service, \$863.35; Indoff, Supplies, \$707.32; Insurance Trust, Premiums, \$40,645.00; Jadeco, Service, \$1,712.85; Julson Ent., Service, \$65.00; Ronald Jurovich, Judge, \$900.00; Kinsco, Balistic Vest, \$861.00; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$75.00; Legion Golf Club, Funding, \$10,000.00; Messenger Law Firm, Service, \$4,959.40; Mike Mortimore, Service, \$300.00; Motorola, Equipment, \$24,194.82; Municipal Treatment, Filter Media, \$52,907.68; Murdoch, Diesel, \$1,737.22; Napa-Riverton, Parts, \$1,807.47; Napa, Supplies, \$117.81; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$240.00; Norco, CO2, \$13,059.00; OSLIB, Loan, \$300,000.00; One Call, Fees, \$3.00; O'Reilly Auto, Parts, \$196.89; Postmaster, Postage, \$549.34; Range, Service, \$562.66; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$15,012.17; Scrub Board, Service, \$136.00; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, \$115.93; Tony's TLC, Contract, \$7,800.00; TOT General, Acct'g & Collection, \$13,000.00; TOT, Depreciation & Intergov Water, \$71,124.95; TCI, Computers,

\$4,094.97; Unum, Life Ins., \$114.26; UPS, Postage, \$48.80; Verizon, Phone, \$189.21; Visa, Travel & Supplies, \$498.71; VSP, Insurance, \$354.19; John Webber, CDL, \$40.00; Winn-Marion, Equipment, \$1,777.00; Winter Equip., Parts, \$2,708.56; WY Child Support, Child Support, \$175.00; Workforce Services, Workers Comp., \$2,449.98; WY Gas, Service, \$3,460.32; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$20,925.15; WY Rural Water, Class, \$27.00; WY Supreme Court, Fees, \$360.00; WY.Com, Service, \$25.00; WY-Test, Service, \$220.00; Payroll, \$86,650.66; Payroll Taxes, \$28,052.73.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Mike Chimenti, Mayor