

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session April 20, 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, Police Chief Julie Mathews, Town Engineers Heath Overfield and Anthony Barnett and Town Attorneys Mike Messenger and Marshall Keller.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Malloy made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the agenda with the deletion of Susan Lankford's request.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the financial statement for March 2021.

ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: Barnett noted the following two bids were received on the transfer station approach; Owl Creek \$7,282.60 and Big Horn Redi-Mix \$7,900.00. In discussion concerns were raised on the depth of the water line and it was noted both bids had additional unknown fees for time and material for buried cables. Larson made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to award the low bid to Owl Creek Construction.

ENGINEER: HEATH OVERFIELD: TRANSFER STATION: Overfield noted after attending a recent WYDOT planning meeting, the approach would need to be completed by May 14, 2021. WYDOT is planning to mill and overlay the highway north of Town in the summer of 2023. If the Town adds a turning lane, it would be best to have it completed before that time. Options may include adding the turning lane to the WYDOT project, with the Town sharing in the cost, or having the Town complete the work.

The Town is #7 on the DEQ landfill list for funding for the transfer station and #10 for closure funding. Overfield mentioned several higher rated projects will not be needing funding. Discussion ensued on increased costs for direct haul or hauling from a transfer station to a landfill (estimated to be \$40 to \$50 per month per household), privatizing the pickup, other municipalities and county participation, trash in the alleys, police calls for littering, stricter ordinances on trash, no longer providing pickup for items in the alleys and C & D waste.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER: LIQUOR LICENSE CHANGE INFORMATION: SECOND READING: Messenger read the ordinance and noted a request to add the bar and grill license cost and a change to the Microbrew license cost. Discussion ensued on the state statute restaurant definition change, which would allow franchises to obtain a restaurant liquor license. Discussion ensued. Malloy made a motion to remove the allowance for a franchise to obtain a restaurant liquor license. The motion died for lack of a second. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the second reading of the ordinance with the bar and grill and microbrew changes.

ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: TOWN UPDATES: Crosby noted the LGLP fees had decreased and the new police vehicle should arrive this week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:05 the meeting adjourned to go into executive session as allowed by State Statute 16-4-405 (a)(ii). The executive session ended at 8:12 pm and the meeting was immediately adjourned. The next Council meeting is May 4, 2021 at 7 pm.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Mike Chimenti, Mayor