

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session April 16, 2019 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, Police Chief Julie Mathews, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett and Town Attorney Mike Messenger.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Dorman made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the agenda with the correction of a catering permit for Thermopolis Liquor instead of Shortys.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the financial statement for March 2019.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: THERMOPOLIS LIQUOR: CATERING PERMIT: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve a catering permit for Thermopolis Liquor for the Wyoming Association of County Treasurers at Merlin's Hideout on May 20, 2019 from 5pm to 9pm.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: THERMOPOLIS GOLF CLUB: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve a catering permit for The Legion Town and Country Club for their Annual Fundraiser at the Armory from 6pm to 10pm on May 4, 2019. Joey Johnson, from the Golf Board, asked if the contract with the Town could have a 15-year term to coincide with the groups' bank loan. He updated the Mayor and Council on operating hours, the restaurant, sprinkler repairs, GIS, a member work day, an upcoming school tournament and summer help. Crosby noted administration requested the Town Engineer to design and permit the highway bore project.

LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER: ANTHONY J. DEROMEDI PROPERTY HOLDINGS LLC: Mayor Chimenti asked for any public comment on the proposed liquor license transfer. Hearing none, Lewis made a motion seconded by Larson and carried to approve transferring the retail liquor license for 500 S. 6th from Melvin E. Guertzgen to Anthony J. Deromedi Property Holdings LLC, effective April 17, 2019. Deromedi plans to open Healing Waters Tavern by June 1, 2019.

ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: PROJECT UPDATES: Barnett gave progress reports on the clarifier project, highway bore and the old Fire Hall roof.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER: Messenger updated the Mayor and Council on the JLE and IT contracts.

ADMINISTRATION: BOYSEN WATER STORAGE CONTRACT: Crosby and Messenger reviewed the contract, terms and conditions. Larson made a motion and Malloy seconded to accept the 40-year Bureau of Reclamation contract, pending receipt of the final document. Costs will increase based on CPI averages.

ADMINISTRATION: SRF WATER LOAN CLOSEOUT: Crosby reviewed several requirements to close out SRF #195. Larson made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter relinquishing \$107,745.71 (\$1.3 million approved, \$1.19 million drawn) and sending a check for \$450,000 for accrued interest and principal.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: TOWN CLEANUP WEEK: Ame Longwell, Nuisance enforcement, would like to coordinate nuisance citations with Town clean-up. The Mayor and Council gave approval for May 13-25 as clean up week. Four large roll-off dumpsters will be available. Longwell will coordinate with Public Works, Streets and the Police Chief. Discussion ensued on a free dump day, excluding tires and non-permitted items; revising codes on commercial property conditions and potential fines along the highway corridor.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: OLD FIRE HALL POSSIBLE REMODEL FOR POLICE: Discussion ensued on remodeling the old fire hall for police and dispatch. The Town Engineers were directed to obtain cost estimates. Additional discussion ensued on asbestos abatement.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:38 pm, the Mayor and Council entered into executive session as allowed under Wyoming statute 16-4-405(a)(iii) for potential litigation. At 8:27 pm the council meeting resumed and immediately adjourned. The next Council meeting is May 7, 2019 at 7pm.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Mike Chimenti, Mayor