

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session April 2, 2019 at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Mike Chimenti, Council members Tony Larson, John Dorman Sr. and Bill Malloy. 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 Attorney Mike Messenger. Council Member Dusty Lewis was absent.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Larson made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the agenda with the following changes: move Oath of Office to item C under Clerk/Treasurer.

MINUTES: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from March 5 and 19, 2019.

BILLS: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for March 2019, including a \$235.00 invoice to the Postmaster for the annual permit. Dorman and Larson abstained on the approval of the bills to their businesses.

OATH OF OFFICE: Messenger administered the Oath of Office to John Scott Gardner, a new police officer.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: LEE CAMPBELL: BLM PERMIT COMMENT PERIOD: Mayor Chimenti noted he wrote a letter to the DEQ asking for a 120 day extension to the comment period on the Moneta Divide Discharge. Chimenti noted he also made the same request by email and phone, as well as asking for a local meeting on the potential discharge into Boysen Reservoir. Campbell emphasized the importance of protecting the Town's source of water and gave several examples of resolutions, agreements and plans from other communities to protect drinking water. He noted several other organizations in the County also wrote letters to extend the comment period.

TOWN ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: NOTICE TO PROCEED: CLARIFIER PAINTING: Barnett was unable to attend. Crosby asked the Mayor to sign project paperwork and noted the painting project should begin April 8, 2019.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Chief Julie Mathews presented the March police report. Public Works Director Slagle presented March reports for Streets and Alleys, Water, Wastewater, Sanitation and Landfill departments. Slagle noted he will be asking for a quote to shred the tires at the Landfill as a recent DEQ inspection mandated the disposition of the tires. In October of 2017, the invoice was \$73,050 for 487 tons, he had planned to add the expense to the 2019-20 budget. Discussion ensued on options, including burying the tires, bailing, hauling them to a recycler, used and new shredders and raising rates. Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to change the budget to allow for the expense. The tire shreds are used for cover. Funds will be moved from Sanitation Reserve. Crosby noted the hospital project has begun, with Engineering Associates handling rebar inspections. He also noted another decorative light was hit near Family Dollar. Following discussion, the Mayor and Council recommended replacing the light.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER: AGREEMENT UPDATES & POLICE

POLICY RESOLUTION: Messenger noted he delivered the JLE contract to the County, is waiting to hear from the Golf Board, and is working on the Landfill Agreement. The Police Policy (Resolution 549) was presented. Messenger noted the resolution was approved at the March 5, 2019 council meeting and the Mayor was authorized to sign the document.

ADMINISTRATION: Crosby presented one of the Main Street signs. Discussion ensued on the weight and density of the signs, the arm weight limit and the pole manufacturer's recommendations.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL: PROCLAMATION: TELECOMMUNICATION WEEK:

Mayor Chimenti proclaimed April 14-20 as national telecommunications week. Chimenti noted Malloy would like to be removed from the Golf Course Board and Larson will replace him. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm and the next Council meeting is April 16, 2019 at 7pm.

BILLS: A & I, Oil, \$1,038.12; AFLAC, Insurance, \$308.69; American Welding, Supplies, \$46.08; BCN Telecom, Service, \$43.10; Big Horn Water, Service, \$329.00; BNSF, Lease, \$95.02; Carquest, Supplies, \$574.22; Caselle, Maintenance, \$500.00; Cody Overhead Door, Repair, \$450.00; Discover Thermopolis, Supplies, \$400.00; DPC, Rental, \$50.00; Energy Lab, Service, \$150.00; Engineering Associates, Service, \$9,364.04; Ferguson Waterworks, Parts, \$330.88; Gottsche, Membership, \$300.00; Great West Trust, Retirement, \$1,380.00; HSC Treasurer, Tax Collection, \$8.67; Hach, Parts, \$322.89; Hansons Fire Equipment, Service, \$296.63, Hawkins, Parts, \$1,331.84; High Plains Power, Service, \$277.05; Hot Springs County, JLE, \$13,405.07; HSC Fire District, Snow Removal, \$2,312.50; HS Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955.00; HSCSD #1, Fuel, \$3,570.71; Independent Record, Service, \$1,169.20; Indoff, Supplies, \$21.19; Insurance Trust, Premiums, \$43,834.00; Jadeco, Service, \$180.00; Ronald Jurovich, Judge, \$825.00; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$60.00; Legion Golf Club, Funding, \$10,000.00; LGLP, Insurance, \$13,543.00; Messenger Law Firm, Service, \$4,808.00; Mike Mortimore, Service, \$300.00; Montana CSED SDU, Child Support, \$453.00; Murdoch Oil, Fuel, \$1,711.12; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$240.00; Office of State Lands, Loan, \$29,455.06; O'Reilly Auto, Parts, \$1,134.09; Owl Lumber, Part, \$37.98; Postmaster, Postage & Permit, \$1,101.26; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$14,657.79; RT, Service, \$495.38; Scrub Board, Service, \$150.00; Southwestern Equip., Part, \$1,487.82; T & E, Parts, \$242.06; Tegeler, Bond, \$50.00; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, \$83.71; Police Dept., Petty cash, \$20.77; Tony's TLC, Contract, \$7,500.00; TOT General, Acct'g & Collection and Streets Labor, \$18,899.60; TOT, Depreciation & Intergov Water, \$83,891.00; TOT, Petty Cash, \$44.00; Thermopolis Landfill, Closure, \$30,000.00; Traveling Computer, Service, \$108.99; Tumbleweed, Propane, \$261.25; Unum, Life Ins., \$113.52; UPS, Postage, \$10.92; USA Blue Book, Parts, \$324.81; Verizon, Service, \$159.86; Visa, Travel & Supplies, \$677.61; VSP, Insurance, \$372.09; WY Child Support, Child Support, \$667.00; Workforce Services, \$6,727.00; WY Gas, Service, \$3,010.02; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$19,493.09; Wyoming Rural Water, Classes, \$790.00; WY Supreme Court, Fees, \$250.00; WY.com, Service, \$25.00; Payroll, \$88,018.12; Payroll Taxes, \$27,613.99.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Mike Chimenti, Mayor