

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session April 18, 2017 at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Pro-tem Dusty Lewis, Council members Tony Larson, John Dorman Sr. and Bill Malloy. Also, present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Fred Crosby, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Police Chief Steven Shay, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett and Town Attorney Mike Messenger. Mayor Mike Mortimore was absent.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Larson made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the agenda as written.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Larson made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the financial statement for March 2017.

AUDIT CONTRACT: Malloy made a motion, Dorman seconded and carried to approve the Town's audit contract with Koerwitz, Michel, Wright and Associates.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: MERI ANN RUSH: CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM: Following Rush's presentation, Malloy made a motion and Dorman seconded to give support for the program. Requirements for the Town include passing an ordinance or resolution on historic preservation. Rush will form a board and the board will be responsible for the annual report. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: GENE PETERSON: Mr. Peterson, who resides at 409 S. 3rd would like the Mayor and Council to consider changing the codes to allow for east/west lot splits, change zoning for his property and add language to protect buyers. Crosby noted east/west lot splits are not feasible as water and sewer lines would be affected. Peterson can apply for a home occupation permit, as spot zoning changes are unlikely.

TOWN ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: PROJECT UPDATES: Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to allow the Mayor to sign WYDOT form M-54, a utility access permit. For the upcoming water line project, the Town will need to encroach into Broadway Street for the 7th street water main. Barnett noted no additional loan forgiveness was available at the SLIB meeting. He noted he is working with Slagle on an issue with pump guide rails at the main sewer lift station.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER: Nothing at this time.

ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: WAM VOTING DELEGATE: Larson made a motion seconded by Lewis to appoint Malloy as the Towns voting delegate at the WAM convention. Voting aye were Larson, Dorman and Lewis. Malloy abstained.

ADMINISTRATION: OTHER: Larson made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to enter into a contract with JLA Services to spray weeds in the alleys. The estimate totaled \$6,141.80.

ADMINISTRATION: OTHER: Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve converting 27 of the decorative street lights to LED bulbs, with any necessary budget changes to come from General Fund cash reserve. The proposal for the changeover is \$155 per light.

ADMINISTRATION: OTHER: Larson made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve a right-of-way license agreement with Jacob Strenger for a fence permit at 145 Clark.

ADMINISTRATION: HOPE AGENCY REQUEST: Crosby presented a request from the HOPE Agency for funding snow removal. No action was taken.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: The ground breaking ceremony for the new dinosaur museum will take place April 22 at 11 am. The next scheduled council meeting is May 2, 2017, at 7 pm.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Dusty Lewis Mayor Pro-Tem