

COUNCIL MINUTES

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on April 16, 2024, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Adam Estenson, Council members Bill Malloy, John Dorman Sr., Rachel Hughes and Dusty Lewis. Also, present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Jim Jeunehomme, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Town Attorney Marshall Keller and Town Engineer Anthony Barnett.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the financial statement for March 2024.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: JACKIE DOROTHY: TRAVEL & TOURISM UPDATE:

Dorothy noted the group is requesting a 2% lodging tax on the November ballot, instead of 4%. The State of Wyoming is charging 5%, with 2% coming back to Hot Springs County. She noted the tourism digital sign is anticipated to be located at the southern entrance of town, the 100th anniversary of the Yellowstone highway, an upcoming visit from an international tour company and the increase in lodging tax revenues. Malloy made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve a resolution (Resolution 579) for the lodging tax to be placed on the ballot.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: AUDRA DOMINGUEZ-WYOMING DISCOVERY DAYS, 4TH

OF JULY EVENT: Dominguez requested a malt beverage permit and closure of 5th street from Broadway, south to the alley for a 4th of July event. The event, hosted by Wyoming Discovery Days, is from 5:30 to 10 pm and will feature dinner, live music and other activities. Malloy made a motion and Dorman seconded to approve the street closure and malt beverage permit. In discussion, Estenson suggested Dominguez develop a contingency plan for a large group of people. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Sam Khalsa asked about the abatement of 117 Fremont. Estenson noted the abatement day was April 16, 2024, and the town is taking the next steps.

CODES ADMINISTRATION: RIGHT-OF-WAY FENCE PERMIT: Jeunehomme presented a right-of-way permit request for a three-foot solid vinyl fence for 440 Amoretti. He noted the fence meets all requirements. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the fence right-of-way permit.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: HOT SPRINGS STATE PARK (HSSP) RFP LETTER OF SUPPORT:

Lewis noted he was approached by a state park official to see if the town supported the RFP process. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the letter of support to the Wyoming State Parks & Cultural Resources.

MAYOR & COUNCIL OTHER: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to adjourn at 7:20 pm. The next Council meeting is May 7, 2024, at 7pm.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Adam R. Estenson, Mayor