

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on May 7, 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, Police Chief Pat Cornwell, Public Works Director Basil Sorensen, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett and Town Attorney Marshall Keller.

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

MINUTES: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from April 2 and 16, 2024 and the executive session minutes from April 2, 2024.

BILLS: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for April 2024.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: JUDY CARSWELL: RUSTY TRUCK MARKET: Carswell provided information on the Rusty Truck Market on June 22, 2024, at 5th & Broadway, from 8am to 4pm.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: SHORTY'S: CATERING PERMIT: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve a catering permit for Shorty's for the Figure 8 Race, at the Fairgrounds on May 11, 2024, from 10 am to 11 pm. Fair Board approval was received.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: CENTRAL BANK & TRUST: MALT BEVERAGE PERMIT: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve a malt beverage permit for Beer & Brats at the State Park on May 23, 2024.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: TRAVEL & TOURISM BOARD APPOINTMENT: Jeunehomme noted only one application was received. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to appoint Christopher Delay to the Travel & Tourism Board for a 3-year term.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: BROOKS JORDAN/CHRIS DELAY: STATE PARK UPDATES: Brooks Jordan, district state park manager, reviewed the 2016 master plan report, the recent construction of the Arch entrance (paid for by the State of Wyoming), concessionaire lease agreements and expiration dates (the lease for the Star Plunge expires on December 31, 2024 and the lease for the Hot Springs Hotel expires on October 31, 2026). Jordan also reviewed the request for proposal (RFP) process required by the State of Wyoming, and noted Wyoming Hot Springs LLC was awarded the lease on the Star Plunge and the Hot Springs Hotel. Jordan discussed potential updates, beginning with the Teepee Pool and clarified that there would still be free access to the mineral water at the bath house, that the state would keep admission prices affordable, and the state would work with the new operator to keep the facilities open during

remodeling. The council asked about members of the scoring committee, the old operators, affordability, one concessionaire running 3 of the 4 concessions, and keeping the trees and grass areas. Several citizens spoke in favor of the current operators and questioned the proposed changes. Brooks noted there would be several public meetings and opportunities for further comment.

PUBLIC HEARING: JULIE MATHEWS HOME OCCUPATION: TRANSFER/BUY/SELL FIREARMS: Discussion ensued. After the meeting it was noted the public hearing procedure was not entirely followed and will be re-scheduled for the May 21, 2024, meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: The Police report, the Streets and Alleys, Water, Wastewater, Sanitation and Landfill reports and Engineering reports were available for review.

CODES: RIGHT-OF-WAY FENCE PERMIT: 845 MONDELL STREET: Jeunehomme noted the lot does not have alley access, sits on a corner and the rule for a front yard only applies to the north exposure of the house. The permit will authorize a 6' privacy fence along the west side of the home. Malloy made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the fence right-of-way permit.

ADMINISTRATION: SPRING CLEAN UP: Jeunehomme noted the annual spring clean up is scheduled for May 13 – May 18th, with free dump day on May 18th.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: MENTAL HEALTH MONTH PROCLAMATION: Estenson read the proclamation, which proclaims May 2024 as mental health awareness month.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: At 7:58 pm, Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to adjourn. The next Council meeting is May 21, 2024, at 7pm.

BILLS: AFLAC , Insurance, \$363.12; American Welding & Gas, Acetylene & Rentals, \$201.96; BCN, Phone, \$95.51; Big Horn Water, Rental, \$53.25; Brenntag, Lime, \$10,322.04; Carquest, Supplies \$1,652.13; Caselle, Support, Software \$773.00; CMI-TECO, Parts, \$212.65; D&S Express, Part, \$294.35; Dana Kepner, Equipment & Parts, \$7,705.79; Econo-Sign, Signs, \$2,086.91; Energy Labs, Service, \$571.00; Engineering Assoc., Service, \$20,308.01; Fastenal, Supplies, \$109.91; Great West Trust, Retirement, \$840.00; Hawkins, Rental, \$20.00; High Plains Power, Service, \$234.32; HSC Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955.00; HSCSD#1, Fuel, \$3,071.64; HSC Treasurer, Fees, \$9.39; IR, Legal Ads, \$920.00; Indoff, Supplies, \$28.86; Insurance Trust, Premiums, \$39,264.00; Invictus, Software, \$1,814.00; Jadeco, Service, \$5,041.16; JRA, Service, \$35.00; Thomas Judy, Compost, \$136.00; Ron Jurovich, Service, \$900.00; Keller Law, Service, \$4,400.00; Lacial Equip., Part, \$54.00; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$100.00; Michael Mascorro, Mileage, \$241.20; Murdoch Oil, Fuel, \$3,016.65; Napa, Supplies, \$677.76; Natrona County Sheriff's Office, Fee, \$55.00; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$192.00; One Call, Fees, \$22.50; O'Reilly, Supplies, \$34.46; Pitney Bowes, Lease, \$163.83; Postmaster, Postage, \$1,003.48; R & A Safety, Service, \$90.50; Range, Service, \$555.18; Riverton Tire, Tires, \$732.00; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$15,026.11; Sherwin Williams, Supplies, \$181.48; Staples, Supplies, \$51.86; The Office

Shop, Contract, \$190.99; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, \$772.86; Thermopolis PD, Petty Cash, \$18.00; Tommerup, Service, \$5,766.92; TOT, Depreciation & Utilities, \$71,402.75; Tractor & Equip., Parts, \$204.98; Unum, Insurance, \$114.28; USA Bluebook, Supplies, \$34.35; Verizon, Phone, \$469.19; Visa, Supplies, \$1,083.77; VSP, Insurance, \$310.34; Workforce Services, Workers Comp, \$2,436.77; WY Gas, Service, \$2,538.01; WY Public Health Lab, Fees, \$72.00; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$23,397.81; WY.Com, Service, \$25.00; Zero 9 Solutions, Supplies, \$295.65; Payroll, \$95,099.98; Payroll Taxes, \$30,682.57.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Adam Estenson, Mayor