

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session May 16, 2017 at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Mike Mortimore, Council members Tony Larson, John Dorman Sr., Bill Malloy and Dusty Lewis. Also, present were Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Police Chief Steven Shay, Public Works Director Ernie Slagle, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett and Town Attorney Hope Mead.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Larson 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 April 2017.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: LAMOM KONG: BANGKOK THAI: SIDEWALK SEATING: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to allow three tables with two chairs each, in front of the Thai restaurant, as long as it does not impede pedestrian traffic.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: MERI ANN RUSH: VETERANS TREE: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Mortimore and carried to allow Rush to designate the large evergreen tree in Bi-centennial Park as the Veterans tree. Rush will decorate the tree with donated red, white and blue lights and place a donated plaque in front of the tree.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: BILL GORDON: SPRING RUN-OFF: Gordon noted the Bureau of Reclamation expects 1.5 million acre feet of water into Boysen Reservoir. The operational plan is to release 8,000-acre feet/second, however amounts will be determined by the amount of water coming in. Gordon urged the Town to consider contingency plans for storm sewers, the 6th street bridge, the water plant and the railroad underpass.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: PRCA RODEO: Larson made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve street closures for the parade and dance on June 24, 2017. The south side of Broadway will be closed from 6th to 4th street and 6th street from Shoshoni to Broadway (pending WYDOT approval) from 9:30 am to 11 am. The north side of Broadway will be closed from 6th street to 420 Broadway from 9 pm to midnight. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mortimore and carried to allow open container in the street closure area from 9 pm to midnight.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: RON JUROVICH: Mortimore made a motion, Malloy seconded and carried to close 5th street from Park Street to the alley between Park and Mondell on June 3, 2017 during an auction.

TOWN ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: PROJECT UPDATES: In reference to high water in the Big Horn River, Barnett noted the underpass is on state park property and he would not recommend installing checks or plugs in the storm drains that could cause the pipes to collapse. If the 6th Street water line fails, a cap can be installed near the water plant. Larson made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to allow the Mayor

to sign an addendum with the South Thermopolis Water & Sewer District. The addendum allows the district to open a valve for six months to allow for water flow for a commercial sprinkler system.

TOWN ATTORNEY: HOPE MEAD: SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE OPERATING HOURS AND DAYS UNIFORM FOR ALL LICENSES:

Following the reading of the ordinance, Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman carried to pass the second reading of the ordinance.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: FIRST READING OF THE 2017-2018 BUDGET: Discussion ensued on changing the one cent budget, moving \$30,000 from the reserve to streets for a ¾ ton crew cab truck. Malloy made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the first reading of the FY 17-18 budget with the change for the truck.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: EDC BOARD MEMBER REQUEST: Mortimore made a motion and Larson seconded to appoint Lewis to the EDC Board. Voting aye were Mortimore, Larson, Dorman and Malloy. Lewis abstained. Motion carried.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: OTHER: Larson made a motion and Dorman seconded to appoint Malloy to the Golf Board. Voting aye were Mortimore, Larson, Dorman and Lewis. Malloy abstained, motion carried. Discussion ensued on the police/animal control contract with East Thermopolis. Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to increase the contract to \$25,000/ year for police protection and \$30,000/year for police and animal control. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. The next scheduled council meeting is June 6, 2017, at 7 pm.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Mike Mortimore, Mayor