

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session June 1, 2021, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Mike Chimenti, Council members John Dorman Sr, Bill Malloy and Dusty Lewis. 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 Marshall Keller. Councilman Tony Larson was absent.

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

MINUTES: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from May 4 and 18, 2021.

BILLS: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for May 2021.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: DOUGLAS NELSON: FARMERS MARKET: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve closing 5th street from Broadway south to the alley on Saturdays from June 19 to October 16, 2021, from 7am to noon for the farmers' market.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: RACHEL MOON: MUSEUM EVENT: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve closing 7th street from Broadway north to the alley on Saturday August 14th for an event at the museum.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: JACKIE DOROTHY: TOURISM UPDATE: Dorothy updated the Mayor and Council on a new website and U-tube channel for the Tourism Board.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: DARRIN BUTCHER: LAWN WASTE: Butcher asked for chickens to be allowed in town. Lewis made a motion to allow chickens in town. The motion died for lack of a second.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: HOT CITY ALLIANCE: REQUEST: Chris Paris and Wade Lippincott spoke on behalf of the Hot City Outdoor Alliance. The organization has received a \$20,000 grant and is looking for \$20,000 to match, to establish a durable trail up Roundtop. Discussion ensued on funding, tourism and users. Malloy made a motion and Lewis seconded to match up to \$5,000 of the amount the County would allocate. In discussion, Lewis noted he would like the Town's allocation to be independent of the County. Motion carried. Lewis then made a motion to amend the prior motion to allocate the funds, with no stipulations. Malloy seconded and the motion carried. It was noted this is a one-time special allocation.

TOWN ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: Nothing currently.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Chief Mathews presented the May police report and noted 48 yards had been tagged for cleanup. Public Works Director Slagle presented the May reports for Streets and Alleys, Water, Wastewater, Sanitation and Landfill departments.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MARSHALL KELLER: Nothing currently.

ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: SECOND READING OF THE 2021-2022 BUDGET:

Crosby noted there were no changes from the first reading. Federal COVID funds were discussed. Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the second reading of the budget.

ADMINISTRATION: TRAVEL & TOURISM BOARD APPOINTMENT: Crosby noted only one application was received. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to appoint Carl Leyba to a three-year term on the travel and tourism board.

ADMINISTRATION: OTHER: Crosby noted the landfill contract will be expiring and a copy of the prior extension was sent to the County. A special council meeting to pay year-end bills will be held on June 29th at 5pm. A work session will be held at 6 pm on June 15 with Jackie Dorothy about upcoming projects. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm and the next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 15, 2021, at 7pm.

BILLS: AFLAC, Insurance, \$298.22; American Welding, Rental, \$51.45; Applied Concepts, Radar, \$5,737.50; BCN, Service, \$62.39; Big Horn Water, Rental, \$37.45; Blue 360 Media, Supplies, \$663.00; BNSF, Fees, \$934.79; Brenntag, Chemicals, \$21,325.36; CA State Disbursement, Child Support, \$700.00; Carquest, Supplies, \$1,461.43; Caselle, Software & Maintenance, \$2,660.00; Dana Keptner, Meters, \$4,222.74; Discover Thermopolis, Forms, \$27.00; DPC, Rental, \$50.00; Energy Labs, Service, \$600.00; Engineering Associates, Service, \$12,845.87; ERA, Supplies, \$578.04; Eurofins Abraxis, Supplies, \$459.66; Fastenal, Parts, \$292.81; Gottsche, Membership, \$280.00; Great West Trust, Retirement, \$1,880.00; HSC Treasurer, Tax Collection, \$27.48; High Plains Power, Service, \$194.95; HSC, Election, \$3,506.96; HS Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955.00; HSCSD #1, Fuel, \$3,556.69; Independent Record, Service, \$841.55; Indoff, Paper, \$24.38; Insurance Trust, Premiums, \$37,470.00; Jadeco, Service, \$612.00; John Pinter, Service, \$430.00; Julson Ent., Service, \$65.00; Ronald Jurovich, Judge, \$900.00; Koerwitz, Michel, Wright, Service, \$180.00; Kusel's, Refrigerator, \$822.00; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$75.00; LGLP, Insurance, \$11,571.00; Messenger Law Firm, Service, \$4,900.00; Mid-American Research, Chemicals, \$353.20; Mike Mortimore, Service, \$300.00; Motor Power Equip, Part, \$419.98; Murdoch, Diesel, \$1,838.87; Napa, Supplies, \$91.74; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$240.00; Normont, Tac Oil, \$7,481.56; One Call, Fees, \$21.75; O'Reilly Auto, Parts, \$267.16; Owl Creek Excavation, Service, \$12,410.60; PMI, Service, \$50,000.00; Pitney Bowes, Lease, \$143.55; Postmaster, Postage, \$580.17; Randolph Refrigeration, Repair, \$262.00; Range, Service, \$538.48; Riverton Tire & Oil, Tires, \$4,818.30; Road Runner, Parts, \$89.27; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$14,818.99; Scrub Board, Service, \$136.00; Tactical Gear, Supplies, \$140.00; The Office Shop, Contract, \$461.00; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, \$498.65; TOT General, Acct'g & Collection & Streets Labor, \$15,660.00; TOT, Depreciation & Intergov Water, \$72,702.55; Tractor & Equip, Parts, \$85.75; UPS, Postage, \$29.15; USA Blue Book, Supplies, \$599.20; Verizon, Phone, \$189.41; Vernon Manufacturing, Part, \$450.00; Visa, Travel & Supplies, \$330.29; VSP, Insurance, \$331.11; WAM, Registration, \$240.00; WY Child Support, Child Support, \$175.00; Workforce Services, Workers Comp., \$2,321.86; WY Gas, Service, \$1,643.32; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$19,735.00; WY Supreme Court, Fees,

\$1,290.00; WY.Com, Service, \$85.00; WY-Test, Service, \$90.00; Payroll, \$81,136.18; Payroll Taxes, \$26,262.77.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Mike Chimenti, Mayor