

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session May 3, 2022, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Mike Chimenti, Council members Tony Larson, John Dorman Sr., Bill Malloy and Dusty Lewis. Also present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Fred Crosby, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett, Public Works Director Ernie Slagle, Police Chief Pat Cornwell and Town Attorneys Mike Messenger and Marshall Keller.

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

MINUTES: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from April 5 and 19, 2022.

BILLS: Larson made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for April 2022.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: GARY GREEN: MAIN STREET THERMOPOLIS: BREWFEST: Larson made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve a Malt Beverage permit on June 4, 2022, for the Main Street Brewfest. It was agreed to allow Broadway between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> street to be closed on June 4, 2022, from noon to 9pm for the Brewfest. It was noted both sides of the street will be closed.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: JACKIE DOROTHY: TRAVEL & TOURISM UPDATES: Dorothy asked for \$5,000 to \$10,000 in funding for a visual billboard to replace the event board near the Fair Grounds. She noted the sign will cost about \$120,000 and \$70,000 has been raised. Discussion ensued, the Mayor and Council will consider the request in the upcoming budget.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: MERI ANN RUSH: OVERSIZED PARKING SIGNS: Rush asked for an area for oversized parking. Discussion ensued. Crosby, Barnett and Slagle will present an option for the oversized parking at the next council meeting.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: OFF-TRACK BETTING MACHINES: Jill Jarrard representing Wyoming Downs noted that business owner, Jennifer Fisher would like para-mutual machines at OEB Saloon. Jarrard noted the County commissioners approved Wyoming Downs to operate in the county. She discussed disbursement of funds, other para-mutual locations in the state, gaming commission rules and procedures and asked for permission to allow the machines at OEB Saloon. Messenger noted the Town code would require amendment to allow the gaming machines. Jarrard noted once approved, it could take up to six months to install the machines. OEB Saloon is considering 18 to 20 machines. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to amend the ordinance to allow for para-mutual gambling.

TOWN ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: NOTICE TO PROCEED-SILO PAINTING: Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the notice to proceed to Carr Coatings on the silo painting project. Barnett also noted four contractors were present for the pre-bid meeting on the water project bid. The bid opening is May 11<sup>th</sup>.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Chief Cornwell presented the April police report. Slagle presented the Streets and Alleys, Water, Wastewater, Sanitation and Landfill reports. It was noted Slagle has worked for the Town for 45 years. Crosby noted Family Dollar was open.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MICHAEL MESSENGER: Messenger noted there will likely be no changes to the Charter franchise agreement. Discussion ensued on receiving drawings of buried cable lines, most are overhead.

ADMINISTRATION: Crosby noted the Spring cleanup is May 16 to 21, 2022.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL: Lewis noted the Roundtop trail is nearing completion. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm. The next Council meeting is May 17, 2022, at 7pm.

BILLS: AFLAC, Insurance, \$226.40; American Welding & Gas, Rental, \$59.32; Axon Ent, Supplies, \$1,415.63; BCN, Service, \$64.96; Big Horn Water, Rental, \$29.50; Brenntag, Soda Ash, \$11,673.25; Bureau of Rec, Contract, \$3,938.00; Canyon Concrete, Fill, \$246.00; Carquest, Supplies, \$1,109.86; Alan Carswell, Substitute Judge; \$200.00; Caselle, Maintenance, \$568.00; City of Riverton, Upfit PD Vehicle, \$1,768.02; CR Lock, Service, \$90.00; Discover Thermopolis, Postage, \$68.65; DPC, Rental, \$50.00; Energy Labs, Service, \$282.00; Engineering Associates, Service, \$21,759.32; Fastenal, Parts, \$264.52; James Folsom, Safety Boots, \$68.25; Great West Trust, Retirement, \$2,340.00; HSC Treasurer, Tax Collection, \$5.26; Hansons Fire Equip., Service, \$14.49; High Plains Power, Service, \$227.81; HSC Fire District, Snow Removal, \$1,980.00; HS Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955.00; HS Weed & Pest, Weed Killer, \$1,140.85; HSCSD #1, Fuel, \$4,876.26; HUB, Fees, \$485.00; Independent Record, Service, \$981.85; Insurance Trust, Premiums, \$38,320.00; Jadeco, Service, \$10,350.57; Devin Jaussaud, Fuel Reimb., \$384.47; Ronald Jurovich, Judge, \$900.00; Keller Law Firm, Service, \$1,000.00; Lacal Equip., Parts, \$923.51; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$85.00; Long Building Tech, Service, \$1,183.93; Messenger Law Firm, Service, \$4,900.00; Mike Mortimore, Service, \$300.00; Motor Power Equip., Parts, \$568.78; Murdoch, Fuel \$4,176.35; Napa, Parts, \$900.87; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$240.00; Normont, Oil, \$6,261.54; One Call, Fees, \$9.00; O'Reilly Auto, Parts, \$230.05; Peterbilt, Parts, \$250.43; Postmaster, Presort permit & Postage, \$843.60; Range, Service, \$530.13; Loretta Reavis, Utility Refund, \$44.44; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$13,796.28; Robert Stehlin, Service, \$255.00; Tactical Gear, Uniforms, \$228.00; The Office Shop, Service, \$80.60; Thermopolis Hardware, Parts, \$27.97; TOT General, Acct'g & Collection, \$13,000.00; TOT General, Office Supplies, \$30.40; TOT, Depreciation & Intergov Water, \$68,873.95; Tracey Van Heule, Mileage, \$128.70; Tractor & Equip, Parts, \$402.57; Unum, Life Ins., \$105.12; Verizon, Phone, \$511.60; Visa, Supplies, \$2,556.43; VSP, Insurance, \$344.76; WAM, Registration, \$240.00; WY Child Support, Child Support, \$125.00; Workforce Services, Workers Comp., \$2,332.42; WY Gas, Service, \$2,649.82; WY Public Health Lab, Fees, \$72.00; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$19,591.16; WY.Com, Service, \$30.00; Payroll, \$82,588.94; Payroll Taxes, \$26,317.57.

ATTEST:

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Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

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Mike Chimenti, Mayor