

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session June 21, 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, Public Works Director Ernie Slagle, Police Chief Pat Cornwell, Town Engineer Anthony Barnette and Town Attorneys Mike Messenger and Marshall Keller.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the agenda with the change of moving the police officer oath of office after the third reading of the budget.

RESOLUTION 567: BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve and adopt Resolution 567, which adjusts the budget to reflect actual costs.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the financial statement for May 2022.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2022-2023 BUDGET: Chimenti opened the public hearing at 7:02 pm. Crosby noted an increase for fuel and grant revenue between the second and third draft. No public comments were received. The public hearing closed at 7:05 pm.

THIRD READING OF THE 2022-23 BUDGET: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the third reading of the budget.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MICHAEL MESSENGER: POLICE OFFICER: OATH OF OFFICE: Messenger administered the oath of office to Thomas Gamblin II, a new police officer.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: MERI ANN RUSH: PAGEANT PARADE: Larson made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the Pageant Day Parade and street closures on August 6, 2022.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: MERLIN & BARB HEINZE: CONSTRUCTION CONCERNS: Barb Heinze asked for more information on the upcoming water project and the Richards Street closure. Discussion ensued on the project start date, the project will begin in another area, the completion of the Family Dollar parking lot on the west and a street cut, using the alley for access, additional signage, timetables for the water line and paving. Chimenti noted the Town would contact the Heinze's after gathering more information on the parking lot and contractor's schedule.

TOWN ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: Barnett noted the contractor for the water project will begin moving equipment to Town on July 11 and the silo painting project is expected to begin on July 18. The engineers will also work on a topography map for the last landfill cell.

AGENDA: Larson made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to revise the agenda to include the third reading of the Para-mutual gambling ordinance.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MICHAEL MESSENGER: PARI-MUTUAL EVENTS ORDINANCE:
THIRD READING: Messenger read the ordinance which amends the ordinance to allow for para-mutual gambling and other skill-based games. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the third reading of the ordinance, with an effective date of July 1, 2022.

ORDINANCE 864

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TOWN CODE SECTION 11-611 CONCERNING GAMBLING BY ADDING AN EXCEPTION TO THE ORDINANCE BY PERMITTING PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING AND SKILL-BASED AMUSEMENT GAMES PURSUANT TO WYOMING STATUTE §11-25-101, ET.SEQ.

Passed on first reading May 17, 2022

Passed on second reading June 7, 2022

Passed, approved and adopted on third and final reading June 21, 2022.

ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: JOINT LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER (LEC)

CONTRACT EXTENSION: The agreement is the same as last year, except for the dates.

Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to allow the mayor to sign the two-year agreement.

ADMINISTRATION: LANDFILL CONTRACT EXTENSION: The agreement is the same as last year, except for the dates. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to allow the mayor to sign the one-year agreement.

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

MAYOR & COUNCIL: EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: Public Works Director Ernie Slagle was presented a plaque for 45 years of service to the Town of Thermopolis.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: OTHER: Malloy reviewed the following topics from the WAM Convention: landfills, housing, recreation, WYDOT electric charging stations, USDA funding and workplace harassment. Discussion ensued on how other communities are solving the problems. Malloy noted some of the larger cities are putting in infrastructure and annexing. Subdivisions and bonding were also mentioned. Additional discussion ensued on the Roundtop Trail road access. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm and the next Council meeting is June 29, 2022, at 5pm. to pay year-end bills.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Mike Chimenti, Mayor