

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session July 16, 2019 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 Julie Mathews, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett and Town Attorney Mike Messenger.

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

ASSET DELETIONS: Larson made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the Enterprise asset deletion list totaling \$139,167.82 and the General Fund asset deletion list totaling \$30,931.85.

RESOLUTION 554: BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve and adopt Resolution 554, 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 June 2019.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: SHORTY'S: CATERING PERMITS: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve two catering permits for Shorty's Liquor. The permits are at the Fairgrounds and include Pig Wrestling, July 30, 2019, 5pm to 10pm and Demo Derby, August 17, 2019 4pm to 11pm. The Fair Board approved both events.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: ONE EYED BUFFALO: MALT BEVERAGE PERMIT: A new state law allows breweries to obtain malt beverage permits to sell only their product, for on-premise consumption. (No growlers, no cans, no package.) Lewis made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the permit.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: TANNER COLBURN: Mr. Colburn, representing a roofing contractor expressed concern that the Town doesn't inspect residential roofs and the inexpensive landfill fees. Topics included cost of permits, insurance requirements, photos of installed products, personnel expenses, training, liability, personal responsibility, landfill fees and the Town purchasing a newspaper ad with suggestions for questions to ask contractors.

ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: PROJECT UPDATES: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the final pay estimate to Carr Coatings for the Clarifier painting project. Barnett noted the cost to repair the turbine drive for Clarifier #1 was \$98,856 and the cost for a new drive was \$103,287. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the emergency repair and purchase of the new drive.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER: LAND EXCHANGE: Messenger noted the Town is planning to exchange land behind the golf course for land closer to the highway for a possible transfer station. Larson made a motion and seconded by Malloy to sign the agreement. Messenger noted before the transaction is complete, a notice will be published, followed by a

hearing for public comment. The deed exchange will not be complete until after the public hearing. Motion carried.

TOWN ATTORNEY: ESTOPPEL AGREEMENT: Messenger noted the Town and Country Club has borrowed money from a bank and the bank is requiring an estoppel agreement on the loan. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to sign the agreement.

TOWN ATTORNEY: CATERING & MALT BEVERAGE PERMITS: Discussion ensued on recent catering permits, the new state statute, new forms from the liquor division, requiring permittees to attend the meeting, increasing the permit fees from \$10 to \$25, communicating with law enforcement and rules for applicants.

ADMINISTRATION: HAIL STORM CONSTRUCTION UPDATES: Crosby referenced the earlier discussion.

ADMINISTRATION: TOWN OWNED PROPERTY DAMAGE: Crosby noted an adjuster had looked at 10 of the 19 damaged vehicles and totaled five of them. The deductible is \$1,000 per vehicle. He will prepare a list of possible vehicles to buy back for the Mayor and Council's approval, as the vehicles are needed and replacement will take some time. Chief Mathews is exploring purchasing two 2019 Chevy Tahoe's through a State contract. Crosby will send building property damage photos to the insurance company.

ADMINISTRATION: ENTERPRISE FUNDS: Crosby noted after the June utility rate review is completed, utility rate increases will be prepared for the August 6, 2019 meeting. Discussion ensued on the type of increase. After discussion, the council would like to pursue incremental increases throughout the year.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: Lewis asked about police presence in East Thermopolis. Mathews noted the Town is patrolled by the County, unless there is an emergency, then the police department will respond. The State Park will be added to patrol routes once the M.O.U. is signed by state officials. Crosby noted an IT contract with the County will be presented at the next meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:08. The next regular Council meeting is August 6, 2019 at 7pm.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Mike Chimenti, Mayor