

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session July 7, 2020 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, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett, Town Attorney Mike Messenger and Police Chief Julie Mathews.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Larson made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the agenda with the addition of Jacky Roessing under Citizen Participation.

MINUTES: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from June 2, 16 and 29, 2020.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: SHORTY'S: CATERING PERMIT: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve a catering permit for Shorty's Liquor for the Ducks Unlimited Banquet on July 22, 2020, at the Fairgrounds from 5 pm to 11pm. Fair Board approval was received.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: DOUG NELSON: FARMERS MARKET REQUEST: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve closing 5th street from Broadway east to the alley on Saturdays from July 25 to September 26, 2020 from 7am to noon for the farmers market.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: JACKY ROESSING: CHICKENS: Ms. Roessing asked to have four chickens in town. Mayor Chimenti noted there was an ordinance prohibiting chickens.

TOWN ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: The proposed chip seal project was discussed. Dorman made a motion seconded by Malloy and carried to postpone the project until spring/summer 2021 to make sure one-cent sure funds are available.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Chief Julie Mathews presented the June police report and answered questions about the concert and fireworks. Public Works Director Slagle presented June reports for Streets and Alleys, Water, Wastewater, Sanitation and Landfill departments.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER: AGREEMENTS & EXTENSIONS: Messenger noted the County had signed the two-year JLE contract extension and one-year landfill contract extension. Dorman made a motion seconded by Larson to allow the Mayor to sign the landfill extension. In discussion, Larson noted he would like to see a solid waste district or solid waste joint powers board formed. Motion carried. Larson made a motion, Malloy seconded and carried to allow the Mayor to sign the JLE extension.

ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: SLIB LETTER: Larson made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter relinquishing the remaining grant funds on MRG19034HS – Springview Sewer.

ADMINISTRATION: HSC HOSPITAL: SLIB LETTER OF SUPPORT: Crosby noted the hospital is applying for COVID funds. Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to allow the Mayor to sign the letter.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: HEATHER HAYS: RANCH RODEO: Shane Wilson, representing the Thermopolis Cowboy Rendezvous requested a malt beverage permit for the Ranch Rodeo on July 18, 2020. The event will be held at the Fairgrounds. Larson made a motion, Lewis seconded and carried to approve the permit. Mr. Wilson was advised to follow rules established by the Police Department.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL: Larson recounted the recent vandalism at Candy Jack Park.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL: EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:23 pm, the Mayor and Council went into executive session as allowed under Wyoming statute 16-4-405(a)(ii) for personnel. At 7:45pm, the Mayor and Council returned to the regular meeting. It was noted that Mr. Hacker's two letters had been delivered to the Mayor and Council. Mr. Messenger noted there was to be no communication between any member of the governing body and himself nor between himself and any member of the governing body. At 7:48 the meeting adjourned. The next Council meeting is July 21, 2020 at 7pm.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Mike Chimenti, Mayor