

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session July 3, 2018 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Mike Mortimore, Council members John Dorman, Bill Malloy and Dusty Lewis. Also, present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Fred Crosby, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Police Chief Steven Shay, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett, Public Works Director Ernie Slagle and Town Attorney Mike Messenger. Council member Tony Larson was absent.

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 minutes from June 5 and 19, 2018.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: SONYA BECKER: FARMERS MARKET STREET CLOSURE: Mortimore made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve closing 5th street from Broadway to the alley on Saturdays from July 28 to September 29, 2018. Permission was given to use Bicentennial Park in the event there is still street construction or gravel in the street.

TOWN ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: Barnett noted the water lines are back on in the State Park and paving and curb and gutter will be completed later this summer. Fifth Street water main replacement will begin July 5; the Canyon Hills water main is back online and the Fremont Street project has not started.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Chief Steven Shay and Public Works Director Slagle presented June reports for their departments.

CODES ADMINISTRATION: Crosby noted the owners at 703 Arapahoe would like to put up a six-foot vinyl privacy fence on the corner lot. Following a description and picture of the proposed fence, Lewis made a motion and Malloy seconded to approve the right-of-way fence agreement. Discussion ensued on an upcoming ordinance change for fencing permits. Motion carried. Crosby summarized codes activity.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER: FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE RESIDENTIAL FENCING REGULATIONS: The ordinance will allow a six-foot fence in one of the front yards of a corner lot if visibility & other requirements are met; appeals will be to the governing body instead of the Board of Appeals. Following the reading, Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the first reading of the ordinance.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER: FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ALLOCATION OF REPAIR COSTS ON WATER SERVICE

LINES: The ordinance would allocate repair costs between the Town of Thermopolis and property owner on water line repairs between the main and the curbstop. Currently property owners are responsible for repairs from the water main to the residence. Following the reading of the ordinance, Malloy made a motion, seconded by Mortimore and carried to approve the first reading of the ordinance.

ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: Crosby noted the agreement with Service Line Warranties of America (endorsed by National League of Cities) to offer a homeowner maintenance plan for water and sewer line repairs was mailed.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: OTHER: The meeting adjourned at 7:27pm. The next Council meeting is July 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Mike Mortimore, Mayor