

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session July 18, 2017 at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Mike Mortimore, 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, Police Chief Steven Shay, Public Works Director Ernie Slagle, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett and Town Attorney Mike Messenger.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Malloy made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the agenda with the addition of an emergency ordinance for court automation fees.

MINUTES: Larson made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from June 6, 20 and 29, 2017 and the executive session minutes from June 6, 2017.

RESOLUTION 536: BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve and adopt Resolution 536 that adjusts the Town budget to reflect current revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2016-17.

ASSET DELETIONS: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Mortimore and carried to approve the \$307,489.17 deletion list for the Enterprise Fund.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the June 2017 financial statement.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: SHORTY'S – CATERING PERMITS: Larson made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve two catering permits. The permits are for the Ranch Rodeo at the Fairgrounds on August 5 and 6th from 4-11 pm.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: SONYA BECKER: FARMERS MARKET STREET CLOSURE: Larson made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve closing 5th street from Broadway to the alley on Saturdays from 8 am to 11 am, July 29 to September 30, 2017.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: DISCOVERY CENTER JOINT POWERS BOARD UPDATE: Spokeswoman Toddi Darlington noted the Board had applied for a TAP Grant for sidewalks, north of Park Street, between the highway and the railroad tracks. The Board has funds to match the grant.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: 14th ST. CITIZENS: TRAFFIC ISSUES: Several citizens complained about the increased traffic on 14th Street and vehicles not stopping at the stop signs. Discussion ensued on street disintegration, GPS, safety, speed bumps, lighting or flagging signs, changing the weight limits, hiring another officer, enforcement, compliance, toll roads and closing the street. Dorman made a motion, seconded by

Larson and carried to purchase two flashing signs and possibly moving the “no truck traffic” signs further out.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: UPPER FREMONT STREET: DRAINAGE ISSUES: Ray & Belinda Moore stated that since the water line replacement project last year and WYDOT’s culvert addition, there have been water drainage issues in their area. They requested a leach line to the storm drain. Discussion ensued. The Town Engineer and Public Works Director will inspect the storm drain inlet.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: MAIN STREET THERMOPOLIS: STREET CLOSURE: Shurie Scheel requested closing the north side of Broadway on Saturday August 19th from 7 pm to 1am for a street dance. Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to allow the street closure. Additional discussion ensued about the demolition derby, eclipse activities, strained resources of the police department and open container. Mortimore made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to allow open container in the street dance area.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: OTHER: Linda Hughes again expressed her displeasure with having President Trump’s picture in the council chambers. Mortimore noted no further comments on the President’s picture would be heard.

TOWN ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: CHIP SEAL BID: Barnett noted two bids were publicly opened, Wild West Construction was the apparent low bidder with \$92,454.00 and Hard Drives Construction bid \$103,751.45. Following tabulation, which uses the unit price value to determine the bid amount, it appears there was an incorrect unit number carried to the wrong line on the Wild West bid. Crosby contacted Bill Sheets from Wild West Construction, who stood by his bid and noted he wrote the wrong unit price. Larson made a motion, seconded by Mortimore and carried to accept the \$92,454.00 bid from Wild West Construction with the following unit prices: mobilization \$1,000, traffic control \$1,000, asphalt \$972.62 and aggregate of \$111.53. Barnett also noted Barnum completed some warranty work on the upper Fremont water line.

TOWN ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: RESOLUTION 539: WWDC FUNDED WATER TRANSMISSION LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to accept \$1,545,200 from WWDC toward the \$2.8 million project.

WYDOT ROAD MAINTENANCE: RESOLUTION 538: Mortimore made a motion seconded by Malloy and carried to approve Resolution 538. The resolution provides financial assistance to the town in exchange for maintaining the highway as outlined in state statute.

CODES ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT: Dorman made a motion seconded by Larson and carried to allow a 3-foot sign at Canyon Hills Trailer Court.

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

TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER: EMERGENCY COURT AUTOMATION FEE INCREASE: Following the reading of the ordinance, Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the ordinance.

ORDINANCE 848

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 836, INCREASING THE COURT AUTOMATION FEE FROM \$10.00 TO \$25.00 PURSUANT TO W.S. 5-6-108 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT.

Passed, Approved and Adopted on the 18th day of July, 2017.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER: RESOLUTION 537: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS: Mortimore made a motion and Malloy seconded to pass Resolution 537 which establishes procedures and fees for public record information requests. Discussion ensued on the fees. Motion carried.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: OTHER: The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm. The next scheduled council meeting is August 1, 2017, at 7 pm.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Mike Mortimore, Mayor