

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session August 21, 2018 at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Mike Mortimore, Council members Tony Larson, 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 Attorney Bobbi Overfield and Town Engineers Heath Overfield and Anthony Barnett. Council member John Dorman Sr. was absent.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the financial statement for July 2018.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: WILSON BROS: PROJECT DISCUSSION: Danny May, project manager for Wilson Bros., noted the work in the State Park was delayed due to many unusual buried items. John Fish from Hot Spring State Park noted Wilson Bros., faced several unforeseen obstacles, including not being able to burst a main under an historic wall. Mortimore made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to allow a substantial completion extension for the 2017 Thermopolis Pipeline Replacement Project. The Town Engineer will assess the delays and provide a recommendation to council as the work progresses.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: HSC JOINT POWERS BOARD: WELL REQUEST: Neil Miller from the Hot Springs County Rural Water Joint Powers Board presented a handout on developing a regional water well at Lysite Mountain. After taking a few moments to look at the handout, discussion ensued. Jeffrey Rosenlund from DOWL reviewed data. Additional discussion ensued on the EDU amounts on the handout vs the draft, lower EDU and per thousand water rates for the districts, the final presentation of the study (Sept 1), and USDA rural development funding and procedures. Miller requested the Town make a decision on the \$2 million well drilling project and \$32 million dollar transmission line projects at the meeting, so the joint powers board could meet a September 1 funding deadline. Matt Brown a landowner near the proposed Lysite Mountain well spoke against the project. Topics included notification, easements, effect on the Black Mtn oilfield and its injection wells, Madison formation wells in Hyattville and other functioning wells. Malloy made a motion to abandon the topic. The motion died for lack of a second. Vance Lundgren (another landowner) noted he had been told if his springs dried up, the proposed well could be shut down (due to prior water rights). Additional discussion ensued on the existing water plant, the estimated 20-year water plant life, on-going repairs and upgrades and USDA funding for water plants. No action was taken.

ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: PROJECT UPDATES: Barnett noted prior to the extension, the substantial completion of the water line project is the end of August, he anticipates that most of the pipe along 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> street will be put in the ground. Paving

was completed in the State Park and on Canyon Hills Road. The upper Fremont Project is complete.

ENGINEER: HEATH OVERFIELD: RED LANE REQUEST: Overfield noted the Red Lane Water District owner would like to remove the storage tank and install a pressure reducing valve (PRV). Discussion ensued on small system rules, the existing line, PRV's, DEQ rules, PSC rules and no water to that area during repairs. Overfield will ask the owner to inquire with the DEQ.

TOWN ATTORNEY: BOBBI OVERFIELD: Nothing at this time.

ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: Nothing at this time.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: OTHER: The next Council meeting is September 4, 2018 at 7pm.

ATTEST:

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Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

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Mike Mortimore, Mayor