

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session August 7, 2018 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, Public Works Director Ernie Slagle, Police Chief Steven Shay, 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 July 17, 2018 executive session minutes, Main Street and the Discovery Center under Citizen Participation, vehicle bid award under Police and light poles under Administration.

MINUTES: Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from June 28, July 3 and July 17, 2018 and the executive session minutes from July 17, 2018.

BILLS: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for July 2018. Dorman abstained on the approval of the bill to his business and Mortimore abstained on the approval of his reimbursement and bill to his business.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: THERMOPOLIS LIQUOR – LICENSE REQUEST:  
Mortimore made a motion, Lewis seconded and carried to allow Compass Realty Group Inc., dba Thermopolis Liquor to cater an event outside of the licensed area.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: TOM RYAN-HSC RURAL JOINT POWERS BOARD:  
Representing the HSC Joint Powers Rural Water Board were Phil Scheel and Matt Ryan. Ryan noted the Level 2 study is being completed and the board was looking at a Level 3 application to proceed in drilling a well at the Lysite mountain location. The application is due in September. Drilling costs are estimated at 2 million dollars with the potential of 67% being funded by Wyoming Water Development. A variety of costs, in addition to the Town's base rate were discussed. Including the Town's EDU's (equivalent dwelling units) would help spread the cost over more users. Additional discussion ensued on the current board, whether the entities would have to pay for an inadequate well, state requirements if the well is viable, costs to construct and maintain a pipeline, costs for water in other Big Horn Basin communities, low water use by a quarter of the Town's users, economic ability for senior citizens, availability of the final report, Big Horn Regional, redundant water sources, availability of water in the Big Horn River, water plant upgrades, mothballing the water plant, raising rates before water is available to help pay for drilling and piping, the Buffalo Creek well and effects on the Big Spring, legislative approval needed for funding and applying next year. Ryan noted he would gather more information and come back on August 21, 2018.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: MERI ANN RUSH: MAIN STREET: Rush noted the group had applied for and received two grants. One grant is for signs in the downtown area, the second is for landscaping to the east and west of the flagpole on Broadway. Two upcoming meetings were mentioned and a rededication of the Bi-Centennial Veterans Tree is planned for Veterans Day. Rush also explored the idea of asking for donations for Christmas lights.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: BIG HORN BASIN NATURE & DISCOVERY CENTER  
JOINT POWERS BOARD: LETTER OF SUPPORT: Larson made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to allow the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the Discovery Center in their pursuit of a National Endowment of the Arts Our Town Grant.

TOWN ENGINEER: PAY ESTIMATE #4: Barnett noted the pay estimate was in the list of bills and paving should begin the week of August 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

POLICE DEPT: VEHICLE BID: Shay noted five bids were publically opened on August 6<sup>th</sup> at town hall. The bids for a 2019 Ford Explorer, less the trade-in of a 2011 Dodge Charger included: Thunder Basin Ford \$24,578; Trans West Ford \$25,420; Greiner Ford \$22,314; Fremont Lander \$26,077.68 and Spradley Barr Motors \$24,293. Malloy made a motion, seconded by Mortimore and carried to accept the low bid from Greiner Ford.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER: THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE RESIDENTIAL FENCING REGULATIONS: Following the reading, Malloy made a motion, Lewis seconded and carried to approve the third reading of the ordinance.

#### ORDINANCE 852

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPLACING TOWN CODE SECTION 15-1106 and 15-1102 CONCERNING FENCING REGULATIONS: ADDRESSING CORNER LOT FENCES AND STREET VISIBILITY BY INCLUDING ALLEYS; AND REQUIRING FENCES TO ALIGN WITH THE BUILDING OR BUILDINGS; AND ELIMINATING APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Passed on First Reading July 3, 2018

Passed on Second Reading July 17, 2018

Passed, Approved and Adopted on Third and Final Reading August 7, 2018.

ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: DECORATIVE LIGHT POLES: Crosby noted there was a price break between purchasing 9 and 10 decorative light poles (effectively allowing the Town to receive a free pole). Mortimore made a motion and Malloy seconded to move \$2,500 from the one-cent reserve budget to the decorative light budget and purchase 10 decorative light poles for \$26,470.

ADMINISTRATION: UTILITY LINE INSURANCE OPTIONS: Mortimore made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the sample letters to citizens informing them of the option to purchase water and sewer line insurance.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: UTILITY PAYMENT OPTIONS: Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve purchasing \$8,100 in software modules to allow on-line payment of utility bills.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: OTHER: The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm. The next Council meeting is August 21, 2018 at 7 pm.

**BILLS:** A & I Dist., Oil, 1,985.00; AFLAC, Insurance, \$411.92; American Welding, Rental, \$46.20; BCN Telecom, Service, \$42.60; Big Horn Water, Service, \$29.50; Brenntag, Lime, \$11,165.29; Carquest, Supplies, \$519.77; Caselle, Maintenance, \$500.00; CMI-TECO, Supplies, \$85.99; DEQ, Permit, \$1,500.00; DPC, Rental, \$50.00; Energy Lab, Service, \$338.00; Engineering Associates, Service, \$40,756.80; Fastenal, Tool, \$10.60; Ferguson Waterworks, Parts, \$5,229.82; Gottsche, Membership, \$310.00; Great West Trust, Retirement, \$2,070.00; Green Turf, Service, \$85.00; HSC Public Health, Shots, \$60.00; HSC Treasurer, Tax Collection, \$11.61; Hach, Supplies, \$752.05; High Plains Power, Service, \$57.44; HS County, Phone, \$60.30; HSC Fire District, Funding, \$15,000.00; HS Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955.00; HSC Weed & Pest, Supplies, \$471.40; HSCSD #1, Fuel, \$4,179.33; Independent Record, Service, \$829.35; Indoff, Supplies, \$44.31; Instrument & Supply, Parts, \$916.48; Insurance Trust, Premiums, \$45,660.00; Jadeco, Service, \$2,691.27; JLA, Service, \$6,101.84; Ronald Jurovich, Judge, \$825.00; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$50.00; Legion Golf Club, Funding, \$10,000.00; Laura Leseberg, Mileage, \$183.12; Marquis Award, Plaque, \$471.39; Matthew Bender, Statutes, \$149.31; Messenger & Overfield, Service, \$4,808.00; Mike Mortimore, Service, \$300.00; Millennial Vision, Renewal, \$708.00; Montana CSED SDU, Child Support, \$906.00; Mike Mortimore, Reimb., \$92.50; Murdoch Oil, Diesel, \$2,694.02; Napa, Parts, \$55.35; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$256.00; OCV Control, Valves, \$1,938.84; One Call, Locates, \$20.98; O'Reilly Auto, Parts, \$232.13; Owl Creek, Shirts, \$54.96; Owl Lumber, Supplies, \$27.99; Postmaster, Postage, \$528.66; QBS Safeguard, Freight, \$134.60; Respond, Supplies, \$55.80; Riverton Tire, Tires, \$1,392.00; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$17,892.09; RT, Service, \$499.53; David Schlager, Service, \$34.74; Scrub Board, Service, \$150.00; Secretary of State, Filing fees, \$30.00; Chris Seilaff, Mileage, \$91.56; Shopko, Supplies, \$57.96; Southwestern, Parts, \$189.02; Spillman Tech., Annual renewal, \$9,341.78; TAK Electric, Service, \$142.76; Office Shop, Supplies, \$111.54; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, \$300.83; Police Dept., Petty cash, \$65.96; TOT General, Acct'g & Collection, Streets Labor, \$15,680.00; TOT Office, Petty Cash, \$24.56; TOT, Depreciation & Intergov Water, \$88,033.00; Tractor & Equip., Parts, \$215.37; US Treasury, Form 720, \$148.18; Unum, Life Ins., \$111.73; UPS, Freight, \$17.35; Verizon, Service, \$158.31; Visa, Supplies, \$2,138.42; VSP, Insurance, \$449.80; WAM, Annual Dues, \$3,830.55; Wilson Brothers, Pay Est. #4, \$77,638.16; Wyo. Child Support, Child Support, \$843.00; WY Workforce, Ins., \$7,009.43; WY Gas, Service, \$238.88; WY Public Health Lab, Postage, \$72.00; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$20,385.47; WY Rural Water, Reg. \$85.00; Wyoming.com, Service, \$25.00; WY-Test, Service, \$150.00; Zedi US, Service, \$8,344.70; Payroll, \$87,443.10; Payroll Taxes, \$29,037.86.

ATTEST:

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Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

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Mike Mortimore, Mayor