

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session July 20, 2010 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Bill Malloy; Council members Toni Casciato and Tom Linnan. Also present were Assistant to the Mayor Dan Stansill, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Public Works Director Ernie Slagle, Town Engineer Heath Overfield, Police Chief Mark Nelson and Town Attorney Mike Messenger. Council Member Dick Hall arrived at 7:20 p.m. and Council Member Al Braaten was absent.

AGENDA: Following a prayer led by Mayor Malloy and the pledge of allegiance, a motion was made by Casciato, seconded by Linnan and carried to approve the agenda with the following additions: under Clerk/Treasurer add Resolution 471 and Fixed Asset Deletion lists; under Mayor and Council add Joint Powers Armory Board update.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION: JERRY LANGBEHN: Mayor Malloy presented a certificate of appreciation to Jerry Langbehn for his work through Kiwanis, including the Craft Fair, floats, and highway cleanup.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: STEVE HAMANN: Mayor Malloy presented a certificate of appreciation to Steve Hamann for three years of service to the Town of Thermopolis, particularly for enforcement of Town nuisance codes.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT RESOLUTION # 471: A motion was made by Linnan, seconded by Casciato and carried to approve Resolution # 471, which amended the 2009-10 FY Budget to reflect actual revenues and expenditures.

DISPOSAL OF ASSETS: A motion was made by Casciato, seconded by Linnan and carried to approve of the disposal of General and Enterprise Fund assets as indicated on listings provided. The assets disposed of were obsolete, replaced or scraped.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: A motion was made by Linnan, seconded by Casciato and carried to approve the financial statement for June 2010.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: CHARLES CURLEY–SPEED LIMIT CHANGE: Mr. Curley did not attend the meeting.

TOWN ENGINEER: HEATH OVERFIELD: Overfield presented an overview of the following projects: Storage Tanks, Master Plan, Water Plant upgrades, 14th Street sidewalks, Johnson Water Line, Clark & 9th Street Water Line, Micro Surfacing, Landfill Permit Renewal, Sewer Upgrade–Phase Two, Broadway East Water Line and Landfill Monitoring Wells. All of the projects, except the landfill permit renewal are primarily funded by grants.

TOWN ATTORNEY MIKE MESSENGER: Attorney Messenger noted he is working on the Bresnan franchise renewal.

TOWN ATTORNEY MIKE MESSENGER: SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT TO 20 MPH ON BROADWAY BETWEEN 3RD AND

6TH STREETS AND ARAPAHOE BETWEEN SENIOR AVENUE AND 6TH STREET:

Following the reading of the proposed ordinance, Messenger noted changes on page two, section three. (The changes reflect a 20 mph speed limit on the connecting streets between Broadway and Arapahoe from Third to Fifth Street.) A motion was made by Linnan, seconded by Hall and carried to amend the proposed ordinances for the changes. A motion was made by Hall, seconded by Linnan and carried to approve the second reading of the ordinance.

ADMINISTRATION: WATER PLANT COTTAGE USE: Stansill noted due to continuing problems with doors and windows being left open and people spending the night, he would like to terminate the agreement with A.A. In discussion it was noted that representatives of the organization have been notified of the continuing problems. Extending the agreement for one month or three months or a year was discussed, as well as notifying affected parties and changing literature. A motion was made by Hall and seconded by Linnan to explain the situation to the representatives, offer a month to month lease with the caveat that if there are continuing problems the group will have three months to find a new meeting place. Voting aye were Mayor Malloy and Council Members Hall and Linnan. Council Member Casciato voted no. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION: LEGION GOLF COURSE OPERATING AGREEMENT: Stansill noted the agreement had expired and suggested a two-year extension. A motion was made by Linnan and seconded by Hall to extend the agreement for one year. Discussion ensued on the advantages of a two-year term vs. a one-year term and more efficient administration under the guidance of the current board. Council Member Linnan voted yes. Mayor Malloy and Council Members Hall and Casciato voted no. Motion failed. A motion was made by Hall, seconded by Linnan and carried to extend the agreement for two years.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL: ARMORY JOINT POWERS BOARD UPDATE: Casciato noted in a recent Armory Joint Powers Board meeting that the Board was given a lease from the State for the building, which required the board to pay for repairs. In discussion it was noted that the board was originally informed that the building would be given to the community and concerns were expressed about the potential cost of repairs. General consensus of the Mayor and Council was to have legal counsel review the lease, followed by discussion among the entities composing the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next Council meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2010 at 7 p.m.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Town Clerk/Treasurer

William H. Malloy, Mayor

