

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on February 6, 2024, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Adam Estenson, Council members John Dorman Sr., and Rachel Hughes. Also present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Jim Jeunehomme, Public Works Director Basil Sorensen, Police Chief Pat Cornwell, and Town Attorney Marshall Keller. Council members Bill Malloy and Dusty Lewis were absent.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to remove the executive session minutes and budget resolution from the agenda and approve as revised.

MINUTES: Hughes made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from January 2, and 16, 2024.

BILLS: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for January 2024.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: KIM BARTLETT: MID-WINTER BLUES BASH: Bartlett invited the mayor and council to the Mid-Winter Blues Bash on February 18, 2024, from 4:30 to 7 pm at the Community Church Hall.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: TONYA PETTY: Tonya noted following the release of the special prosecutor's report, the Town stated the policies and procedures would be reviewed by an outside source. She inquired about the review. Mayor Estenson noted the Town was unable to comment as the matter is still in review.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: JASON BOWMAN: Bowman asked when the body cam footage would be released and how he could access it. Keller noted a portion of the footage would be released soon. He also noted each request is being reviewed for statutory requirements for information that cannot be released, (HIPPA, personnel files, etc.). Estenson noted many information requests had been received and the Town would release the footage, as it is completed. The information will be released through the Town's official publication, the Thermopolis Independent Record.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: The Police report, the Streets and Alleys, Water, Wastewater, Sanitation and Landfill reports and Engineering reports were available for review.

TOWN ATTORNEY: FARMERS MARKET PARKING ORDINANCE: Keller read the proposed ordinance which would prohibit parking on 5th Street from Broadway south to the alley, June 1 through October 15th on Saturdays. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the second reading of the ordinance.

ADMINISTRATION: JIM JEUNEHOMME: FENCE RIGHT OF WAY PERMIT: Jeunehomme presented a fence right-of-way permit for 424 Mondell. Jeunehomme noted the request is for a 4-foot wrought iron fence. He also noted nothing is mentioned in codes about the decorative arbor

(as it is not considered a structure) and he and Overfield did not see a problem with it. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the permit.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: Estenson noted he is looking at re-establishing the planning commission. Hughes asked about how often ordinances are updated to the codes. Discussion ensued on the cost to update and possible alternatives. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to adjourn at 7:14 pm. The next Council meeting is February 20, 2024, at 7pm.

BILLS: AFLAC, Insurance, \$113.12; American Welding & Gas, Rental & Gas, \$61.68; Jere Apland, Mileage, \$176.88; BCN, Phone, \$85.08; Big Horn Water, Rental, \$65.75; Bobcat of the Big Horn Basin, Part, \$688.50; Carquest, Supplies, \$1,774.18; Caselle, Support, \$773.00; CR Lock, Bathroom Locks, \$225.00; Discover Thermopolis, Receipts & Envelopes, \$652.00; Energy Labs, Service, \$571.00; Engineering Assoc., Service, \$26,668.54; Fastenal, Parts, \$147.84; Galls, Uniform, \$114.46; Grainger, parts, \$611.17; Great West Trust, Retirement, \$940.00; Green Turf, Service, \$474.96; Hach, Supplies, \$3,560.10; Hawkins, Rental, \$20.00; High Plains Power, Service, \$259.06; HSC, Phone & Motorola Contract, \$3,594.73; HSC Fire District, Snow Removal, \$1,732.50; HSC Memorial Hospital, Physical, \$151.00; HS Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955.00; HSCSD#1, Fuel, \$6,123.69; HSC Treasurer, Fees, \$228.85; HUB, Fees, \$7,000.00; IR, Legal Ads, \$1,568.60; Indoff, Checks, \$519.14; Insurance Trust, Premiums, \$35,464.00; Jadeco, Service, \$1,055.95; Ron Jurovich, Service, \$900.00; Keller Law \$4,400.00; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$100.00; Motor Power Equip, Parts, \$870.10; Motorola, Console Fees 21-22, \$3,223.24; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$208.00; Norco, CO2, \$19,319.00; One Call, Fees, \$22.50; O'Reilly, Parts, \$139.53; Pitney Bowes, Lease, \$163.83; Postmaster, Postage, \$815.02; Pro-Vision, Software, \$2,340.00; R & A Safety, Service, \$133.73; Range, Service, \$556.38; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$16,637.54; Staples, Supplies, \$250.34; State Engineer's Office, Fees, \$50.00; The Office Shop, Copier Contract, \$114.25; Thermopolis Hardware, Parts, \$298.25; TOT PD, Petty Cash, \$13.20; TOT, Depreciation & Utilities, \$71,364.95; Tractor & Equip, Parts, \$2,481.62; Traveling Computer, Service, \$381.49; Unum, Life Ins., \$110.38; Verizon, Phone, \$470.37; Visa, Supplies, \$950.74; VSP, Insurance, \$321.81; WWQPCA, Fees, \$270.00; WDEQ, Sewer Permit, \$1,000.00; Workforce Services, Workers Comp., \$2,609.89; WY Gas, Service, \$3,466.25; WY Public Health Lab, Fees, \$72.00; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$24,968.22; WY.Com, Service, \$25.00; Payroll, \$101,359.23; Payroll Taxes, \$32,829.58.

ATTEST:

Jim Jeunehomme, Mayor's Assistant

Adam Estenson, Mayor