

Thayne Town Council Meeting
January 20, 2021

FINAL

Council in attendance: Mayor Simpson, Councilwoman Passey, Councilman Heward, Councilman Woolley, Councilman Schwab and Clerk Hillstead

Welcome: Mayor Devin Simpson

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Schwab

Prayer: Councilman Heward

Councilman Lorell Woolley was given his Office by Mayor Devin Simpson and thanked for is continued service. Councilwoman Nikole Passey was given her Oath of Office by Mayor Devin Simpson and welcomed to the Thayne Town Council.

Approval of December 16, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes and the Adoption of January 20, 2021 Agenda as finalized with the removal of item #6-Midvalley Fire District.

Motion- Councilman Heward

Seconded- Councilman Schwab

Motion Carried

Public Comments

None were given

Liquor License Renewals Public Hearing

- Dad's Bar and Steakhouse
 - Mayor Simpson asked for any comments, questions or concerns regarding the retail liquor license renewal for Dad's Bar and Steakhouse; none were given. Simpson also stated that the State Liquor Division has accepted the renewal application from Dad's Bar.

Motion to approve the liquor license renewal for Dad's Bar and Steakhouse in the amount of \$1,500.

Motion- Councilman Schwab

Seconded- Councilman Woolley

Motion Carried

- Pines Bar
 - Mayor Simpson asked for any comments, questions or concerns regarding the retail liquor license renewal for Pines Bar; none were given. Simpson also stated that the State Liquor Division has accepted the renewal application from Pines Bar.

Motion to approve the liquor license renewal for Pines Bar in the amount of \$1,500.

Motion- Councilman Woolley

Seconded- Councilwoman Passey

Motion Carried

Pines Bar Catering Permit Application

Pines Bar has submitted an application for a 24 hour catering permit for the date of February 13th 2021 from 5:00 pm until 2:00 am for the Shriners Banquet Fundraiser held at the Thayne Community Center. Toby Merritt has ensured that there will be an officer present at the event to be in compliance with all Town of Thayne Ordinances. Mayor Simpson asked for comments, questions or concerns from the Town Council regarding the issuance of a 24 hour catering permit to Pines Bar; none were given.

Motion to approve Pines Bar Catering Permit for the amount of \$100.00.

Motion- Councilman Woolley

Seconded- Councilman Heward

Motion Carried

Shriners Committee-Toby Merritt

Toby Merritt stated that he was in attendance to verify that the use of the Thayne Community Center was still approved for the Shriners Banquet on February 13th 2021. Chris Allred addressed the Town Council in stating that she has spoken with Randall Luthi at the Wyoming Governor's Office and he had stated that the mandates including the number of persons in an indoor gathering are looking to be increasing to around 250 persons at an event with the possibility of another increase by the February 13th event date. Mayor Simpson asked for any concerns or comments. Councilman Joe Heward stated that his only concern is that last year the Museum was not open, this year he wants to see it open and used. Mayor Devin Simpson stated that he will personally make sure that the museum doors are open for the entire banquet.

Judge Larry Lawton

Mr. Lawton submitted his monthly report and asked for any questions. Larry mentioned that in person trials still cannot be held but once the mandate is lifted there are a couple of trials that will be pursued.

Sunrise Engineering

TAP Projects

Work will continue in the spring of 2021.

Community Center Parking Lot Improvements

Work will begin in the spring of 2021

Meadows Booster Pump Project

The SRF part II application is due on February 2, 2021. Part II consists of the Town of Thayne financials to insure that the Town is capable of repayment. Once the Part II application is approved work on the design can begin.

Town Park Irrigation System

The grant application was completed and submitted at the end of December.

Councilman Heward

Water Report

Heward stated that he had nothing additional to what Robert reported on.

Parks and Rec Report

Councilman Heward stated that ski club signups have begun and a reminder that there will be no busses this year.

Community Center Report

Painting has begun, white with a blue strip on top. Heward added that a couple of college kids were hired to paint and significantly lowered the cost. Carpet will be installed after painting is finished.

Councilman Schwab

Sewer Report

No report at this time.

Councilman Woolley

Streets Report

Councilman Woolley stated that he hasn't received many and questions or complaints. Councilman Woolley mentioned to the Town Council that he was approached by Jacknife Beef wanting to purchase the Snowdays snowcat. The snowcat is old and has been sitting without use since Snowdays has been cancelled. Woolley stated that he accepted \$2,000 for the snowcat and has delivered the check to the town hall and released the machine. Woolley stated that he would like to see those funds used for equipment in the future.

Councilwoman Passey

Fire Department Report

No report at this time.

EMS Report

No report at this time

Mayor Simpson

Town Updates

Mayor Simpson mentioned that the Lincoln County Recreation Grant is due by the end of February. Councilman Heward added that he will get stated on the grant.

Mayor Simpson updated the Town Council on the purchase of lot #3 in the Thayne Business Park by Bart Merritt. Simpson stated the he had already completed a purchase agreement extension to the January 31, 2021. Another extension will possibly be needed as it is taking Bart Merritt longer to secure his funding. Mr. Merritt will pay for the extension if needed.

Trevor Petty with Valley Tech suggested to Clerk Hillstead that she start looking into getting a new hard drive since there has been increasing issues with the current computer.

Motion to approve up to \$1,300.00 + tax for a new clerk computer

Motion- Councilman Heward

Seconded- Councilwoman Passey

Motion Carried

Mayor Simpson ask the Town Councilmembers if they had a chance to look over the proposed changes on Title 10 of the Thayne Municipal Code that was handed out at the December meeting and if there were any questions, comments or concerns. Simpson added that currently there is no zone where apartment complexes are allowed. The commercial zone was originally designed for commercial businesses and apartments were not wanted in prime commercial zones. Simpson proposed the following zones: AR-1 single family, AR-2 single family / twin homes, AR-3 which would allow apartment complexes and removing the C-2 heavy commercial zone.

Phil Tippetts – DeCoria and Company 2019/2020 Audit Report

Phil Tippetts called the Town Council via facetime to give the 2019/2020 audit report. Phil stated that the Town of Thayne received an unmodified opinion from DeCoria and Company. An unmodified opinion is the highest rating that the company can give. The only finding the Town of Thayne received was due to the deficiency in internal controls and segregation of duties due to the Town's small staffing size.

Mayor Simpson

Mayor Simpson resumed the discussion on Title 10 of the Thayne Municipal Code. Councilman Heward suggested adding in terminology in the C-1 Commercial zone to include apartment complexes per Council approval. Mayor Simpson added that wording could cause the Town risk of showing favoritism to one over another. Mayor Simpson expressed his concern that he doesn't want to see the last of the commercial lots for a business in the Town of Thayne taken by an apartment complex. Councilman Heward suggested that the Town look into the legalities about not allowing apartment complexes on Main Street (US 89) and also look into not allowing main floor apartments on Main Street. If the Town cannot legally enforce then the Council will look into other options. Mayor Simpson stated that he will work with Town Attorney Kevin Voyles and will report at the next meeting.

Mayor Simpson gave a WyoStar II update and suggested waiting another few months before money was moved around again.

Motion to go into an Executive Session @ 7:03 pm

Motion- Councilman Woolley

Seconded- Councilman Heward

Motion Carried

Motion to return to regular open meeting @7:09 pm

Motion- Councilman Heward

Seconded- Councilman Woolley

Motion Carried

No decisions were made in executive session.

Motion to raise pay for part time winter help for snow removal to \$20.00 per hour

Motion- Councilman Woolley

Seconded- Councilman Heward

Motion Carried

Motion to issue checks to be ratified at the next council meeting

Motion- Councilman Woolley
Seconded- Councilman Heward
Motion Carried

Motion to pay bills

Motion- Councilman Schwab
Seconded- Councilwoman Passey
Motion Carried

Councilman Heward was excused from meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion- Councilman Woolley
Seconded- Councilwoman Passey
Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

General Bills:

DeCoria & Company	2019/2020 audit	\$10,500.00
International Institute of Municipal Clerks	IIMC Dues	\$175.00
Sunrise Engineering	engineering	\$11,342.50
Valley Market	administrative expense	\$13.23
All Star Auto	maintenance/repairs	\$223.69
Sunrise Engineering	engineering	\$20,623.50
Wyoming Department of Workforce Service	workers compensation	\$1,816.67
Wyoming Retirement System	retirement	\$1,333.64
Valley Tech	computer maintenance	\$200.00
Valley Wide COOP	propane	\$1,382.66
Town of Afton	lab testing	\$27.00
Thayne True Value	supplies/painting	\$1,124.20
Star Valley Quick Stop	fuel	\$210.86
Star Valley Disposal	waste removal	\$385.61
Silver Star Communications	telephone/internet	\$914.86
Kathy Robinson	spin instructor	\$165.00
One Call of Wyoming	dig tickets 4 th quarter	\$35.50
MARC	paper products	\$111.51
Luthi & Voyles	legal	\$275.00
Lower Valley Glass	repairs	\$117.00
Lower Valley Energy	electricity	\$6,864.53
Lincoln Self Reliance	December cleaning	\$630.00
Lincoln County Sheriff's Office	communications	\$743.00
Kellerstrass Oil Company	fuel	\$347.79
Shari Hofhiens	spin instructor	\$45.00
Gem State Paper & Supply	paper products	\$443.47
Fenton's Office Solutions	fenton's maintenance	\$68.15
Energy Labs	lab testing	\$209.00

Sheryl Deyholos	spin instructor	\$165.00
Dearborn National Life Insurance	life insurance	\$44.04
CNA Surety	blanket bond	\$460.50
Caselle	caselle maintenance	\$728.00
Alsco	uniforms	\$95.00
Salaries		\$11,912.42

EMT Bills:

B&S Jetting	heater repairs	\$315.00
Quick Med Claims	billing service fees	\$594.79
Valley Market	gifts/awards	\$4,671.10
Emergency Medical Products	supplies	\$155.10
Cole Julson	Fire Department assist	\$40.00
Lower Valley Energy	electricity	\$96.63
Star Valley Quick Stop	fuel	\$29.44
Thayne True Value	gifts/awards	\$84.37
Wyoming Department of Workforce Services	workers compensation	\$266.92
Star Valley Disposal	waste removal	\$60.00
Silver Star Communications	telephone/internet	\$141.72
Town of Thayne	GPS	\$48.47
Caselle	payroll application	\$45.00
Wyoming Retirement System	retirement	\$225.00
Salaries		\$568.73

Fire Department Bills:

Wyoming State Fire Marshal's Office	education	\$185.67
Wyoming Retirement System	retirement	\$506.25
Wyoming Department of Workforce Services	workers compensation	\$995.65
Day Wireless Systems	equipment	\$125.00
Thayne True Value	repairs and maintenance	\$6.49
Valley Market	gifts/awards	\$247.86
Silver Star Communications	telephone/internet	\$64.99
Lower Valley Energy	electricity	\$500.12
Town of Thayne	GPS	\$111.44
All Star Auto	parts/repairs	
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