

Thayne Town Council Meeting
April 20, 2022

FINAL

Council in attendance: Mayor Simpson, Councilman Schwab, Councilman Woolley, Councilman Heward

Excused: Rebecca Hutchinson

Unexcused: Councilwoman Passey

Welcome: Mayor Devin Simpson

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Schwab

Prayer: Mayor Simpson

Change to agenda: Mayor Simpson added item 16 Executive Session.

Approval of March 16, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes, March 16, 2022 Executive Session Meeting Minutes and the Adoption of the April 20, 2022 Council Meeting Agenda as finalized.

Motion- Councilman Woolley

Seconded- Councilman Schwab

Motion Carried

Public Comments

None Given

Agenda Items 2, 3, 4 & 5. Bill and Kelli Dunne Building Permit for fence, Robbie Knowlton Addition Building Permit, CB&S Construction Lot 42 Building Permit(pending proof of ownership), CB&S Construction Lot 47 Building Permit (pending proof of ownership).

Motion- Councilman Woolley

Seconded- Councilman Heward

Motion Carried

Tim Trefren

Tim Trefren expressed his interest in making an offer on one of the lots in the Business Park. Mayor Simpson explained that until the subdivision to move the lot lines is complete the Town is unable to take an offer on the property because there is not a legal description of the property.

Star Valley Meadows – Greg Berdar

Mr. Berdar requested excess funds in his cash bond be released to do a new project and he based this off of bids he received last October to complete road. Councilmember Heward stated that because the road is not complete and the bid from HK is from October 2021 it would be his recommendation that the funds be held until the project was done. The Council agreed.

Mid Valley Fire District – Lance Skinner

Update on the merger between the Town of Thayne, Star Valley Ranch and Mid Valley Fire District in the last Fire District meeting, Lawyer Kevin Voyles reviewed the State statutes and the only way to make a merge happen is to get petitions signed between the two towns and the county to get it on the ballot. The District made the vote to not pursue going through the process of obtaining signatures because of the energy and time it takes in doing so. There are more much needed funds available to the fire department as a District then just through the Town of Thayne. The Districts proposal is that the Town of Thayne would turn over, with negotiation, the equipment to the District. The District would make some legal safe guards to the Town of Thayne for example that Mid Valley District would not charge more than the 3 mill

levy for fire protection. The only difference with the merger now is that the Town of Thayne would now be contracting with Mid Valley Fire District just as Star Valley Ranch would be contracting with the District. The Mayor expressed that he is in favor of this proposal as long as there are some safe guards put in place that in the future the District would not be able to charge the Town an exorbitant amount of money for fire protection which the Town is required to have. One safeguard would be that whatever mill levy they charge the county they also charge the Towns. It was brought up that to be a District Board member you must live in the District. Lance suggested that there could be liaison from each of the towns that would come to the District meetings that would come share their interests and concerns. Council agreed to pursue this option of merging as long as some legal safeguards would be made to protect the Town that the council agrees upon. The District and the Town would like to have this done before the new fiscal year in July.

Sunrise Engineering – Robert Hood

Robert Hood brought draft of the new subdivision ordinance. Sunrise Engineering is also updating the Town's design standards which some will end up in the subdivision ordinances and in the Public Works Standards and Drawings book which has not been used much but would be beneficial for the town to update so developers can go to find answers to their questions.

Update on the East Booster Pump, not much has happened but it is still ongoing.

Sunrise Engineering is keeping track of some infrastructure funding for the State of Wyoming. One project that the Town could possibly be looking at is upgrading and expanding the sewer facility. Eventually the town could use an additional tank and replacing the steel tank. The Town has talked about having an additional water source and drilling a well.

Sunrise Engineering will be getting us a contract for the Irrigation Grant the State can approve the contract.

Judge Larry Lawton

Has redone some of the wording in the report since we are using the County Sheriff's department and some of the wording that the Sheriff's department will use when giving tickets. Making arrangements to get a Clerk of Court trained and for the Judge in Casper May 11-13.

Councilmember Heward

Collin Humpherys Building Permit – was approved last year but was never picked up and paid for. Dee Aullman came in to pay for the permit because his mother Pat Aullman is in the process of buying the property. Dee Aullman has Collin's permission to use the permit until the property closes then they will come into the town for a new building permit with Pat Aullman's name on it as the owner of the property.

Parks and Recreation Report – Adult Coed Volleyball finishes this week. Baseball signups close this week. Easter Egg Hunt was well attended. A few ladies in the community helped organize the Easter Egg Hunt and raised \$3,000 from local businesses to help with prizes for each child.

Phillips 66 Grass – While plowing sidewalks some of the grass was plowed up and needs to be replaced. The Town will contact Jill who takes care of Phillip 66's landscaping to fix it and send the bill to the Town.

County Recreation Grant – The Town applied for the grant to replace the gym floor at the community center. The cost is \$50,000 and the County rewarded the Town \$25,000 for the project. We will save money by painting the lines on the floor ourselves. There is money in the Community Center Capital Outlay to use for the additional \$25,000. The County will give the \$10,000 now and \$15,000 in October. The Town will need to cover the costs until the County can reimburse us the funds in October.

The Mayor made a recommendation for a motion to be made to seek bids for the community center gym floor replacement and using the funds from the County Recreation Grant and the remainder from the Community Center Capital Outlay.

Motion- Councilmember Heward

Seconded- Councilmember Schwab

Motion Carried

Water Report – Cliff is at training in Casper, while he is gone Braydy is covering for him. Councilmember Heward suggested that we look at how much we are paying him. Currently the Town pays him every month to be the backup for Cliff.

The SCADA system is currently being upgraded.

Community Center Report – Need to renegotiate a new lease agreement with the DMV now that they are open five days a week and it is being cleaned every day.

Osprey nest has been moved from the ballfield to a pole over by the community center and wires have been run up to the nest for the camera. Hoping that the bird will move to the new nest.

The Council is pleased with Cliff's cleanup efforts of the shop and the equipment. It will help to have things organized so we know what equipment we have and it will last longer.

Councilmember Heward advised the council that Lower Valley Energy will soon have a 1½ ton Ford truck that they will be selling.

Councilman Schwab

Sewer Report

Councilman Schwab had nothing to report.

Councilman Woolley

Streets Report

Asked Cliff to patch a pothole that is starting on Van Noy and Dana Street.

Would like to look into buying a steam pressure washer which could be used to clean the equipment and the tables and chairs at the community center.

Councilwoman Passey

Absent

Mayor Simpson

Business Park Lots – the Town would like to make a boundary shift to the lots to make them both the same size of 1.1 acres each. Scherbel Surveying will try to have it done by next council meeting.

Fire District – Senator Dockstader will start looking into funding for the fire district. The District would like to know how much land the Town is willing to give them for the new fire hall.

New Subdivision Ordinance – would like to have the first reading of ordinance at the May council meeting.

Fourth of July - Will be doing events on July 2nd and July 4th. The parade will start at 10 a.m. and follow the same route.

Arbor Day & Town Cleanup - will be held on Tuesday, May 2nd from 6:00-8:00p.m. Trees will be planted behind the community center on the right side of Wright Street. Russ Metge suggested planting clump Amur Maples, Serviceberry, or clump Chokecherry. Council decided on purchasing 5 trees. Russ Metge has trimmed the trees up at the new pavilion and the town hall.

Sally Humpherys – started working for the Town on Monday.

All Star Auto – Asking for a Certificate of Occupancy. The Town does not give out certificates but Bart Merritt asked that the Town would make something for him.

Motion to approve and sign the Certificate of Occupancy for All Star Auto

Motion- Councilmember Heward
Seconded- Councilmember Woolley
Motion Carried

Sewer and Water Connection and Impact Fees for Merica, Stoker and Kevin Paul Lots – From the minutes we can ascertain that the council agreed to give each Merica and Stoker lots one connection and one impact fee for water and sewer per lot. Back when the original lots were done for Kevin Paul, Stoker and Merica lots, there was only a connection fee. In 2008 the Town implemented an impact fee. Because the lots were all done before impact fees then they are grandfathered in and do not need to pay an impact fee. There is currently 5 water connections on the subdivision Kevin Paul did in 2019. Because there is no record of who put in the water connection it is the recommendation of the Mayor that the lots that already have a water meter do not need to pay a connection fee but they will need to pay the impact fee for water and sewer. If they need to move the water pits then they will need to pay for that themselves.

Motion to Sponsor the Star Valley Half Marathon and donate \$250 and water bottles

Motion- Councilmember Woolley
Seconded- Councilmember Heward
Motion Carried

Motion to approve ordinance 368-371 Town of Thayne budget on 2nd reading

Motion- Councilman Woolley
Seconded- Councilman Schwab
Motion Carried

Motion to go into executive session 7:29 p.m .

Motion- Councilman Heward
Seconded- Councilman Woolley
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 Heward
Seconded- Councilman Schwab
Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

General Bills:

Clines Construction Inc	\$6,612.26
Dearborn Life Insurance Company	\$31.92
Lincoln County School District No.2	\$11,550.60
Lincoln Self Reliance	\$630.00
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Lower Valley Energy	\$18.41

Star Valley Disposal Inc	\$170.00
Star Valley Disposal Inc	\$255.00
Sterling Codifiers	\$500.00
Sunrise Engineering INC	\$247.50
Town of Afton	\$27.00
USA Blue Book	\$298.77
USA Blue Book	\$278.65
USA Blue Book	\$1,469.65
Wyoming Minuteman Supply	\$27.00
Sunrise Engineering INC	\$843.75
Caselle, Inc.	\$773.00
CASH	\$300.00
Print Star	\$25.80
Dad's Bar and Steak House	\$50.00
Graze, LLC	\$50.00
The Hitching Rail	\$50.00
Wyoming Minuteman Supply	\$50.00
C & V LLC	\$12,171.00
All Star Auto	\$1,248.69
ALSCO	\$95.00
Caselle, Inc.	\$773.00
Deyholos, Sheryl L.	\$265.00
Downtown Decorations	\$3,407.88
Energy Lab INC	\$225.00
Ferguson Waterworks # 1701	\$2,599.92
Gem State Paper	\$791.81
Heward, Joe	\$99.49
Hofhiens, Shari	\$170.00
Lincoln Self Reliance	\$630.00
Lower Valley Energy	\$6,617.22
Martin's Flag Company, LLC	\$628.80
Payroll	\$11,555.82
Star Valley Quick Stop*	\$796.16
SVI Media	\$1,580.44
Team Laboratory Chemical, LLC	\$284.25
Thayne True Value	\$74.45
USA Blue Book	\$221.54
Valley Wide Cooperative	\$1,705.98
WAMCAT	\$300.00
Wyoming Retirement System	\$1,698.16

EMT Bills:

Salt River Propane	\$477.99
Star Valley Disposal Inc	\$81.00

Fire Department Bills:

Asher, Mackey	\$228.88
L.N. Curtis	\$3,100.00
L.N. Curtis	\$6,450.00

Lower Valley Energy	\$1,950.32
Nield Cleaning	\$45.00
Silver Star Communications	\$64.99
Star Valley Quick Stop*	\$116.80
Thayne True Value	\$373.78
Wyoming Retirement System	\$525.00

Mayor _____
Devin Simpson

Town Clerk _____
Rebecca Hutchinson

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