

Thayne Town Council Meeting
December 16, 2020

FINAL

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

Unexcused: Councilman Wicks

Welcome: Mayor Devin Simpson

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Devin Simpson

Councilmember Schwab proposed adding prayer to the monthly Council Meetings. Mayor Devin Simpson agreed to add prayer to the meetings but stated that the Town of Thayne will not seek people to come pray before meetings.

Approval of November 18, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes and the Adoption of December 16, 2020

Agenda as finalized.

Motion- Councilman Heward

Seconded- Councilman Schwab

Motion Carried

Public Comments

None were given

Thayne Ambulance Service

Tonya Taylor presented the new board members for the service. Delsa Bird will remain Captain, Training Officer is Sherri Merritt, Sargent of Arms is Shanna Bird, Justin Jenkins is the new Co-Captain for a one year term and the Secretary is still Tonya Taylor for one more year.

Motion to ratify the board members as mentioned above.

Motion- Councilman Heward

Seconded- Councilman Schwab

Motion Carried

Sunrise Engineering

Mayor Simpson mentioned to the Council that he would like to apply for a grant for the irrigation system in the parks and recreation fields. Silver Creek Design out of Jackson has designed the system with an estimate of \$225,000, \$70,000 for parts and \$80,000-\$120,000 for labor. Mayor Simpson stated that he would like to apply for a 50% grant from the Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources. Councilman Woolley asked where the remaining funds will come from; Simpson stated the general fund. Councilmember Schwab agreed that the current system could be improved and that the system was installed by Town maintenance but he would like to see some improvements done on the current system rather than installing a new one. Councilman Woolley expressed concerns about the coming budget cuts in the years to come and stated that now is the time to be saving money rather than spending. Woolley commented that he is not against the project but he doesn't like the timing.

Robert Hood added that this is a federal grant that is due by the 31st of December 2020. If the funds are awarded there will have to be a public bid process and the Town will have to decide if they will use the design submitted by Silver Creek or allow each bidder to submit a design with their bid. This will be a 2021 project. Mayor Simpson presented Resolution 2020-12-16B authorizing the submission of a Land and Water Conservation Fund application to the Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources for the amount of \$112,500.

Motion to approve Resolution 2020-12-16B to submits a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application.

Motion- Councilman Heward

Seconded- Councilman Woolley

Opposed – Councilman Schwab

Motion Carried

TAP Projects

Work will continue in the spring of 2021.

Community Center Parking Lot Improvements

Work will being in the spring of 2021

Meadows Booster Pump Project

Robert notified the Town Council that the funding request that went before the State Loan and Investment Board on December 3 was approved. 50% grant / 50% loan for 20 years at 2.5%. The part two application is due February 2, 2020; shooting for a mid-April bid.

Thayne Fire Department

Chief Toby Merritt notified the Town Council that the fire hydrant in front of the fire house is frozen up and asked to have Cliff look into it. Merritt also mentioned to the Council that the Fire Department has a CD at the Bank of Star Valley that either needs to be pulled or will renew by the 26th of December. The department would like to pull that CD. Toby presented a document from the Department of Revenue stating that the Mid Valley Fire District is compliant and is officially a district. Chief Merritt stated that he has been looking at different grants and loans to get a new fire truck and stated that they would like to use the funds from the CD to aid in the purchase of a new truck. Mayor Simpson asked for comments from the Council, all members agreed to pull the CD.

Motion to pull the Fire Department CD for the amount of \$94,720.47

Motion- Councilman Woolley

Seconded- Councilman Heward

Motion Carried

Mayor Simpson asked Chief Merritt when the new officers will be voted on; the nominations are in June with the vote in July.

Mid Valley Fire District

Marty Halverson introduced herself as well as Lance Skinner and Kevin Voyles as the board members for the Mid Valley Fire District. Marty added that they are exploring grant options and are excited to work with the Town of Thayne.

Judge Larry Lawton

Mr. Lawton submitted his monthly report and asked for any questions. Larry mentioned that there are current Rules of Conduct that he would like to rewrite and that he will also be submitting and issuing a policy to allow officers to carry a fire arm in the courtroom.

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. Carpet will be installed after painting is finished. Councilman Woolley asked if a new roof for the building is still being considered. Heward stated that within the next few years enough funds will be saved for a roof.

Councilman Schwab

Sewer Report

Councilman Schwab stated that he helped Mr. Ashment put up the new rail on the fence.

Councilman Woolley

Streets Report

Councilman Woolley stated that he would like to have a conversation in an executive session regarding the temporary streets employee's wages. Mayor Simpson stated that there will be an executive session next month.

Mayor Simpson stated for the record that this is Councilman Wick's last month on the Town of Thayne Council and thanked him for his service.

Mayor Simpson

Town Updates

Mayor Simpson presented Resolution 2020-12-16A regarding Thayne Arbor day for 2021.

Motion to approve Resolution 2020-12-16A proclaiming May 18, 2021 as Arbor Day

Motion- Councilman Schwab

Seconded- Councilman Woolley

Motion Carried

Mayor Simpson mentioned that there were a couple of key things that were not included in the Health and Safety Program that workers' compensation required in order to qualify for the safety discounts including a loss prevention policy and the percentage of drug testing that the Town will complete. Those changes are in the updated policy. Simpson asked for questions, comments and concerns. Councilman Heward asked if an employee has the one hour of training elsewhere will it count towards the training requirement. Mayor Simpson answered yes, the training will count.

Motion to approve the Town of Thayne Health and Safety Program as of December 16, 2020.

Motion- Councilman Heward

Seconded- Councilman Schwab

Motion Carried

Mayor Simpson handed out to each Councilmember present a copy of Title 10 from the Thayne Town Code with the changes and corrections that he made and asked each member to take the section home and also make any changes that they would like to see. This document will be discussed at next month's meeting. Bob King mentioned to the Town Council that the County has been seeing people want commercial dog breeding facilities and advised the Thayne Town Council to include some verbiage in the title.

Mayor Simpson introduced Nikole Passey as the new Councilmember elect and set the Oath of Office date for the January regular meeting.

Mayor Simpson gave a WYO STAR II account update and asked for any other town business that needed to be discussed. Councilmen Heward stated that he would like to start looking into a design for the sign structure for the Thayne Business Park. The Town Council agreed that they would like to carry out the same look throughout the town with a wooden structure similar to the Community Center.

Mayor Simpson gave a list of town property/vehicles that are not currently on the Town's insurance policy and asked for comments and suggestions as to what should be added to the policy.

Motion to add all Town of Thayne property and vehicles/equipment that is not currently on the Town's policy to the Farm Bureau insurance policy.

Motion- Councilman Woolley

Seconded- Councilman Heward

Motion Carried

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

Motion- Councilman Heward

Seconded- Councilman Woolley

Motion Carried

Motion to pay bills

Motion- Councilman Woolley

Seconded- Councilman Heward

Motion Carried

Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion- Councilman Woolley

Seconded- Councilman Heward

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

General Bills:

Lincoln County Sheriff's Office	communications	\$743.00
Silver Star Communications	telephone/internet	\$910.49
JP's Water & Sewer Service	repairs	\$225.00
Valley Wide COOP	propane	\$617.49
Caselle	software	\$728.00
ALSCO	uniforms	\$76.00
All Star Auto	parts	\$61.41
Wyoming Retirement System	retirement	\$2,000.44
Wyoming Assoc. of Rural Water Systems	yearly subscription	\$450.00
United States Postal Service	envelopes	\$1,642.50
Thayne True Value	supplies	\$1,045.74
Succentrix Business Advisors	audit prep	\$5,000.00
Star Valley Quick Stop	fuel	\$188.79
Star Valley Glass and Lock	shop repairs	\$35.00
Star Valley Disposal	waste removal	\$152.00
Ridgeline Electrical	beautification committee	\$5,000.00
Print Star	office expense	\$24.62
Mountain West Farm Bureau	insurance	\$8,815.00
Lower Valley Energy	electricity	\$5,480.67
Lincoln Self Reliance	cleaning service	\$630.00
Kellerstrass Oil Company	fuel	\$467.66
Jenkins Lumber & Hardware	beautification committee	\$114.48
Shari Hofhiens	spin instructor	\$25.00
Sheryl Deyholos	spin instructor	\$202.50
Town of Afton	water testing	\$27.00
Gem State Paper & Supply	paper products/salt	\$597.63
Fenton's Office Solutions	maintenance	\$46.56
Energy Labs	lab testing	\$304.00
Echo Services	maintenance and repairs	\$267.00
Salaries		\$14,923.26

EMT Bills:

Salt River Propane	propane	\$307.21
Quick Med Claims	billing service	\$1,054.76
MMH Training Center	CPR training	\$20.00
Town of Thayne	GPS service	\$48.48
Cole Julson	fire department assist	\$60.00
John White	fire department assist	\$20.00
Mountain West Farm Bureau	insurance	\$828.00
MMH Training Center	CPR training	\$40.00
Lower Valley Energy	electricity	\$82.19
Star Valley Cleaning	cleaning service	\$118.00
Silver Star Communications	telephone/internet	\$137.68
Star Valley Quick Stop	fuel	\$115.80
Wyoming Retirement System	retirement	\$225.00
Valley Market	supplies	\$10.57
Emergency Medical Products	supplies	\$284.37

Caselle	payroll application	\$45.00
Salaries		\$891.95

Fire Department Bills:

Town of Thayne	GPS service	\$111.36
Lower Valley Energy	electricity	\$262.55
Silver Star Communications	telephone/internet	\$64.99
Star Valley Cleaning	cleaning service	\$138.00
Wyoming Retirement System	retirement	\$506.25
All Star Auto	parts/repairs	\$14.99
Weidner Fire	equipment	\$410.29
Star Valley Quick Stop	fuel	\$153.66
Mountain West Farm Bureau	insurance	\$2,121.00
WEX Bank	fuel	\$105.19