

Thayne Town Council Meeting
February 17, 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: Councilwoman Passey

Prayer: Mayor Devin Simpson

Approval of January 20, 2021 Council Meeting and Executive Session Minutes and the Adoption of February 17, 2021 Agenda as finalized.

Motion- Councilwoman Passey

Seconded- Councilman Heward

Motion Carried

Public Comments

None were given.

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 has been submitted and a public hearing will be held at the March 17th Council Meeting. Bidding is tentatively scheduled for mid-summer 2021.

Carter Downing

Carter stated that his lots were approved by Lincoln County, but the County Commissioners urged that they work with the Town of Thayne on water and sewer services. Councilman Heward stated that he would suggest hooking to Town of Thayne water and sewer for the reason of a future council could force an annexation and force the abandonment of well and septic.

Mayor Simpson stated that he is an absolute no to the Downings connecting to the Town of Thayne water and sewer without being part of the Town of Thayne. Councilman Lee Schwab commented that he would like to see the properties connected to Town of Thayne water and sewer and asked possibility of more lots being formed. Carter Downing replied that he is currently working with an attorney to form a contract and verbiage could be included that the property can not be further broken down into additional lots.

Councilman Heward asked why the two new lots cannot be annexed into the Town of Thayne since the lot that currently has the Downing home on is in the Town of Thayne limits. Carter answered by stating that annexing the two newly formed lots into the Town of Thayne was

originally brought to the Thayne Town Council and Mayor Simpson stated that all of our land needed to be annexed at one time or none of it. Jen Downing added that an approval letter from the Lincoln County Commissioners has been received.

Councilman Joe Heward added that the residents of the Town of Thayne pay for and continue to pay for the infrastructure of the Town; why should people outside of Town limits be allowed to connect to services and not contribute. Carter stated that he and Jen would agree to annex the two newly formed lots into the Town to Thayne. Jen Downing proposed there be a contingency that if more lots were ever formed, they would have to be annexed into the Town of Thayne and connect to Town water and sewer. Councilman Heward agreed with the proposal. Mayor Simpson stated that the Town would have to consult with the Town Attorney to see if that would be a legal thing to do. Mayor Simpson will consult with the Town Attorney and will have an answer by the March 17th Council Meeting.

Judge Larry Lawton

Mr. Lawton submitted his monthly report and asked for any questions. Larry mentioned that the Town of Thayne can now hold court and that he has been working on an interim order concerning security in the Thayne Municipal Court. Lawton stated that he nominates Fred Putnam, Thayne Chief of Police as Courthouse Security Coordinator as well as Caitlin Hillstead and himself to serve on the Courthouse Security Committee. Lawton asked for any recommendations or suggestions from the Town Council; none were given.

Councilman Heward

Water Report

Thayne Maintenance Cliff Eggleston addressed the Town Council to discuss the need of a new water meter reader. Cliff presented two proposals from Ferguson Waterworks. The first was to replace the broken meter reader for approx. \$8,961.28 with the trade in of the old unit. The new reader will work with the current MXUs that the Town of Thayne uses and will also work with the updated MXUs that the Town is transitioning to. The second proposal was to upgrade the entire program including all new MXUs for an approx. total of \$82,328.50. The new system will read meters automatically from a tower every four hours. Councilman Schwab commented that with only roughly only 250 meters to read the large price does not seem feasible. Mayor Simpson added that the Town is always looking to improve when and where possible. The thought of having the hired summer help read the meters on the first day of every month was discussed.

Motion to purchase the new water meter with trade in from Ferguson Waterworks for just under \$9,000.00.

Motion- Councilman Heward

Seconded- Councilman Schwab

Motion Carried

Community Center Report

Cliff also addressed the Town Council regarding the fire alarm system at the Thayne Community Center. The system has been having major issues and false errors. Cliff presented a quote from EZ Access for a new control panel and installation totaling \$7,045.45. Cliff also had a quote for monthly monitoring totaling \$30.99 monthly for the Community Center with the option of adding the Thayne Town Hall monitoring for an additional \$30.99 monthly. Councilman Woolley

expressed concern for how reliable EZ Access would be but stated that he would like to support local. Mayor Simpson stated that he would like to focus on updating the current system and asked for questions on the bid of \$7,045.45.

Motion to approve EZ Access bid of \$7,045.45 to upgrade the Community Center fire alarm system.

Motion- Councilman Woolley

Seconded- Councilwoman Passey

Motion Carried

Mayor Simpson then stated that he would like to discuss the monthly monitoring and if the Town Council would like to have EZ Access monitor both the Community Center and the Town Hall.

Motion to approve EZ Access monitoring bid for the Community Center and Town Hall for \$30.99 each.

Motion- Councilman Heward

Seconded- Councilwoman Passey

Motion Carried

Parks and Rec Report

Councilman Heward stated that baseball signups will start soon and that he is in the process of finding someone to run the program.

Councilman Woolley

Streets Report

Councilman Woolley started off by asking the Councilmembers how strict the Town is wanting to be on snow placed in right of ways. Currently having issues with snow being placed on the sidewalk on HWY 89. Mayor Simpson stated that it is a State right of way and the State needs to take care of the issue. Woolley stated that he will get in contact with the Highway Department.

Mayor Simpson added that the sale of lot 3 of the Thayne Business Park to Bart Merritt is now complete. Simpson would like to take the funds from the sale of lot 3 and the sale of lot 4 and complete a full reclamation of VanNoy Parkway summer 2021. Councilman Woolley added that the funds from the sale of the Business Park lots must be used for infrastructure and that he was for the project.

Motion to start the process for a complete renovation of VanNoy Parkway and to contact Robert.

Motion- Councilman Woolley

Seconded- Councilman Heward

Motion Carried

Councilman Schwab

Sewer Report

No report.

Councilwoman Passey

Fire Department Report

The Fire Department is wanting to purchase regulators for the fire trucks to hook to hydrants. The Department also asked to be informed when there are any issues with the Town water system.

EMS Report

Passey stated that the Ambulance Service would like to hire one to two full time people to cover the 5am to 5pm shifts Monday – Friday. The Afton EMS will start charging Thayne for runs that they complete. Mayor Simpson answered no to hiring a full-time employee and if anything the Town of Thayne would contract with Afton. Councilman Woolley suggested that Councilwoman Passey ask the Ambulance Service to prove that they can sustain a full-time employee for five years. The Council wants the group to recognize that it is not sustainable. Mayor Simpson also asked Councilwoman Passey to find out what Afton is wanting to charge for runs.

Mayor Simpson

Town Updates

Mayor Simpson asked the Councilmembers if Thayne is wanting to hold the annual Easter Egg Hunt. All members agreed to hold the event.

Mayor Simpson asked the Councilmembers what amount is to be spent on July 4th fireworks for 2021. In 2020 the Town spent \$7,500.00 and years prior spent \$3,500.00. Mayor Simpson suggested spending the extra amount to make the one event that the Town of Thayne holds great. It was decided to spend \$7,500.00 for 2021.

Mayor Simpson updated the Town Council on Title 10 of the Thayne Municipal Code and stated that Kevin Voyles has not responded back yet. Title 10 will be discussed further next month.

Mayor Simpson proposed March 3rd at 6pm for the 2021/2022 budget work session. Mayor Simpson handed out a copy of the budget with the changes that he has made and asked each Councilmember to look over the document and be ready to discuss it on the 3rd of March.

Mayor Simpson showed the Councilmembers and those in the audience photos of the well that has been repaired and cleaned.

Mayor Simpson stated that he recently had a meeting with two members and a director of the Lincoln County Library Thayne Branch. The Thayne Library is the only library that is not owned by the County. The library currently pays \$1,948.96 monthly in rent and is asking what the Town of Thayne can do to help them out with all the budget cuts that are happening. Councilman Schwab commented that the Library System needs to look at the cost the other buildings have for usage such as water, power and insurance that they do not have at the Thayne location. Mayor Simpson proposed reducing the rent for one year by 10%.

Mayor Simpson gave a Wyo Star II update and suggested investing in Wyo Star I which has little to no risk unlike Wyo Star II. Simpson would like to invest two million dollars between Wyo Star I and II. Councilman Heward suggested investing one million in each.

Motion to invest one million dollars into Wyo Star I and one million dollars into Wyo Star II.

Motion- Councilman Heward
Seconded- Councilman Schwab
Motion Carried

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

Motion- Councilman Woolley
Seconded- Councilwoman Heward
Motion Carried

Motion to pay bills.

Motion- Councilman Heward
Seconded- Councilwoman Passey
Motion Carried

Motion to adjourn meeting.

Motion- Councilman Woolley
Seconded- Councilwoman Passey
Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

General Bills:

Valley Wide COOP	propane	\$1,419.04
Wyoming Association of Rural Water Systems	training	\$196.00
USA Blue Book	supplies	\$23.25
Town of Afton	lab testing	\$27.00
Silver Star Communications	telephone/internet	\$941.47
All Star Auto	repairs	\$105.45
Luthi & Voyles	legal	\$457.00
Star Valley Quick Stop	fuel	\$230.35
Lincoln County Sheriff's Office	communications	\$743.00
Frontier Fence	facility fencing	\$4,625.00
ALSCO	uniforms	\$76.00
BISCO	maintenance	\$286.10
Black Mountain Rental	equipment rental	\$463.00
Caselle	caselle maintenance	\$728.00
Sherly Deyholos	spin instructor	\$152.50
Jen Downing	repairs reimbursement	\$29.24
Fenton's Office Solutions	fenton's maintenance	\$59.63
Gem State Paper and Supply	paper products	\$233.71
Shari Hofhiens	spin instructor	\$100.00
Kellerstrass Oil Company	fuel	\$318.67
Lincoln Self Reliance	January cleaning	\$630.00
Lower Valley Energy	electricity	\$8,159.20
Mountain West Farm Bureau	vehicle insurance	\$148.43
Kathy Robinson	spin instructor	\$122.50
Skinner Service & Auto Body	maintenance	\$88.00

Star Valley Disposal	waste removal	\$152.00
SVI Media	advertising	\$243.00
Terry Orton	recreation reimbursement	\$80.54
Thayne True Value	painting supplies/cleaning	\$982.99
USA Blue Book	repairs and maintenance	\$849.47
Valley Tech	repairs	\$60.00
Wyoming Retirement System	retirement	\$1,333.64
All Star Auto	parts/repairs	\$346.91
Thayne Fire Department	2020/2021 budget	\$8,000.00
Thayne Ambulance Service	2020/2021 budget	\$8,000.00
Kellerstrass Oil Company	fuel	\$395.75
Salaries		\$10,267.81

EMT Bills:

Valley Market	awards dinner	\$130.00
Wyoming Retirement System	retirement	\$225.00
Star Valley Cleaning	January cleaning	\$118.00
Caselle	payroll application	\$45.00
Star Valley Quick Stop	fuel	\$157.37
Lower Valley Energy	electricity	\$109.77
Michael Mavy	uniform reimbursement	\$128.74
Cole Julson	fire department assist	\$100.00
John White	fire department assist	\$60.00
Tedd Jenkins	fire department assist	\$20.00
MMH Training Center	CPR Training	\$40.00
Silver Star Communications	telephone/internet	\$135.61
MMH Training Center	CPR Training	\$120.00
Salt River Propane	propane	\$762.48
Salaries		\$1,436.06

Fire Department Bills:

L.N Curtis Tools	equipment	\$1,625.00
Star Valley Quick Stop	fuel	\$277.45
Silver Star Communications	telephone/internet	\$64.99
Lower Valley Energy	electricity	\$695.95
B&S Jetting	repairs/maintenance	\$161.61
Star Valley Cleaning	January cleaning	\$138.00
Wyoming State Fire Marshall's Office	education	\$395.97
Wyoming State Fireman's Association	yearly dues	\$75.00
Thayne True Value	maintenance/repairs	\$91.94
Wyoming Retirement System	retirement	\$562.50