

Thayne Town Council Meeting
August 18, 2021

FINAL

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

Welcome: Mayor Devin Simpson

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Heward

Prayer: Councilman Woolley

Public Meeting Open at 6:02pm

Mayor Simpson opened the public meeting for the zoning change of lots #1-#7 of the Paul Addition to the Town of Thayne from C2-Heavy Commercial to AR-2 Agricultural Residential/Duplex and approval for lot size requirement variance. Mayor Simpson acknowledged a letter that was received from Cindy Jaques and Christy Coleman and asked for any public comments. Simpson presented a map of the proposed area of the zoning change and the surrounding areas. No comments were given.

Public Meeting Closed at 6:03

Approval of July 21, 2021, Council Meeting Minutes and the Adoption of August 18, 2021 Agenda as finalized.

Motion- Councilwoman Passey

Seconded- Councilman Woolley

Motion Carried

Public Comments

None were given.

Ordinance 366 – Lots #1-#7 Paul Addition Zoning Change from C-2 Heavy Commercial to AR-2 Agricultural Residential/Duplex and lot sizing variance - 1st Reading

Mayor Simpson asked for any questions, comments, or concerns regarding Ordinance 366; none were given.

Motion to approve Ordinance 366 on 1st reading.

Motion- Councilman Woolley

Seconded- Councilwoman Passey

Motion Carried

Sunrise Engineering

TAP Projects

Robert stated that there has been no major progress this month. WYDOT will be here on 8/31 to have the final walk through and audit with the Town.

Community Center Parking Lot Improvements

Avail Valley will install the collars around the manholes and touch up some paint on the building then the project will be complete.

Meadows Booster Pump Project

Preparing to bid.

Thayne Ambulance Service

Members of the service expressed concern to the spending hold that Mayor Simpson implemented. Simpson stated that all spending will need to be approved by the Town Council while the Town of Thayne, Thayne Ambulance Service and Star Valley Health complete the merge. Councilman Woolley stated that there should be a way that the Service can purchase necessary things like fuel, supplies and equipment to ensure that the Service can still provide care to the community. Lesli Dana addressed the Town Council by stating that she feels it is not ok for the Mayor to lock down funds that were donated by the community for certain equipment. Mayor Simpson stated that the Town of Thayne Council has full discretion on all money and that he wants all spending to be done in an adequate fashion. Lesli Dana commented that the donation money from the community should not be included in the merge with Star Valley Health. Star Valley Health CEO Dan Ordyna proposed a solution to the spending freeze and operating costs. Dan stated that Star Valley Health could make a donation that would be agreed on between the two parties to keep operations going throughout the merge. Mayor Simpson insured there is not an issue with funding and that he has no issue with the purchase of necessary equipment, it just needs to be approved through the Town Council beforehand. Mayor Simpson asked the Thayne Ambulance Service Captain Delsa Bird what she considered an essential need for the Service. Brid stated that medications and supplies, fuel, training, a new desk top computer, rig maintenance and the repair of the 2nd ambulance are all essential to the service to continue to provide services to the community. Thayne Fire Department Chief Toby Merritt suggested allowing an amount approved by the Town Council to be on the debit card and allow the service to use the funds for essential uses such as fuel. Councilman Heward stated that the donation money from the community needs to be used for the exact use that was told to the public and stated in the donation letter.

Motion to allow desk top computer to be replaced, get 2nd rig fixed and allow the purchase of fuel, medications and necessary supplies.

Motion- Councilman Heward

Seconded- Councilwoman Passey

Motion Carried

Mayor Simpson gave an update for those present of the merge between the Town of Thayne Ambulance Service and Star Valley Health. Alpine EMS, Thayne EMS and Star Valley Health will become one all under the hospital. Mayor Simpson stated that Thayne EMS will no longer be under the Town of Thayne. Alpine EMS has requested a contract from Star Valley Health. CEO Dan Ordyna stated that Star Valley Health will house a paramedic and an EMT 24/7 in Thayne. Mayor Simpson added that Thayne will donate all equipment and supplies to Star Valley Health and allow use of the current facility. The Service will keep the name of Thayne Ambulance Service on the rigs and services. In exchange for these things, Star Valley Health will not charge the Town of Thayne for any services. Dr. Brown stated that the current facility is not appropriate for overnight housing, so SV Health is currently looking at other locations in or close to the Town

of Thayne. Mayor Simpson added that the location can not be in Star Valley Ranch. Dan Ordyna stated that as part of the transaction the Town can approve the location. Councilman Heward asked if volunteers will still be utilized. Mr. Ordyna assured the Council that volunteers will never be turned down, but to keep the service sustainable, professionals need to be utilized.

Motion to Contract with Star Valley Hospital for EMS Services and to donate all supplies and equipment to them as part of the contract to take over the Town of Thayne EMS Services and to abolish the Town of Thayne Ambulance Service as it is currently stated under the Town of Thayne tax ID.

Motion- Councilman Heward
Seconded- Councilwoman Passey
Motion Carried

Mayor Simpson stated that Star Valley Health will start drawing up the contract.

Judge Larry Lawton

No report.

Councilman Heward

Heward suggested that all passwords from Cliff and Caite be written down and saved if turnover happens, and the passwords are needed.

Water Report

Cliff Eggleston stated that the water bore on Dana Street is not an option and approval will have to be given from the County commissioners to dig a trench across the road. Mayor Simpson would like to pursue opening a trench for both water and sewer. Simpson would also like to install a fire hydrant on the north side of Dana St and start to repair some of the existing hydrants in Town. Cliff stated that our hydrants require aftermarket parts so it may be easier and cheaper for the Town to just purchase new hydrants. Mayor Simpson would like the project to be spread over a 5-year span to replace all hydrants.

Parks and Recreation Report

Heward stated that football has begun and girls' volleyball as well as adult volleyball signups have started. Heward added that he would like to have a cornhole tournament this winter in the gym.

Community Center Report

Carpets have been cleaned and look great. The Town has given Western Wyoming Communication College use to our facility for free for courses taught at the Community Center. Heward stated that these classes are a great asset to the community, but would the Town like to charge for the space if classes start being more than a couple nights a week. The Council agreed to charge the college if the use of the building increases. Heward informed the Council that the DVM is going to change its hours to be open Monday – Friday. Currently the Town pays to have the space cleaned two days a week but with the increase of hours, the space will need to be cleaned more often. Mayor Simpson asked if the rent should be increased with the increase of operating hours and suggested that the Town pay Stacey three extra hours a week to clean every night rather than issue another key to the DVM personnel for their own cleaner. Heward mentioned that a Jujitsu class is beginning in the Community Center that will be held in the exercise room. Mayor Simpson asked to have the bike rack moved off the walking path.

Councilman Woolley

Streets Report

Councilman Woolley stated that he has gotten an estimate for a seal coat only on Hemmert Drive. The slurry will cost approximately \$8,983.13 for the entire street roughly 2,200 sq yards. Woolley added that this project could start in about two weeks.

Motion to accept bid for \$8,983.13 for 2,200 sq yards of slurry for Hemmert Drive.

Motion- Councilman Woolley

Seconded- Councilwoman Passey

Motion Carried

Councilman Woolley also stated that the sidewalk patch on main street near Graze is now complete.

Councilwoman Passey

Fire Department Report

Councilwoman Passey stated that the Fire Department Officers and the Mid Valley Fire District board has had a discussion on the logo for the possible new fire truck. Most of the members want to keep the Thayne Fire Department Logo. Mayor Simpson stated that the Town of Thayne will not donate anything to the district if the Thayne Fire Department logo is removed.

EMS Report

Passey notified the Council that Cortney Barber is now the new secretary for the Ambulance Service.

Motion to ratify the new secretary for the Thayne Ambulance Service as Cortney Barber.

Motion- Councilman Woolley

Seconded- Councilwoman Passey

Motion Carried

Mayor Simpson

Town Updates

Mayor Simpson stated that Delsa Jenkins was awarded EMT of the Year from the American Legion Post 46.

Governor Gordon visited Thayne and stopped at several businesses in town including The Block, Farmers Feed, Not Too Shabby and the Food Bank.

The Town's summer help is officially done. They did a great job this year.

Ordinance #365 – Thayne Municipal Code Chapter 5 : Explosives and Fireworks

Mayor Simpson asked for any questions or comments on the proposed ordinance; none were given.

Motion to approve Ordinance 365 Thayne Municipal Code Chapter 5: Explosives and Fireworks on first reading.

Motion- Councilwoman Passey

Seconded- Councilman Woolley

Motion Carried

Building Permit Application

Mayor Simpson asked for any questions or comments on the 2nd reading of the proposed building permit application for the Town of Thayne; none were given.

Motion to approve the Thayne Building Permit Application for the Town of Thayne on second reading.

Motion- Councilwoman Passey

Seconded- Councilman Heward

Motion Carried

Mayor Simpson gave a Wyo Star update and asked for any questions or if any changes should be made; none were given.

Mayor Simpson updated the Council on the possible sale of the Town Hall to the Thayne Senior Center. The Senior Center is not interested in purchasing the Town Hall building. Mayor Simpson stated that he has reached out to a local real estate agent Patty Speakman about her opinion of what the Town Hall building could be sold for. Her recommended listing price is \$1.15million. Mayor Simpson stated that he thinks it would be in the Town's best interest to sell the property and move the Town Hall into the Community Center. Councilman Woolley expressed his concerns of selling the property and stated that there is no need to rush on the decision. He believes that the community will be disappointed if the building is sold and that it would be an insult to the Crook family that donated the museum to the Town. Mayor Simpson stated that his recommendation is to move forward with gathering the Town's options. Councilman Woolley asked to not rush the process and to schedule a public meeting for the community to get their input. Mayor Simpson will continue exploring options.

Motion to go into an Executive Session at 7:23pm

Motion- Councilwoman Passey

Seconded- Councilman Heward

Motion Carried

No decisions were made in Executive Session.

Motion to return to regular open meeting at 7:31pm

Motion- Councilman Woolley

Seconded- Councilwoman Passey

Motion Carried

Councilman Heward added that he received an estimate of \$24,968 for the business sign for the Thayne Business Park. Councilman Woolley asked what the time frame would be to complete the project; Heward stated that the project should be completed the fall.

Motion to approve up to \$25,000 for the Thayne Business Park sign knowing there may be an additional expense.

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- Councilwoman Passey
Seconded- Councilman Heward
Motion Carried

Motion to adjourn meeting.

Motion- Councilman Heward
Seconded- Councilman Woolley
Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

General Bills:

Rush Truck Center	repairs	\$538.38
Frazier Maxclean Carpet Cleaning	maintenance	\$1,552.00
Kimberly Choma	soccer ref	\$108.00
Otessa Olsen	soccer ref	\$110.00
Mason Brown	soccer ref	\$150.00
Derek Astle	soccer ref	\$120.00
Preston Buehler	soccer ref	\$72.00
Hayden Burton	soccer ref	\$168.00
Bailee Kallgren	soccer ref	\$180.00
Noah Hutchinson	soccer ref	\$90.00
Mia Hutchinson	soccer ref	\$106.00
Kamryn Thompson	soccer ref	\$120.00
Gentry Hendriks	soccer ref	\$24.00
Hunter Hillyard	soccer ref	\$207.00
SVI Media	advertising	\$930.63
Silver Star Communications	telephone/internet	\$943.36
Luthi & Voyles	legal	\$1,200.00
Wyoming Retirement System	retirement	\$1,871.51
Valley Market	July 4 th /SV Half Marathon	\$873.43
Thayne True Value	maintenance/soccer/recreation	\$659.07
Team Lab	lab testing	\$433.00
Surveyor Scherbel	surveying	\$500.00
Star Valley Disposal	waste removal	\$162.00
PJ's Tire and Wheel	repairs	\$17.85
Lower Valley Energy	electricity	\$3,559.24
Lincoln Self Reliance	July cleaning	\$630.00
Shari Hofhiens	spin instructor	\$77.50
Danice Heward	reimbursement July 4 th	\$1,425.99

Hastings Ace Hardware	repairs and maintenance	\$45.24
Gem State Paper and Supply	paper products	\$331.59
Fenton's Office Solutions	Fenton's maintenance	\$42.41
Farmers Feed Store	July 4 th	\$10.25
Taylor Dunn	baseball program setup	\$500.00
Sheryl Deyholos	spin instructor	\$122.50
Caselle	caselle maintenance	\$728.00
Brenntag	supplies	\$1,725.53
Alsco	uniforms	\$76.00
All Star Auto	repairs and maintenance	\$57.77
Sunrise Engineering	engineering	\$16,088.75
Wendy Kennedy	soccer manager	\$1,200.00
Rick's Repair Service	truck repairs	\$707.00
Star Valley Quick Stop	fuel	\$183.49
Town of Afton	lab testing	\$27.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	insurance	\$4,579.12
Core & Main	repairs and maintenance	\$151.21
Kornerstone Masonry	repairs	\$1,767.50
Joe Heward	reimbursement-football	\$1,519.82
Salaries		\$13,273.72

EMT Bills:

Master Tech & Tire	repairs/maintenance	\$724.23
Silver Star Communications	telephone/internet	\$138.75
Emergency Medical Products	supplies	\$118.40
Lower Valley Energy	electricity	\$79.43
Town of Thayne	GPS service	\$48.49
Wyoming Retirement System	retirement	\$225.00
Valley Market	training	\$130.20
Caselle	payroll app	\$45.00
Star Valley Cleaning	cleaning	\$59.00
Tedd Jenkins	fire assist	\$40.00
Toby Merritt	fire assist	\$20.00
John White	fire assist	\$20.00
Walter Granquist	fire assist	\$20.00
Star Valley Medical Supply	supplies	\$455.00
Star Valley Quick Stop	fuel	\$327.08
Thayne True Value	supplies	\$123.10
Salaries		\$2,818.20

Fire Department Bills:

Star Valley Quick Stop	fuel	\$194.92
Caitlin Hillstead	reimbursement-flowers	\$96.58
Municipal Emergency Services	tools and equipment	\$2,025.42
All Star Auto	parts/repairs and maintenance	\$26.66
Thayne True Value	tools and equipment	\$368.91
Valley Market	July 4 th	\$611.85
Lower Valley Energy	electricity	\$72.15

Silver Star Communications	telephone/internet	\$64.99
Star Valley Cleaning	cleaning	\$69.00
Town of Thayne	GPS service	\$112.19
Wyoming Retirement System	retirement	\$468.75
Toby Merritt	reimbursement-fuel	\$100.00