

Thayne Town Council Meeting
May 20, 2020

FINAL

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

Welcome: Mayor Devin Simpson

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Schwab

Approval of April 15, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes and the Adoption of the Agenda as finalized.

Motion- Councilman Woolley

Seconded- Councilman Heward

No Vote- Councilman Wicks

Motion Carried

Public Comments

None were given

Sunrise Engineering

Community Center Parking Lots

- Robert Hood went over some final designs of the Community Center Parking Lots with the Town Council and discussed the parking layout and bike path for the South parking lot. Robert stated that the Town can possibly bid the Community Center Parking Lot Project and the Sidewalk Project together in July. Environmental paperwork is still being completed on the Pathway Lighting Project.

Motion to approve concept #2 design on the Community Center Parking Lots to allow Robert to move forward with the project.

Motion- Councilman Woolley

Seconded- Councilman Schwab

No Vote- Councilman Wicks

Motion Carried

Kevin Paul

Kevin addressed the Thayne Town Council regarding the lots that he owns on Wright Street. Paul stated that he agreed to change the zoning on these lots to commercial when Bob King was the Mayor of Thayne in order for the Town to acquire some grant funding. Kevin currently has someone interested in the four corner lots and the interested party would like to put four fourplexes on those lots. With the current setbacks that the Town of Thayne has for commercial zones across or adjacent from residential zones, these lots would only allow a very small building or would be “unbuildable lots”. Kevin Paul then asked the Town Council for ideas and or suggestions on what he can do or for the Town of Thayne to grant him a variance on the current setbacks.

Mayor Simpson stated that he would not allow a variance due to not knowing what could possibly go on these lots. Kevin Paul mentioned to the Town Council that he had paid for his half of the road, curb and gutter on Wright Street. Simpson gave three options/suggestions for Kevin Paul. 1. Sell the lots as is and have the new owner ask the Town Council for the variance. 2. Change the zoning from commercial to AR-2. 3. Do nothing and build what is allowed on lots. Councilman Heward suggested combining lots 4 & 5 and lots 6 & 7 that would then allow enough room to build what was proposed.

Kevin Paul stated that he has recently talked with Debbie Merica and family and they are under the impression that they now do not have to pave the road after lots have been sold. Mayor Simpson stated that the Town of Thayne will not accept the road as an official town road and will not perform any maintenance on the road until it is paved and meets Town standards. Kevin then asked the Town Council if they would grant the buyer of his lots a variance and Mayor Simpson replied that before any variance is granted an application for a variance needs to be submitted to the Town of Thayne along with building plans.

Kevin Paul requested a reimbursement from the Town of Thayne for the sidewalk and pavement that he had is contractor remove when work was being performed the portion of Wright Street that was not yet paved. This section of asphalt and sidewalk was removed due to fixing the grade; it was below the water level. Mayor Simpson asked Kevin Paul why work was completed on Town of Thayne property without Town of Thayne approval. Kevin Paul stated that he thought that Robert Hood with Sunrise Engineering would have contacted the Town since he is the Town Engineer although he was hired privately by Kevin Paul. Mayor Simpson requested a copy of the invoice from Hebdon Construction for the repairs and it will be discussed at next month's Town Council meeting.

Derek Wright-Cozy Corner RV Park

Derek Wright stated that Cozy Corner RV Park is now ready to open for business. When this idea was first brought before the Thayne Town Council it was a seasonal RV park but now Derek wants to accommodate anyone that he can including seasonal "snow birds", home builders and those that are in a transition phase. Wright stated that there is a major housing shortage and he would like to help populate Thayne. Derek asked the Council if there are any term limitations that he needs to be aware of and if he would be able to accommodate people anywhere from a day, week, month and up to a year.

Mayor Simpson asked the Council for their thoughts and opinions. Councilman Heward stated that when this idea was first brought to the Town Council it was a seasonal RV park which most of the Council considered summer months or April-November. With this RV park now becoming more of a permeate residence the water and sewer charges will need to be set up differently to where each trailer spot will be charge individual water and sewer rates. Mayor Simpson stated that the park can be designated as a mobile home park and be charged the appropriate water and sewer rates or a variance can be granted to allow seasonal living from April-November. Derek Wright asked the Town Council to designate Cozy Corner RV Park as an official mobile home park in the Town of Thayne with the stipulation that he can think about this decision and get back to the Council before it is finalized.

Motion to designate 120 Wright Street as a mobile home park .

Motion- Councilman Heward

Seconded- Councilman Woolley

No Vote- Councilman Schwab

Motion Carried

Councilman Heward

- Water Report
 - Cliff and Braydy are currently completing some online training hours.
- Parks and Recreation Report
 - All bathrooms at both old and big pavilions are cleaned and open to the public. There will be no recreation sports programs until further notice. Heward has not heard a final decision on if the British Soccer Camp is still happening or not.
- Community Center Report
 - The big pavilion is currently being used for some of the exercise groups that usually meet in the Community Center. Mayor Simpson asked Councilman Heward to look into the new flooring for the Community Center now while most people are not using the facility instead of in the winter months.

Councilman Wicks

- EMT Report
 - No Report
- Fire Department Report
 - No Report
 - Mayor Simpson mentioned that two weeks ago there was a meeting held regarding the Fire District. The Lincoln County Commissioners will propose adding the Mid Valley Fire District to the ballot excluding the Towns of Thayne and Star Valley Ranch. If the district is passed, it will still be operated as the Town of Thayne Fire Department and the District will contract with The Town of Thayne. After one year, the Town of Thayne can then propose joining the District. Mayor Simpson stated that the only down fall is that the Town of Thayne will not have a voice on the board.

Councilman Schwab

- Sewer Report
 - Councilman Schwab stated that he is having Cliff work on a few fences that were damaged from snow removal.

Councilman Woolley

- Streets Report
 - Councilman Woolley stated that he will have Cliff start to fill some of the pot holes around town when the weather gets a little bit warmer. Woolley also mentioned that he would like to either crack and seal or chip and seal some of the town roads this year. Mayor Simpson asked Councilman Woolley to use the funds that were budgeted this year and repair/maintain town roads. Woolley will start gathering quotes.

Mayor Simpson

- Mayor Simpson asked for questions comments or concerns on Ordinances 349-354 Town of Thayne budget 2020/2021, none were given. Mayor Simpson stated that the revenue may be a little high but he will keep an extra close eye on the Town's spending for the next year.

Motion to approve Ordinance 349-354 Town of Thayne Budget 2020-2021 on 3rd and final reading

Motion- Councilman Heward

Seconded- Councilman Woolley

Opposed-Councilman Wicks

Motion Carried

- Mayor Simpson asked for questions comments or concerns on Ordinance 355-Town of Thayne Code, none were given. Mayor Simpson stated that there have been 3 changes made to the town code book.
 - 1- Parking 10.7.3 table B page 39 – apartments and multifamily was added.
 - 2-Section 6.4.15 was added: Compression breaks unlawful in the Town of Thayne. Simpson asked for questions/comments from the Council. The Town currently has a no compression breaks sign on both sides of town but no ordinance making them unlawful. Councilman Heward stated that the reason that the Town of Thayne did not have an ordinance against compression breaks was for liability reasons. If there was an accident with a large truck because compression breaks were unlawful in the Town of Thayne that would be a liability for the Town. Mayor Simpson asked each Councilmember their opinion to either kick the compression break code or keep it; the decision was made to remove it from the code book.
 - 3-Commercial Zone Uses 10-6A-2 – Mobile Home Parks was added back into the book with (upon Council approval) also added.
 - Mayor Simpson asked the Town Council for any other comments/suggestions/concerns with the new Town of Thayne Code; none were given.

Motion to approve Ordinance 355-Town of Thayne Code on 3rd and final reading

Motion- Councilman Woolley

Seconded- Councilman Heward

Opposed-Councilman Wicks

Motion Carried

- Town Updates
 - Mayor Simpson mentioned that the part time summer employees are working out great and if anyone has any projects that they would like done to let him know.
 - The Beautification Committee is working hard and doing a great job. Currently working on planter boxes
 - The new updated business license applications have been sent out; there are a few corrections that need to be made on the forms for next year.
 - Covid-19 updates: If there are any expenses that are directly related to the virus the town can potentially get reimbursed for. Thayne may also get funds for infrastructure projects.
 - July 4th 2020 activities are still up in the air. The Town will still have a fireworks show but may not be able to have the parade.
 - Mayor Simpson stated that Councilman Woolley and Councilman Wicks terms end this December.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:44 p.m.

Motion- Councilman Heward

Seconded- Councilman Schwab

Motion Carried

Motion to return to Regular Open Meeting at 7:52 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

Opposed-Councilman Wicks

Motion Carried

Motion to pay bills

Motion- Councilman Heward

Seconded- Councilman Schwab

No Vote-Councilman Wicks

Motion Carried

Councilman Wicks left the meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion- Councilman Woolley

Seconded- Councilman Heward

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 6:55 P.M.