

Thayne Town Council Meeting
January 19,2022

FINAL

Council in attendance: Mayor Simpson, Councilman Schwab, and Rebecca Hutchinson
Council in attendance via phone: Councilman Woolley, Councilwoman Passey
Excused: Councilman Heward

Welcome: Mayor Devin Simpson
Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Schwab
Prayer: Mayor Simpson

Approval of January 19, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes and the Adoption of the Agenda as finalized.

Motion- Councilman Schwab
Seconded- Councilwoman Passey
Motion Carried

Public Hearing- Open at 6:02 pm

Caitie Hillstead

Caitie Hillstead stated that on 1/3/22 she was notified by Mayor Simpson that he would not be submitting her name to be reappointed as Town of Thayne Clerk. She was given 80 hours of paid administrative leave. She explained that since the town does not have an HR department, she has reached out to town councilmembers also the town attorney multiple times for help. She stated that she has several letters from local businesses and from WAMCAT supporting her reinstatement. She asked for an executive session to be held to discuss reappointing her as the Town of Thayne Clerk. She asked the town councilmembers to hold an executive session to discuss this action of the mayor. "I ask the council to make a motion to reverse the termination of the mayor and nominate me for reappointment to town clerk". Councilman Lee Schwab made a motion to reinstate Caitie as the town clerk until the town council could meet and discuss the decision that the mayor made. Mayor Simpson informed him that there is not a motion to be made. They can discuss it in an executive session next month to talk about it but there is no motion that can be made. The appointment is made by the mayor and approved by the consent of the town council (Ordinance 367), the appointment is not appointed by the town council.

Devon Hillstead

Devon Hillstead in support of Caitie Hillstead being reappointed asked the council to consider three questions.

1. Have any of them had any issues with Caitie's work?
2. Have there been any complaints from the town about Caitie?
3. Is there anyone more fit to be in the town office?

Devon also expressed that Caitie has always had the best interest of the Town of Thayne when she does business.

Sunrise Engineering

Town of Thayne's Future Plans and Infrastructure

Robert Hood and Jason Linford met with the Mayor to talk about the growth in Thayne. It was suggested to have a study done of the wastewater and water system so the town has an idea of what the capacity of both would be for future growth.

Shriner's Horse Race President

Pines Bar – Catering License

Toby Merritt wanted to ensure that Pines Bar would be able to get a catering license for the Shriners banquet and Calcutta on February 18th and 19th of 2022. Mayor Simpson asked about getting a permit for more than the 24 hours that catering licenses are issued. He also reminded them that there needs to be a police officer present. No concerns from the council but will approve next council meeting when they have permits for both days. **After talking to the State we were advised that Pines Bar would need to apply for two separate permits. Pines Bar was notified.**

Toby Merritt

Chief Toby Merritt informed the council that currently they have two different types of air packs which can cause some safety issues. They discussed getting new air packs so they could do away with the old packs. They are about \$8,000 per air pack. They would like to purchase 12 new air packs. Mayor Simpson asked about getting bids because the price would be more than \$50,000. Toby also reported that they have three new cadettes pass and will need new gear for them and three other fireman that are ready for bunker gear which are about \$2,600 per set. Councilmembers did not have any concerns about the purchases.

Phill Tippetts - DeCoria and Company

2020/2021 Audit Report

Phil Tippetts called the Town Council via facetime to give the 2020/2021 audit report. The results of the audit disclosed no instances of noncompliance. Phil stated that the audit went well and gave the highest opinion that he could give.

Judge Larry Lawton

Absent

Councilman Schwab

Sewer Report

Councilman Schwab had nothing to report.

Councilman Woolley

Streets Report

Councilman Woolley reported that the grader has been being used in town and the streets look good. Would like to focus on maintaining town equipment, they are currently looking for replacement blades to have on hand.

Councilwoman Passey

Fire Department Report

Engine 5 is getting LED lightbars.

Councilwoman Passey reported that the new cadets were voted on and that the fire department is looking into replacing some of their old packs so that all the packs they have will be the same.

EMS Report

Currently under Star Valley Health. In the process of changing their internet.

Misc.

A concern from the public was made that the cemetery had not been plowed. The cemetery has their own board and they maintain the cemetery roads. They can reach out to Sam Titensor who is on the cemetery board.

Mayor Simpson

Mayor Simpson met with Jason Linford and Robert Hood from Sunrise Engineering regarding the growth that will be happening in the town. Behind Hemmert Drive is potentially going to be subdivided into 175 lots. We need to make sure our water and sewer can handle the growth. Three additional small subdivisions are being prepared to be presented to the town.

Mayor Simpson discussed the possibility of having a lodging tax. This would need to be on the ballot for the community to vote on.

Representative Simpson suggested three things for communities to discuss in order to keep the towns looking nice is where they allow cargo containers, storage units, and camping trailers.

Firehall conceptual drawings that were prepared by Sunrise were presented.

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

Motion- Councilman Schwab

Seconded- Councilwoman Passey

Motion Carried

Motion to pay bills.

Motion- Councilman Woolley

Seconded- Councilwoman Passey

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

General Bills:

All Star Auto Parts	Maintenance on equipment	\$287.67
AlSCO	Uniforms	\$76.00
Caselle	Caselle Maintenance and Support	\$773.00
Clines Construction, Inc.	Business Sign	\$5,593.66
Dearborn Group	Life Insurance	\$4.38
Deyholos, Sheryl	Spin Instructor	\$
Energy Labs	Sewer & Water Testing	\$2,763.00
E.R. Office Express	Office Supplies	\$259.34
Fenton's Office Solutions	Office Supplies	\$43.89
Gem State Paper and Supply	Paper Products	\$308.32
HK Contractors	VanNoy Parkway	\$11,232.20
Hebdon Construction	Repairs and Maintenance	\$1,635.00
Hofhiens, Shari	Spin Instructor	\$137.50
Lincoln Self Reliance	Cleaning	\$630.00
Lower Valley Energy	Electricity	\$5,926.75
Luthi & Voyles	Legal	\$1,182.50
One-Call of Wyoming	Maintenance	\$17.25
Print Star	Beautification Committee	\$21.56
Raven Electric	Repairs and Maintenance	\$734.12
Rhinehart Oil	Fuel	\$1,229.42
Robinson, Kathy	Spin Instructor	\$85.00
Salaries		\$8,369.16
PTO Compensation		\$4,250.19
Silver Star Communications	Telephone/Internet	\$779.25
Sunrise Engineering	Booster Pump Project	\$348.75
Star Valley Disposal	Waste Removal	\$464.00
SVI Media	Advertising	\$330.00

Star Valley Quick Stop	Fuel	\$112.24
Thayne True Value	Repairs/Christmas	\$308.75
Town of Afton	Lab Testing	\$27.00
Valley Market	Recreation	\$41.35
Valley Wide COOP	Propane	\$2,034.14
Wyoming Department of Workforce Services	Workers Compensation/Unemployment	\$895.01
Wyoming Retirement System	Retirement	\$1,973.22

EMT Bills:

Lower Valley Energy	Electricity	\$84.95
Star Valley Cleaning	Cleaning	\$118.00
Wyoming Retirement System	Retirement	\$225.00
Star Valley Quick Stop	Fuel	\$78.45
Star Valley Medical Center	Supplies	\$1,330.00
Quick Med Claims	Billing Service	\$128.43
Silver Star Communications	Telephone/Internet	\$138.49
Salaries		\$4,998.97
Wyoming Department of Workforce Services	Workers Compensation/Unemployment	\$454.90
Star Valley Disposal	Waste Removal	\$81.00

Fire Department Bills:

Lower Valley Energy	Electricity	\$425.76
Weidner	Tools/Equipment	\$440.00
Wyoming Retirement System	Retirement	\$525.00
Silver Star Communications	Telephone/Internet	\$64.99
Nield Cleaning Service	Cleaning	\$45.00
SJ Customs, LLC	Repairs	\$4,009.89
Thayne True Value	Maintenance	\$72.52
Bird Welding & Repair	Maintenance/Repairs	\$439.27
All Star Auto	Maintenance/Repairs	\$664.99
Star Valley Quick Stop	Fuel	\$268.28
Asher, Mackey	Reimbursement for Christmas	\$478.02
Wyoming Department of Workforce Services	Workers Compensation/Unemployment	\$454.90