

Thayne Town Council Meeting
February 16, 2022

FINAL

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

Welcome: Mayor Devin Simpson

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilwoman Passey

Prayer: Mayor Simpson

Change to Agenda – Take EMT Report off Councilwoman Passey’s items to discuss. Joe Heward will talk about recreation under public hearing while some of the businesses are still at the meeting.

Approval of December 15, 2021, January 19, 2022, Council Meeting Minutes and February 9, 2022 Special Meeting and February 16, 2022 Adoption of the Agenda as finalized.

Motion- Councilman Heward

Seconded- Councilwoman Passey

Motion Carried

Swearing in of Municipal Judge Larry Lawton

Public Hearing- Open at 6:06 pm

None

Two Twenty-four hour Catering Permits for Pine’s Bar for the Shriner’s Cutter Race Banquet held on February 18, 2022 for 24 hour period & February 19, 2022 for a 24 hour period.

Motion- Councilman Woolley

Seconded- Councilwoman Passey

Motion Carried

Renew Pine’s Bar Retail Liquor License for 3/14/2022 until 3/13/2023

Motion- Councilman Woolley

Seconded- Councilwoman Passey

Motion Carried

Mayor Simpson asked for any other comments or concerns regarding Pine’s Bar. No comments were given.

Renew Dad’s Bar Retail Liquor License 3/14/2022 until 3/13/2023

Motion- Councilwoman Passey

Seconded- Councilman Schwab

Motion Carried

Mayor Simpson asked for any other comments or concerns regarding Dad’s Bar and Steakhouse. No comments were given.

Renew Graze’s LLC Restaurant Liquor License 3/14/2022 until 3/13/2023

Motion- Councilwoman Passey

Seconded- Councilman Heward

Motion Carried

Mayor Simpson asked for any other comments or concerns regarding Graze Restaurant. No comments were given.

Joe Heward

Discussed the first annual cornhole tournament in Thayne on Friday, March 25th at the community center for ages 8 and older. Town received a recreation grant from the County to buy ten cornhole boards. The tournament will be for 32 teams. Dinner will be served for the team members that are registered. Would like to have businesses in the town sponsor cornhole mats with their business logos on them. The town will be purchasing, with registration fees, gift certificates from the town businesses for prizes. In the future, would like to make the cornholes available for other groups to use for fundraisers with the understanding that they will purchase gift certificates from the town's businesses for prizes. Toby Merritt suggested reaching out to all those that have a business license in Thayne.

Dick Heiner's Building Permit Application an Addition on the North side of two 56' Storage Buildings

Motion- Councilman Woolley

Seconded- Councilwoman Passey

Motion Carried

Sunrise Engineering

Robert Hood reported on what kind of growth the Town of Thayne could have and the impact on sewer and water systems. Would like to setup a work session with the council on March 2, 2022 to discuss in more detail. Currently gathering data to find out how much of the capacity the town is currently using of the water system and how much extra capacity the system has in water storage, water source and water rights. In order to measure how much sewer is currently going into the sewer facility they will be installing a portable meter which will collect data and look at sewer trends and how much extra we have at the sewer treatment sight. Will start working on a master plan for roads and streetscape (width, curb and gutter, pathways). Need to review the process and anything that needs to be changed. Councilman Woolley brought up the point that we have had a mild winter and we may need to look at what that will do to the level of water. The town can decide if they would like to replace the batteries in the sensors that would collect more data on a worst-case scenario. Mayor Simpson called for work session on March 2, 2022.

Lance Skinner – Mid Valley Fire District

Lance was informed that the setback for an occupied building from the sewer facility is 500 ft. from the sewer lagoons. Robert is looking into if the fire hall would be considered an occupied building. Expansion of the sewer lagoons would need to be taken into consideration. Lance showed the council the first drawings from the architect of the proposed new firehall. New proposed building would give them the ability to drive through the building and park two single axel trucks in one bay. Also, has some rooms for meetings. They estimate the cost of the building will be between 2-3 million. Discussed the possibility of having a marquee next to the highway with a blinking light when trucks are pulling out on the highway or on top of the building. With the current drawing it shows that the building would need 2.8 acres. Lance requested 5 acres so they would have room to expand in the future but because of the sewer lagoons potentially expanding will determine the shape of the 5 acres. Midvalley would like to get the land transferred into their name. Mayor Simpson brought up the point that depending on where they will be getting the funding will depend on if they will want the land under their name or the towns. Lance asked about the merger of three entities (Mid Valley, Town of Thayne, and the Town of Star Valley Ranch) into one and the steps we need to take to have it on the ballot in November 2022.

Duke Dance – SVI Media

Duke asked for permission and support from the town to hold the Wild Card Concert again this year on Saturday, July 2, 2022. Thanked the town and especially Councilman Joe Heward for all the support and help last year to make the event a success. He proposed to expand the concert to be a music festival starting at 1:00 pm with the last show starting at 8:00 pm and having fireworks after depending on the fire restrictions at that time. Proposed having food vendors at the event. Councilman Heward brought up the issue with providing power for the vendors and suggested that they oversee their own power or looking into the possibility of moving them up to the power box by the playground and ball diamonds. Food vendors would need to have a Town of Thayne business license.

Judge Lawton

Will include any money that comes into the court on the report.

Councilman Schwab

Water Report

Have had a few frozen water lines that Cliff has taken care of. All of them have been because they are not running their water. One line froze in Bear Hallow but the town only provides water to Bear Hallow, and responsibility stops at the main line valve into Bear Hallow. Only town should be accessing meter pits. Remind citizens to run water. Basketball season is going well. Will need help with the cornhole tournament from anyone that is willing to help. Applied for a grant from Silver Star to boost the WIFI to make it a town hotspot. Hoping the camera for the bird nest will come before the bird. Received a grant for a number 2 electric car charger that will be placed by the DMV. Will be looking into the cost to install. Will be able to charge two cars at a time. Working on getting a grant to do an 8 court indoor pickleball court with large doors to open in the summer. Big scoreboard in the gym is not working because we haven't been able to get a new battery.

Councilman Schwab

Sewer Report

Councilman Schwab will meet with Cliff about the perspective growth.

Councilman Woolley

Streets Report

Councilman Woolley reported that our streets are looking good. Spoke to a cement contractor to come to the town and repair all the small projects around town. Please let Councilman Woolley know of anything else that needs to be on the list to repair. We may need to do the demo work before they come. Will check if they will do the prep work or not. Asked the council to consider getting a ¾ ton truck with a toolbox in the back so Cliff can have a place for his tools instead of in the cab of the truck or in the bed. Also, the possibility of putting a plow on so it would have multiple uses. The truck we have is good for going longer distances. Mayor Simpson mentioned that having a smaller truck with a plow would be good to have so that others could help push snow when needed.

Councilwoman Passey

Fire Department Report

Fire Department had their awards dinner on February 2, 2022 at JACZ. Hoping to get CPR training scheduled for this month. EMT's have approached the fire department about working for them to go out on calls and start giving medical aid until the Star Valley Health EMT's arrive. Starting ADO training March 5, 2022. Truck 7 generator is having issues and will be looked at to see if it can be fixed.

Mayor Simpson

Need to get the 4th of July fireworks ordered. Proposes spending the same amount as last year and looking into additional money from the lodging tax. The county receives 2% of that tax which is to be used for tourism. State statute states that at least ninety percent (90%) of the amount distributed shall be used to promote travel and tourism within the county, city or town imposing the tax. Expenditures for travel and tourism promotion shall be limited to promotional materials, television and radio advertising, printed advertising, digital content, social media, promote on of tours, staging of events, educational materials, and other specific tourism related objectives, provided that none of these funds shall be spent for capital construction or improvements. Mayor Simpson is proposing that we apply for this money to cover our 4th of July events for the purpose of creating an event that will continue to attract tourists to our town and to help promote the 4th of July celebration. For the town to receive the money directly from the state we would need to have our own tourism board, with our small population we would have a hard time getting volunteers to be on the board. The phone system at the town hall is out of date and is not supported any more. Silver Star has given us an estimate to update our system with new handsets for the office, new routers and the capability to have our personal cell phones setup to receive town calls to eliminate having two phones. The price is just under \$2,000 but the Mayor would also like to add a conference phone in the council room to be used when people need to call into council meeting which would add some cost. The Mayor recommends that we go forward with upgrading the system but would like to find out if we will be going to fiber to make it more reliable. Silver Star is planning to put fiber in the heart of the town this summer which would include the town hall.

Cliff Eggleston

Informed the council that one of the four furnaces at the town hall is not working and a second furnace has been having issues. The furnace has been serviced but the parts are not available to fix it. Cliff inquired if a new furnace could be purchased. Received a quote for a new furnace from Robert Valentine for \$8,433.00 which includes the air conditioning unit. Cliff recommended that we replace the other furnace that was having issues a month ago in the new budget year. Councilman Heward asked about purchasing both furnaces at the same time but getting one more quote from Zack Kinder.

Motion to go into executive session.

Motion- Councilwoman Passey

Seconded- Councilman Heward

Motion Carried

Motion to purchase lot 4 and 5 of the Business Park Addition to the Town of Thayne for a total of \$299,000 for Lot 4 and \$159,000 for Lot 5 for a total of \$458,000.

Motion- Councilman Heward

Seconded- Councilwoman Passey

Motion Carried

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

Motion- Councilwoman Passey

Seconded- Councilman Woolley

Motion Carried

Motion for the Approval of February 9, 2022 Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

Motion- Councilwoman Passey

Seconded- Councilman Woolley

Motion Carried

Motion to pay bills.

Motion- Councilwoman Passey
Seconded- Councilman Schwab
Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

General Bills:

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| All Star Auto Parts | Maintenance on equipment | 0 |
| AlSCO | Uniforms | \$76.00 |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming | Insurance | \$4,579.12 |
| CAN Surety | Bond | \$460.50 |
| Caselle | Caselle Maintenance and Support | \$773.00 |
| DeCoria & Company, PC | Audit | \$12,877.04 |
| Deyholos, Sheryl | Spin Instructor | \$295.00 |
| Fenton's Office Solutions | Office Supplies | \$41.51 |
| Frazier Maxclean Carpet Cleaning | Community Center Carpet Cleaning | \$1,400.00 |
| Hofhiens, Shari | Spin Instructor | \$155.00 |
| Lincoln County Sheriff | Contract & Communications | \$16,486.00 |
| Interwest Supply Company | Repairs and Maintenance | \$1,264.20 |
| Luthi & Voyles | Legal | \$1,045.00 |
| National Domains, LLC | Web Subscription | \$380.00 |
| Pioneer Equipment | Repairs and Maintenance | \$205.97 |
| Rhinehart Oil | Fuel | \$848.41 |
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| Riverside Graphics | Town Jackets | \$931.00 |
| Salaries | | \$8,081.37 |
| Silver Star Communications | Telephone/Internet | \$944.47 |
| Star Valley Disposal | Waste Removal | \$170.00 |
| SVI Media | Advertising | \$398.75 |
| Star Valley Quick Stop | Fuel | \$68.86 |
| Thayne True Value | Supplies | \$16.57 |
| Town of Afton | Lab Testing | \$27.00 |
| Valley Wide COOP | Propane | \$2,469.47 |
| Wyoming Association of Rural Water | Training | \$395.00 |
| Wyoming Department of Workforce Services | Workers Compensation/Unemployment | |
| Wyoming Retirement System | Retirement | \$2,021.40 |

EMT Bills:

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| All Star Auto Parts | Maintenance on equipment | \$510.95 |
| Lower Valley Energy | Electricity | \$27.68 |
| Master Tech & Tire | Repairs and Maintenance | \$289.32 |
| Wyoming Retirement System | Retirement | \$225.00 |
| Salt River Propane | Fuel | \$302.94 |
| Bird Welding & Repair | Repairs and Maintenance | \$2,003.14 |

Fire Department Bills:

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| Lower Valley Energy | Electricity | |
| Weidner | Tools/Equipment | 3,979.96 |
| Wyoming Retirement System | Retirement | \$525.00 |
| Silver Star Communications | Telephone/Internet | \$64.99 |

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| Nield Cleaning Service | Cleaning | \$45.00 |
| Suloff's Towing | Repairs | \$550.00 |
| Thayne True Value | Maintenance | \$160.94 |
| All Star Auto | Maintenance/Repairs | \$510.95 |
| Star Valley Quick Stop | Fuel | \$102.46 |
| Wyoming Department of Workforce Services | Workers Compensation/Unemployment | |
| Municipal Emergency Services | Tools and Equipment | \$339.46 |
| Phillips 66 Co/SYNCB | Fuel | \$54.41 |
| Day Wireless Systems | Repairs | \$312.50 |
| Town of Thayne | GPS | \$111.90 |