

Thayne Town Council Meeting
January 15, 2025
FINAL

Council in attendance: Mayor Simpson, Councilmember Passey, Councilmember Heward, Councilmember Summerhays (to be known going forward as Councilmember Wright) and Clerk Rebecca Hutchinson
Councilmember Pelletier Excused

Welcome: Mayor Devin Simpson

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Devin Simpson

Prayer: Councilmember Heward

Swearing in of Councilmember Nikole Passey by Mayor Simpson,

Approval of December 18, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes, December 18, 2024 Executive Session Meeting Minutes, and Adoption of the January 15, 2025 Agenda as finalized with the addition of Judge Larry Lawton Appointment.

Motion- Councilmember Heward

Seconded- Councilmember Passey

Motion Carried

Public Comment

None Given

Motion to Accept the Recommendation of the Mayor to Nominate Larry Lawton as the Town of Thayne Municipal Judge for a Two-Year Term

Motion- Councilmember Passey

Seconded- Councilmember Heward

Motion Carried

Motion to Accept the Nomination of an Appointment to Annie Summerhays as a Councilmember to a Four-Year Term for the Town of Thayne.

Motion- Councilmember Passey

Seconded- Councilmember Heward

Motion Carried

Swearing in Annie Summerhays as Town of Thayne Councilmember and Municipal Judge Larry Lawton by Mayor Simpson.

One Day Catering Permit – Valerie Robinson Pines Bar

Valentine Dinner at Forever West on Main

Motion to approve a One Day Catering Permit to Pines Bar for February 14, 2025

Motion- Councilmember Passey

Seconded- Councilmember Heward

Motion Carried

Lincoln County – Stephen Allen

Updates from Lincoln County.

Economic Development Council

Travel and Tourism Board
Master Transportation Plan (Roads and Trails)
Comprehensive Plan
Septic Systems

Councilmember Heward suggested the County being more accessible and having the meetings on Zoom so every constituent can watch.

Sunrise Engineering-Kade Smith

East Booster Pump

Mineral Royalty Grant Funded and ready to go to bid, waiting to make sure we have the go-ahead from the State.

North Sewer Funding Application

North portion of the Town of Thayne does not have a sewer line that connects to our sewer system. Requesting funding to put in the line which would prepare the Town for future development and growth. This project has been on the SLIB project list for several years. 75% forgiveness and potentially a 0% interest rate on the remaining loan if certain benchmarks are met. Resolution authorizing submission of an application to SLIB. Due date is February 5, 2025.

Wastewater Facility Plan

Reviewing flow data and projections. Reviewing permit requirements and system performance (water quality test results) Developing conceptual level plans for expansion. Project schedule and funding scenarios.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-1-15 Authorizing Submission of an Application to the State Loan in Investment Board for a Loan through the State Revolving Fund in behalf of the Governing Body of the Town of Thayne.

Motion- Councilmember Passey

Seconded- Councilmember Heward

Motion Carried

Judge Lawton

Council did not have any questions regarding the monthly report.

Councilmember Heward

Town Website

The current website is not reliable. Have not been able to add minutes and notices to the website. It is important to solve so that it will work consistently. Looking into using another company to create and maintain the Town webpage. Met with a company, GovWeb, that has been highly recommended. The proposal was presented to the council. \$1,000.00 to setup the website. There are other options that we can opt into for add-ons. There will be a monthly fee, \$260.00 to maintain the website.

Motion to approve Moving Forward with GovWeb to Build the Town of Thayne Website

Motion- Councilmember Passey

Seconded- Councilmember Heward

Motion Carried

Recreation

Ski Club 130 participants. First trip on Friday, January 17, 2025.

1st – 6th Grade Basketball 150 participants.

7th-8th grade basketball and Adult Coed Volleyball registration open now.

Travel and Tourism

Discussion about using the billboard, which is currently located in the narrows that has been used for Star Valley Ranch RV Park, if it could be used for the Town of Thayne.

Councilmember Pelletier-Excused

Community Center

All the cameras are working and installed including the play area. Trevor Petty helped to get the cameras live. Another gym camera has been ordered. Will schedule a grand opening for play area.

Discussion about internet speed. Had increased the speed to solve camera issues but found that it was not necessary to keep the speed for the cameras to work. Decided that it would be worth keeping it at a higher speed for the public who use the community center.

Had someone come look at the Community Center outside the gym door to possibly replace the middle section that is broken. The doors are hard to close.

Motion to approve increasing the Community Center WIFI and Signing a 5-Year Contract with Silver Star Communications

Motion- Councilmember Heward

Seconded- Councilmember Passey

Motion Carried

Councilmember Wright

Streets Report

Cliff discussed with the council El Jean Cul-de-sac which is a Town road but does not meet all Town standards. The snow is pushed onto private yards because the cul-de-sac is small. Discussion about compensation for the private property that is being used for snow storage. Table until next month.

Councilmember Passey

Fire Department Report

No Fire Meeting

Water

Cliff would like to attend virtual trainings every Tuesday in October for Cliff and Braydy. Discussion regarding the bakery having 2 units because it falls under restaurants. Clarify if they will have seating for customers to sit down and eat or if they will be selling goods out the door (retail store).

Motion to approve Cliff Eggleston to Attend Water & Wastewater Spring Conference April 14-18, 2025 in Casper.

Motion- Councilmember Passey

Seconded- Councilmember Heward

Motion Carried

Mayor Simpson

The Mayor gave a copy of an updated Town of Thayne Master Plan and asked the council to review it and find anything they would like to change or add. Discussion on zoning changes. Creating an AR-3 zone which would allow higher-density housing in the Town of Thayne which would potentially be more "affordable". AR-3 would allow duplexes, apartments, and 4-plexes. Right now, these are only allowed in Commercial Zoning. The Town of Thayne does not have much land that is designated Commercial and would like to allocate its use for businesses rather than multi-family residential. The Mayor gave a copy of the Town of Thayne Ordinance Title 10- Zoning Regulations with proposed changes. Asked the council to review and bring back to the council with recommendations and input about the changes. Red text –

proposed changes, yellow text – could be taken out of ordinance, green – would like input and suggestions about these items. AR-3 would need to be a subdivision permit and require a PUD. Proposed sign changes. Proposed changes to PUD (Planned Unit Development).

Ty Titensor subdivision is currently being worked on. To apply for a variance for a private well they need to show the council the cost difference between hooking onto the Town water system and a well. Insurance has increased substantially so will explore other insurance companies.

The Mayor informed the council about Wyoming Academy Leadership Academy and offered for the Town to cover the expenses if anyone wanted to commit to attending. Would need to go on all three dates.

Created a Google Sheets form that is a “To Do” list for the Town employees and council to refer to. As the council identifies things in the Town that need to be done they can use the list so that it can be worked on before council meetings.

Need to order laptops for council members and mayor.

Need to check on the snow load for the shop that Star Valley Health is renting for the EMT’s to make certain that the roof can hold the snow if we put something on the roof to keep the snow from falling in front of the garage door.

The Town currently has a missionary, Elder Constandse. The Town has agreed to cover a tank of gas for him monthly to help cover the cost of driving to the Town twice a week to volunteer to help with projects that need to be done.

The Mayor asked for permission to investigate the possibility of installing a camera and sound system in the Council Chambers so that the meetings can be recorded, also the public would be able to zoom into the meeting if they would like to attend remotely.

Changing Councilmembers assignments. Joe Heward additional assignment of streets. Councilmember Annie Summerhays-Wright be assigned to the Beautification Committee. The mayor will take the Sewer Assignment. Beautification Committee look into applying for the 250 Semiquincentennial Grant from the State to put a mural on the Community Center that focuses on America and Wyoming.

Motion to accept the Preliminary Mid Valley Fire District Proposal to Purchase 4 Acres for \$250,000 and all the Equipment for \$100,000.00 Pending Contract for Fire Protection Services being Agreed Upon.

Motion- Councilmember Passey

Seconded- Councilmember Heward

Motion Carried

Motion to go into executive session 7:49 pm. (Real Estate)

Motion- Councilmember Passey

Seconded- Councilmember Heward

Motion Carried

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

Motion- Councilmember Summerhays-Wright

Seconded- Councilmember Heward

Motion Carried

Motion to pay bills.

Motion- Councilmember Heward

Seconded- Councilmember Summerhays-Wright

Motion Carried

Motion to Adjourn.

Motion- Councilmember Passey

Seconded- Councilmember Heward

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

General Bills:

ALSCO	Uniforms	\$83.34
AT&T	Phone	\$88.22
C & V LLC	CC-Maintenance and Repairs	\$588.00
Caselle	Caselle Maintenance and Support	\$782.00
Crowther, Brandt	Basketball	\$100.00
Deyholos, Sheryl	Spin Instructor	\$117.50
Domain Listings	Subscriptions	\$288.00
Energy Lab Inc	Lab	\$1,089.00
ER Office Express	Office Supplies	\$135.62
Gem State Paper and Supply	Community Supplies	\$679.03
Hofhiens, Shari	Spin Instructor	\$125.00
Hutchinson, Rebecca	Ski Club	\$94.94
Izatt, Derk	Basketball	\$50.00
Lincoln County Sheriff	Communications	\$743.00
Lincoln Self Reliance	Cleaning	\$630.00
Lower Valley Energy	Electricity	\$7,143.79
Luthi & Voyles	Attorney	\$110.00
Mid-Valley Fire Department	Fire Protection	\$2.00
Mountain West Farm Bureau Mutual	Insurance	\$6,292.25
NAPA Auto Parts	Maintenance and Repairs	\$238.37
Parkland USA Corp	Maintenance and Repairs	\$1,157.91
Salaries		\$16,237.95
Silver Star Communications	Telephone/Internet	\$555.99
Star Valley Disposal	Waste Removal	\$477.00
Star Valley Quick Stop	Fuel	\$308.45
Sunrise Engineering	Engineering	\$20,294.25
SVI Media	Advertising	\$114.00
Thayne True Value	Repairs and Maintenance	\$1,138.17
Titan Machinery	Repairs and Maintenance	\$321.25
Valley Auto Supply	Maintenance and Repairs	\$114.28
Valley Wide COOP	Propane	\$1,290.95
Wyoming Retirement System	Retirement	\$2,517.42
Yost	Office Expense	\$15.10