

Thayne Town Council Meeting  
March 15, 2023

**FINAL**

Council in attendance: Mayor Simpson, Councilmember Heward, Councilmember Woolley, Councilmember Pelletier and Deputy Clerk Humpherys

Councilmember Passey Excused

**Welcome:** Mayor Devin Simpson

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Councilmember Pelletier

**Prayer:** Councilmember Woolley

**Discussion on proposed Agendas**

**Consent Agenda**

**Approval of February 15, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes and Adoption of March 15, 2023 Agenda as finalized**

**Motion-** Councilmember Woolley

**Seconded-** Councilmember Pelletier

**Motion Carried**

**Regular Agenda**

**Public Comments**

No public Comments

**Town Audit: Called Phil Tippetts to get Audit report.**

Town received two check marks, the first was for overspending our budget. Tippetts considered this a "soft finding". Court costs of \$28K, will look at what the source of that expense was. Suggested that next year in a Council meeting that we make a budget amendment with the reasons for proposing an increase if it becomes apparent that we will overspend. The second finding was that our staff is not large enough to have a segregation or separation of financial duties. With a town the size of Thayne there is not much to be done to correct the situation. In general, the Town financial statements and numbers are solid and there are no obvious red flags.

**Motion to approve Ordinance 375 Lainhart Annexation to the Town of Thayne 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.**

**Motion-** Councilmember Heward

**Seconded-** Councilmember Woolley

**Motion Carried**

**Sunrise Engineering/Robert Hood**

East Booster Pump has been awarded to WS Construction-Moving forward with that project.

The Park Irrigation project received no bids. Our options now are to negotiate with a contractor of our choice. Talk to Triple H who was unable to get a bid to us in time. Rebid the project for next year. Councilman Heward offered to check with some larger contractors in Salt Lake or Idaho Falls. Robert will get the plans to him.

Water and Sewer funding looks pretty good over the next few years, with the highest priority being get back up water generators in place.

The existing sewer capacity is good unless the development at Hemmert Ranch adds too many. The Developers will have to do their own studies and come to the town with their plan.

Discussed some funding options with a WYDOT tap funding. They will match up to one million dollars with a 9.5% investment from the Town. Talked about asking for a crosswalk on Main Street. Formerly this grant was referred to as a Teal Grant and it previously paid for the landscaping on Main Street at the canal bank. Could this funding be used for the retaining wall on the canal, the entry way art display and marquee or walkways near Sewer property? Must submit a letter of interest prior to April 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Judge Larry Lawton**

Pertaining to the expense in Court costs the Judge let the Council know that anytime jail time is a possibility the defendant would be entitled to a jury trial and/or an appointed council. This could be very costly to the Town, in most cases Judge Lawton takes jail time off the table to reduce the risk of an expensive trial for the town.

#### **Motion to approve the Town Judge Lawton and Municipal Court Clerk Humpherys to attend the Municipal Court Conference to be held in Buffalo, WY in May.**

**Motion-** Councilmember Woolley

**Second-** Councilmember Pelletier

**Motion Carried**

#### **Councilmember Heward**

Review of the upcoming Rec activities- Cornhole Tournament, Easter Hunt, Soccer Camp, and last ski day.

Passed on information about 811 and a requirement effective April 1st to wait until the valid date on the ticket before any digging is started. It is the Contractor who is doing the digging that must call not a homeowner or property owner etc. After a call is made for a ticket the utility owner is mandated to provide a "positive response"

Suggested we should label the lines going into the switch for the Cameras in the Community Center and rebuild the shelf.

#### **Councilmember Pelletier**

Community Center

#### **Councilmember Woolley**

Streets: addressed a few pothole situations. Particularly on Wright and VanNoy and Dana Street.

**Councilmember Passey-** absent

**Mayor Simpson**

**Motion to approve the 2023/2024 Budget Ordinances, first reading**

Note that 377 and 378 sewer and water were consolidated.

**Motion** – Councilmember Pelletier

**Second** – Councilmember Woolley

**Motion Carried**

**Motion to approve Ordinance 380 – Electrical and Communications lines 1<sup>st</sup> reading.**

Councilman Heward wanted the writing changed in paragraph 8-3-2 A. to strike “excluding main feeder lines”. and change ...lines in excess of (15) kilovolts....to lines in excess of (69) kilovolts.

**Motion** – Councilmember Woolley

**Second** – Councilmember Pelletier

**Motion Carried**

Councilmember Heward abstained from voting.

**Town updates**

Business Park Lots- Price was reduced to \$325K down from \$380K.

General Fund Checking

**Motion to leave at least 400K remaining in the General Fund Checking and move the remainder into the Wyo Star II investment account.**

Councilmember Heward suggested leaving at least \$400K in checking as a 6-month buffer.

Motion to leave \$400K in the general checking and move the rest to WYOSTAR II

**Motion-** Councilmember Heward

**Second-**Councilmember Woolley

**Motion Carried**

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

**Motion-** Councilmember Woolley

**Seconded-** Councilmember Pelletier

**Motion Carried**

**Motion to pay bills**

**Motion-** Councilmember Heward

**Seconded-** Councilmember Woolley

**Motion Carried**

**Motion to adjourn meeting**

**Motion-** Councilmember Woolley

**Seconded-** Councilmember Pelletier  
**Motion Carried**

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 P.M.**

**General Bills:**

All Star Auto Parts	Maintenance on equipment	\$140.22
Alsco	Uniforms	\$99.92
Astle, Derek	Basketball	\$240.00
AT&T Mobility	Phones	\$87.98
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming	Benefits	\$4,884.93
Brenntag Pacific	Water	\$2129.45
Carrasco, Nixon	Basketball	\$120.00
Caselle	Caselle Maintenance and Support	\$797.00
Clevinger, Wilson	Basketball	\$120.00
Conrad & Bischoff	Fuel	\$1194.32
Cram, Taylor	Basketball	\$210.00
Crosland, Jamie	Basketball	\$200.00
Deyholos, Sheryl	Spin	\$100.00
Downtown Decorations	Beautification	\$3558.33
Erickson, Janna	Basketball	\$500.00
Gem State Paper and Supply	Paper Products	\$508.56
Herd, Kanyen	Basketball	\$60.00
Heward, Taggart	Basketball	\$45.00
Hillyard, Payson	Basketball	\$180.00
Kennedy, Wendy	Basketball	\$300.00
Kennedy, Hayden	Basketball	\$270.00
Kowalski, Kiara	Basketball	\$150.00
Lincoln County Sheriff	Communications/Contract	\$743.00
Lincoln Self Reliance	Cleaning	\$630.00
Lower Valley Energy	Electricity	\$6815.00
Martin's Flag Company	Beautification	\$747.13
Nelson, Cody	Basketball	\$195.00
Olenlager, Anna	Basketball	\$30.00
Olenlager, Evie	Basketball	\$15.00
Ridgeway, Jade	Basketball	\$90.00
Silver Star Communications	Phone	\$409.80
Star Valley Disposal	Garbage	\$170.00
Star Valley Quick Stop	Fuel	\$931.59
Sunrise Engineering	Engineering	\$1700.00
SVI Media	Advertising	\$937.51
Thayne True Value	Repairs and Maintenance	\$1349.99
Thompson, Brinley	Basketball	\$100.00
Titan Machinery	Repairs and Maintenance	\$2303.93
Town of Afton	Lab Testing	\$27.00
Valley Wide Cooperative	Propane	\$1763.01
Wyoming Department of Workforce Services	Workers Comp	\$76.50
Wyoming Retirement System	Benefits	\$2,472.74

