

Thayne Town Council Meeting
December 21, 2022

Final

Council in attendance: Mayor Simpson, Councilmember Schwab, Councilmember Woolley, Councilmember Heward, Councilmember Passey, Deputy Clerk Sally Humpherys

Welcome: Mayor Devin Simpson

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Woolley

Prayer: Councilman Heward

Change to Agenda: Added Judge Lawton and City Engineer Robert Hood

Approval of November 16th, 2022, Council Meeting Minutes, the November 16, 2022 Executive Session Meeting Minutes and the Adoption of the December 21, 2022 Council Meeting Agenda as finalized.

Motion- Councilmember Passey

Seconded- Councilmember Woolley

Motion Carried

Public Comments

None were given.

Mayor Simpson noted this would be Councilmember Schwab's last meeting and thanked him publicly for his service.

Sharon Woolley

Opposed to the lack of communication to adjacent landowners when a development is in process. Specifically referring to the Hemmert Ranch development. Will send an email to the Council with an outline of her comments from tonight. Echoed Mayor Simpson's comments concerning Councilman Schwab

Lainhart Annexation

Mayor Simpson explained the intent of the resolution, it was clarified by K Scherbel of Scherbel Surveyors that the parcel was small, close to ¼ acre, the purpose of the annexation was to make the surrounding property more useable.

Motion to approve resolution No 2022-12-21.2 for the Lainhart Annexation into the Town of Thayne

Motion- Councilmember Schwab

Seconded- Councilmember Passey

Motion Carried

Lainhart Easement

Allen Lainhart joined this portion of the meeting remotely. Mayor Simpson explained his interpretation of the situation and asked Deland Lainhart and/or Scherbel Representative Karl Scherbel to correct him of anything he may misstate. The purpose of tonight's discussion is to clarify the options to the Council so that they could give the Lainharts the direction they need to move forward with one plan or another. He put forth the two options being considered. Lainharts to put in a parallel road to the existing road including town dictated improvements. Alternately the Lainharts would use the existing road with a 30' easement to be split between the town land and the Lainhart land. Despite the appearance that the town would be subsidizing development by making the road available for the additional lots that the Lainharts

plan to develop, the Mayor's recommendation to the Council, after much consideration, was to grant the private shared access drive contingent upon several factors.

1. The Lainharts would make their best effort to obtain 30' from the adjacent landowners (Allreds) to satisfy the 60' easement.
2. If one of the 3 lots is ever sold out of the established trust then at that time an improved road up to Town standards would need to be put in. With the cost solely the responsibility of the developer.

Council Heward asked for and received clarification on the easements and where they would be in relation to the existing road. It was clarified that the existing road is not a public road and would remain a private drive.

Councilman Woolley expressed his concern for liability issues as more and more people would be residing in the vicinity of the Sewer plant. And expressed a distaste for gates and fences that hinder the Town personnel from conveniently accessing the Sewer Plant.

Councilman Schwab agreed to the stipulation that it would stay a private drive until any of the three lots were sold and then the road would be required to be brought to Town standards.

Council also said additional discussion is warranted about who would maintain the road etc. Councilman Woolley acknowledged that the Town would be plowing the road in any case.

Mr. Lainhart responded in agreement and reminded the Council that the Lainharts have given much to the Town already in the form of easements for the road currently being discussed as well as easements for the development of the Town Sewer plant. He agreed to contact the Allreds and in fact his son Allen has already reached out to them. However, he predicted an unfavorable response to their request. He reiterated that the lots are in a trust and the term of the trust prohibit selling.

Wright Street

Cliff has been plowing and will continue to do so. Discussion on the punch list for spring was tabled until next month when the list of specific items to be completed could be in hand.

Sunrise Engineering – Robert Hood

Update of East Booster pump- A bid opening is scheduled for Jan 31st with the prebid 7 days prior, they are optimistic of an interested bidder. The irrigation project is on schedule to be bid in the Spring.

Judge Larry Lawton

Judge Lawton submitted his report to the council and added that the young men with community service had nearly completed their hours and had each paid a \$50 fine.

Councilmember Heward

Water Report – No frozen water yet.

Parks and Recreation – 151 skiers signed up for Star Valley Ski club, and over 150 so far for basketball.

Community Center – lines completed in the gym, DMV agreed to their lease, but the Library is still pending the approval or disapproval at their January Board Meeting.

Councilman Schwab

Sewer Report

Reported on the Hazard Mitigation Plan- the plan documents included all the hazards and potential hazards for a 3-county area including Lincoln County for the past 100 years. If you join or become involved, it may be easier to receive federal money in the case of an incidence but accepting money comes at a cost that the Town may not be agreeable to. Councilman Schwab's prefers not to become involved and would vote **no** on the motion to sign/endorse the Hazzard mitigation plan.

Motion to refrain from signing Resolution No. 2022-8-17 Hazzard Mitigation Plan

Motion- Councilman Schwab

Second- Councilman Heward

Councilman Woolley

Streets Report

Keeping up with the plowing. Need a set of tires for the Skid steer, tires are compatible with the backhoe for back up. Plan to purchase an additional set of tire chains.

Councilwoman Passey

Had nothing to report.

Mayor Simpson

Resolution No. 2022-12-21-Arbor Day.

Arbor day is the last Friday in April, and the town has annually had a clean up day and planted some trees on the first Tuesday in May in celebration of Arbor Day.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-12-21 Arbor Day

Motion- Councilmember Passey

Second- Councilmember Heward

Applauded the Christmas on the Canal and despite the lighting issues was enjoyed by many, especially the lighting of the lanterns and the accompanying speech by Councilman elect Pelletier. Many thanks to all who helped especially Suzanne Aullman and Donna King.

Fire funds are all transferred.

Showed the flow chart from the Subdivision ordinance # 373 and related the responsibilities of the Seltzer group in relation to developing the Hemmert Ranch property. Refer to the flow chart on page 11-12. The town has asked for a report of their plans by Feb 15th. The town has asked for a month to review the plan. Council will meet to discuss; the meeting will be open to the public but public comments will not be accepted at that time. This discussion will not be taken lightly, and the best interests of the town will be foremost.

Discussion on the land that the Mid-Valley Fire District would like to acquire from the Town. Council agreed there should be some language in the contract that stipulates the Fire Department must build a fire house on the property within a set period of years or forfeit the land back to the Town of Thayne.

Had Robert/ HVAC contractor look at the heater in the EMT building that was failing to heat the building to temp. Contractor found the building heated and the heater working albeit with a blower fan that is noisy and should be replaced as well as a T stat. Gave a price for the parts and Council agreed to try the repair before replacement.

A note that the Senior Center did not receive ARPA funds for their new building.

WYO-STAR I and II had positive interest gains and recommended to leave as is.

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

Motion- Councilmember Woolley

Seconded- Councilmember Passey

Motion Carried

Motion to pay bills.

Motion- Councilmember Passey

Seconded- Councilmember Schwab

Motion Carried

Motion to Adjourn Meeting 7:39 pm

Motion- Councilmember Woolley

Seconded- Councilman Passey

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

General Bills:

All Star Auto Parts	Maintenance on equipment	\$861.05
AlSCO	Uniforms	\$115.40
AT & T	Mobile Phones	\$85.46
Booth, Clarrisa	Training/Dec Council	\$58.00
Broulim's	Events/Christmas	\$37.28
Burton, Nicki	Training/Council	\$20.00
Caselle	Caselle Maintenance and Support	\$797.00
Conrad & Bishoff	Fuel	\$1741.33
Deyholos, Sheryl	Spin	\$210.00
Energy Lab Inc.	Testing	\$421.00
Fenton's Office Solutions	Office Supplies	\$57.86
Gem State Paper and Supply	Paper Products	\$515.39
Heward, Joe	Ski Club reimburse	\$1125.00
Lincoln County Sheriff	Communications	\$743.00
Lincoln Self Reliance	Cleaning	\$630.00
Lower Valley Energy	Electricity	\$5556.81
Luthi & Voyles	Lawyer	\$110.00
M8 Automation	Water SLFRF	\$5254.28
Pioneer Equipment	Streets repair and Maint	\$255.00
Silver Star Communications	Phone	\$1108.13
Simpson, Devin	Beautification/Christmas	\$61.50
Star Valley Quick Stop	Fuel	\$246.03
Sunrise Engineering	Engineering	\$3801.50
Thayne True Value	Repairs and Maintenance	\$655.39
Valley Tech	Admin Office	\$60.00
Valley Wide COOP	Propane	1600.28
Wyoming Association of Rural Water	Dues/Subscriptions	\$475.00
Wyoming Retirement System	Benefits	\$3709.00
Employee Bonus	Payroll	\$3661.00
Payroll		\$7431.77