



## Town approves first reading of ordinances

by Mark Dykes

During their meeting on Tuesday, July 3 the Thermopolis Town Council approved two town ordinances on first reading. The ordinances will go through two more readings before they are adopted.

One ordinance repeals and replaces Town Code section 14-104 concerning liability and expense for repairs and maintenance of water service lines to place responsibility on the town for a portion of the line, with the balance being the responsibility of the consumer.

Under the new ordinance, responsibility for expense of repairs and maintenance of water service lines is on the Town of Thermopolis

from the connection at the water main to six feet behind the street curb or to the consumer's property line, whichever is closer to the main. Water service lines in any alley are excluded and the responsibility is solely on the consumer.

Also under the ordinance, from the point where the responsibility of the town ends, responsibility for expenses of repairs and maintenance of service lines to the point of use by the consumer, with noted exceptions, is on the consumer. These expenses include but are not limited to the lines, curb stops and boxes, saddles, valves and equipment, labor and other materials.

If there's no operable curb stop at the point of the commencement of the responsibility of the consumer, a new curb stop will be installed with the expenses falling to the consumer. In any event all curb stops shall be operable and accessible by town employees and all costs associated with curb stop installation, repair, accessibility and operability are on the consumer. If the service line is under concrete, including but not limited to driveways or extended sidewalks, the town may decline to accept responsibility to the point of commencement of the consumer's responsibility.

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photo by Dennis Nierzwicki

### Light up the night

Light from the annual fireworks show reflects in the water of the Bighorn River. The Thermopolis Volunteer Fire Department puts together the show every year largely through donations from the community. In addition to setting off displays from the top of T Hill, firefighters also kept an eye on personal displays near the skate park.

## Condition of Missouri Flat Road discussed

by Cindy Glasson

The Hot Springs County Commissioners met last week for a short meeting before the 4th of July holiday.

Nate Messenger, FBO at the airport, reports 174 total operations at the airport for the month of June, including three air ambulances and nine aircraft that spent the night.

Messenger said traffic was up this month and he expects July to be even better. Avgas sales were over 2,000 gallons and nearly 800 gallons of jet fuel were sold for the month.

The airport had their 5010 inspection from the Wyoming Department of Transportation in June and got 'dinged' on a few items. Messenger has already written his reply to the items found, but is really wondering why some of the items are now a problem after the engineers, WYDOT and the FAA had all approved them in the beginning.

Road and Bridge foreman, Dave Schlager spoke with the commissioners regarding some issues on Missouri Flat Road, including a large speed bump and debris on the road. Schlager said the bentonite

trucks in the area are pretty hard on the road and the damage is pretty substantial from marker 1200 on.

He would like to see the asphalt torn up and the road returned to a useable gravel road. A road zipper that pulls up the asphalt runs in the neighborhood of \$200,000, but Schlager said there are a number of areas where it could be used.

For now, he will put some signage up to warn about the bump, but feels it would be better to let the trucks compact it down rather than just blade it off since the trucks would actually do a better job of compacting.

Maintenance Director Anthony Fruciano reported things are going fairly smoothly.

The air conditioning has been repaired in the law enforcement center and rather than having to replace the HVAC at the library for \$4,000, the company was able to do some work-arounds that only cost \$1,200. He is also expecting the HVAC at the Senior Center to be completed by the end of the month.

## Renovating the Klink Building

by Cindy Glasson

There has been much speculation over the last few years as to the fate of the Klink Building on the corner of Fifth Street and Broadway.

Amanda Moeller, CEO of the Economic Development Company (EDC), provided us with an inside peek at the building.

Two of the storefronts on the Broadway side of the building were spruced up on the outside a few years ago, but on the inside there is still a lot of work to be done.

Where Mac's Bar once was you can still see the ceramic tiles that ran the length of the front of the bar, but there is some water damage to the walls and the ceiling isn't in the best of shape.

A large section of the wall between that space and the space next to it has been removed and Moeller indicated one of the suggested uses would be to make the two storefronts into one larger space, although they could be kept separate depending on the potential renter's needs.

Renovations to this section would have

to include everything from water to paint, flooring and even updating the bathrooms as the narrow doors are nowhere near ADA compliant.

Moeller said businesses looking to relocate are really looking for move-in ready,

pect, showing she was built to be used for a very long time.

Moeller said the EDC has a contractor coming in to take a look at things this month and give a run-down on possible renovation costs. Things were up in the air with the

late owner as he didn't really want anything changed, but since his family now owns the building, they are excited to see what can really be done with it.

Apartments are a very real possibility with the space, combining two or three of the offices into a living space suitable for a single person or a couple. A couple of the spaces are large enough

they could actually be renovated into family units.

Moeller said she has been contacted by different businesses looking for long term rental space for traveling employees. The Klink Building would be an excellent solution.

Updating all of the electrics, plumbing

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The 100-year old Klink Building on the corner of Fifth Street and Broadway may see a new spark of life before too long.

remodeled spaces and there aren't a lot of choices in town when it comes to renovated, useable space.

Moving upstairs, a fine layer of dust covers everything.

The amazing things is, even though the building is 100-years old, all of the offices, doors, even the paint is still in relatively good shape. As old as it is, the old girl's floors don't squeak as you would ex-