

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on November 5, 2024, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Adam Estenson, Council members John Dorman Sr., Rachel Hughes, Dusty Lewis and Bill Malloy (via phone). Also present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Jim Jeunehomme, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Police Chief Pat Cornwell, Public Works Director Basil Sorensen, Chief Water Plant Operator Chris Seilaff, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett and Town Attorney Marshall Keller.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Following the pledge of allegiance, a moment of silence was held for Ron Jurovich, the municipal court judge, who passed on October 25, 2024.

AGENDA: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the agenda as presented.

MINUTES: Dorman made a motion, and Lewis seconded to approve the Council meeting minutes from October 1 and 15th, the special session on October 1 and the work session from October 15, 2024. Hughes noted the minutes from October 1st had an incorrect upcoming meeting date. The motion was approved with the correction.

BILLS: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for October 2024.

PUBLIC HEARING: THOMAS & MORGAN LAYTON: HOME OCCUPATION: CUSTOM LEATHER GOODS AND SADDLE CLEANING & REPAIR: The public hearing was opened at 7:07 pm. Layton noted he has a large sewing machine in a 20ft trailer, which he pulls to events where he does leather work. Jeunehomme noted he has purchased a vendor permit. He would like a home occupation permit to continue his leatherwork during the winter. In discussion, Layton noted he did not want to bring his large sewing machine up and down the stairs in his house, however he decided he would be willing to purchase a smaller machine for the trailer. Jeunehomme noted this would meet the home occupation criteria, as the work is required to be in the home, not in an outbuilding or trailer. The public hearing was closed at 7:10 pm. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the home occupation permit for 1513 Fremont.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: The following reports were available for review: police, engineering, streets and alleys, water, wastewater, sanitation and landfill. Discussion ensued on updating ordinances. Chief Cornwell noted Reagan Severance had graduated from the law enforcement academy for Dispatch. Barnett presented a certificate of substantial completion on the chip seal project. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to allow the mayor to sign the certificate of substantial completion and to approve pay estimate #1 to Wild West Construction in the amount of \$105,500.35. Estenson also noted the town will close on the purchase of the land for the transfer station on November 8, 2024.

TOWN ATTORNEY: REVOKING FLUORINATION IN THE WATER SUPPLY: Keller read the proposed ordinance which would remove the addition of fluoride to the water supply. A prior ordinance added fluoride, and this ordinance will rescind all codes relating to the addition of fluoride. Discussion topics included EPA recommendations (not to exceed .9mg/liter), additional state permitting requirements for adding fluoride, natural occurring fluoride in the water and local Dentists suggestions to use fluoride toothcare products. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the first reading of the ordinance.

ADMINISTRATION: HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL AND EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION INCREASE: Jeunehomme presented the renewal options and administration's recommendation to stay with Zurich. He also proposed increasing the employees' single rate by \$20/month and the family rate by \$40/month. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Hughes, and carried to approve the Zurich renewal and the increase to employee premiums.

ADMINISTRATION: FLAGPOLE REPLACEMENT: Jeunehomme noted he was able to get a quote from Western Flag to remove the Broadway & 5th flagpole, that was damaged in the September wind event (numerous welds were broken). The 80ft pole will be replaced with a 60ft pole due to the reach of equipment for maintenance. The project was quoted at \$26,903 (with approximations for shipping). Jeunehomme noted if the 12x18 American flag is flown, the pole will only support one flag. Insurance proceeds have been received. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to move forward with the flagpole change.

ADMINISTRATION: GRANT DISCUSSION: Estenson noted a local group looking for funds was directed to Merchant McIntyre Assoc. a Washington DC company, who submits grants for federal funds. More details will be covered in the next work session.

ADMINISTRATION: DECO LIGHT POLES: Jeunehomme reviewed decorative light vendors and products. Following discussion, Jeunehomme recommended a Hophane pole with a glass bulb for future replacement poles. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to proceed with the different poles.

ADMINISTRATION: OTHER: Jeunehomme noted the concrete at Family Park was poured and the Glade Edwards Park playground equipment was installed. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve December 24th as

part of the Christmas holiday. Following discussion, Public Works Director Sorensen was given permission to close the landfill on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: Estenson noted he would like to have a citizen advisory board with 5-7 members to aid and review a police department policies and procedures manual. He noted many policies are state statute driven. At 8:13 pm, Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to adjourn. The next council meeting is November 19, 2024, at 7pm.

BILLS: A & I, Oil, \$2,485.61; AFLAC, Insurance, \$363.12; American Welding, Welding Gases, \$326.11; AMLO, Parts, \$1,125.00; APCO, Dues, \$391.00; BCN, Phone, \$118.76; Big Horn Water, Rental, \$92.50; Big Horn Circuit Court, Garnishment, \$666.84; Big Horn Coop, Landfill Gates, \$365.96; Bloedorn Lumber, Window, \$433.14; Brenntag Pacific, Lime, \$10,238.99; Cameron Burrows, Supplies, \$90.00; Carquest, Supplies \$831.47; Caselle, Support, Software \$804.00; Patrick Cornwell, Officer Photos, \$430.00; Counter Strike, Uniforms, \$1,822.99; Desert Mtn, Ice Slicer, \$5,504.40; Energy Labs, Service, \$551.00; Engineering Assoc., Service, \$23,436.40; Floyds Truck Center, Parts, \$529.24; Grainger, Parts, \$170.68; Great West Trust, Retirement, \$840.00; Green Turf, Service, \$1,175.68; Hach, Supplies, \$629.90; Hawkins, Rental, \$20.00; High Plains Power, Service, \$58.63; Hopper Disposal, Tires, \$8,806.40; HS Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955.00; HSCSD#1, Fuel, \$4,042.12; Idexx, Contract, \$500.00; IR, Legal Ads, \$805.00; Insurance Trust, Premiums, \$37,448.00; Jadeco, Service, \$640.70; Joe Johnson Equip., Parts, \$560.00; JRA Inc., Report, \$19.50; Ron Jurovich, Service, \$900.00; Keller Law, Service, \$4,400.00; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$100.00; Michael Mascorro, Floor Mats, \$20.94; Micro-Com, Contract, \$6,900.00; Midco Diving, Service, \$8,652.00; Murdoch Oil, Diesel, \$2,278.46; Napa-Riverton, Tool Boxes, \$2,138.00; Napa, Def, 340.99; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$208.00; Vicki Nichols, Service, \$35.00; One Call, Fees, \$18.00; O'Reilly, Supplies, \$55.16; Owl Creek Excavation, Family Park Basketball Court, \$41,300.00; Peak Water Services, Service, \$975.00; Pitney Bowes, Lease, \$163.83; Playground Boss, Glade Edwards Equip., \$33,958.00; Postmaster, Postage, \$755.94; Provision, Software, \$2,340.00; QA Balance, Service, \$225.00; R & A Safety, Service, \$90.50; Railroad Mgmt, Fees, \$811.34; Range, Service, \$557.36; RDO Equip., Parts, \$431.75; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$19,857.58; Safeguard Business, Utility Cards, \$1,934.36; Christopher Seilaff, Mileage, \$176.88; Serlkay Printing, Receipt Books, \$104.00; Staples, Supplies, \$40.87; Ted Miller, Service, \$500.00; The Office Shop, Contract, \$119.55; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, \$589.94; TOT, Depreciation & Utilities, \$82,420.48; Tracey Van Heule, ½ License, \$95.00; Tractor & Equip, Parts, \$413.00; Unum, Insurance, \$115.46; USA Bluebook, Supplies, \$1,104.49; Verizon, Phone, \$395.00; Visa, Supplies, \$1,097.78; VSP, Insurance, \$310.34; WWQ & PCA, Class, \$204.00; Wamco Lab, Service, \$180.00; Ward's Upholstery, Recover Seats, \$300.00; Wild West Construction, Pay Estimate #1 Chip Seal, \$105,500.35; Workforce Services, Workers Comp, \$3,760.75; Wyo Tees, Uniform, \$53.98; WY First Aid, Supplies, \$83.54; WY Gas, Service, \$269.94; WY Public Health Lab, Fees, \$88.00; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$26,706.56; WY.Com, Service, \$105.00; Wyonet, Service, \$468.00; Youth Alternatives, Services, \$500.00; Payroll, \$103,709.56; Payroll Taxes, \$33,867.51.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer	Adam R. Estenson, Mayor
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STATE OF) OFFICE OF THE
WYOMING) BOARD OF
OF) COUNTY
COUNTY OF) COMMISSIONERS
HOT SPRINGS) November 5, 2024

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Government Annex. Present were Commissioners Thomas Ryan, Phillip Scheel, and Paul Galovich. Also present were County Attorney Jill Logan, and Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners Connie Guntly. Chairman Ryan led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda – The Commissioners approved the Agenda with the following changes:

Remove: Item 5 Youth Alternatives Monthly Update

Approval of Minutes – The Commissioner approved October 15, 2024 meeting minutes.

Approval of Bills Accounts Payable (AP) Warrant Register - The Accounts Payable (AP) Warrant Register for bills was submitted for approval (see end for listing). The Commissioners approved Accounts Payable Warrant Register with bills totaling \$712,056.16, Commissioner Scheel recused himself from warrant # 66943, and Chairman Ryan recused himself from warrant # 66969; payroll totaled \$223,161.64.

GIS Monthly Update – Month of October work with Planner Culliton on 2024 septic permits continued, as well as land use change tracts in ArcGIS online data system. Ardurra worked with the Sheriff's

office for the NextGen 911 address point editor application, and continued adding point layers for the NextGen 911 system. Ms. Ross stated for the coming month work will begin on Septic Permit Inspection Field Maps App and online editor, as well as revisions for the Land Use Change lookup app. Work will also continue on the NextGen 911 layers. Ms. Ross stated two ArcGIS online Mobile Worker Licenses will need to be purchased (\$400/license) for the Sheriff and Planner.

Fixed Base Operator (FBO) Monthly Report – There were a total of 150 recorded operations at the airport. Fuel sales included 1,095.31 gallons of Avgas and 701.5 gallons of Jet fuel. Mr. Messenger stated the fuel filters have been changed and mowing equipment is winterized and put away. UPS freight usually starts utilizing the airport in November; however, Mr. Messenger has not heard from Bemidji Aviation.

Road and Bridge Report – The month of October was spent doing patch work on the County roads, including Missouri Flats. The snow plows are set up and ready. Mountain Construction suggested waiting on the Jones Road section of road until after Black Mountain Road work is complete, in the meantime the road will be kept smooth, bladed, and maintained. Mr. Rankin went over the Black Mountain Road timeline sent by Ardurra: Aggregate crushing will occur throughout the winter and be completed by spring; Culvert lining/cleaning will start the first of the year January/February 2025; Culvert lining will occur in the spring; Grouting of culverts May; Full depth reclamation of airport pavement May; Full depth reclamation of Black Mountain Road mid to late May; Asphalt paving August/September; and Chip seal early summer (dependent on additional funding). Mr. Rankin also presented eight Right of Way Permits for RT Communications (Range) to install fiber optic cables on S. Kirby Creek Rd, Skelton Rd, Cowboy Mine Rd, Sand Draw Rd, Red Ln, East River Rd, W. Sunnyside Ln, and E. Sunnyside Ln, all expenses have been paid. The Commissioners approved Right of Way Permits numbers 2024-0004 thru 2024-0011, for Range to install fiber optic.

Maintenance Monthly Report – A quote is being worked on with Long for the equipment of all County buildings, including the newly acquired buildings, this is an annual maintenance agreement, but the amount may go up due to the added buildings. Mr. Dorman also stated the rubber seals on the elevator doors are failing, in the Courthouse and Detention Center. The amount to fix both elevators is about \$26,000, and is not budgeted for, Commissioner Scheel suggested the LATFC funds which is used for one time projects.

Emergency Management Report – The State Homeland Security Grant has been approved for about \$39,057 for the courthouse security and joint law enforcement center; the agreement will be forth coming, an environmental historical preservation study may be needed, Mrs. Conrad will look into it. Mrs. Conrad plans on applying for the Rocky Mountain Power Grant for up to \$5,000 for two AEDs, to be placed at the Courthouse and Library. The Commissioners approved the Motorola Solutions agreement for four years in the amount of \$63,511.66. Sheriff Kraushaar stated the Town covers half the cost and County covers half as this is for a dispatch console.

Planner/Project Manager Monthly Report – The Land Use Planning Commission held a public meeting on the DeVries Minor Subdivision and voted to recommend approval. The Public Hearing for the Commissioners is set for November 19th. The work on the Fairgrounds building roof was completed on October 27th. Mr. Culliton presented a quote for the Fairgrounds handrails at the grandstands, from Montana School Equipment Co., with installation, totaling \$18,545. The Commissioners authorized the Planner to move forward with the quote from Montana School Equipment Co. for the handrails to be installed at the grandstands. Funds to come from the Fairgrounds depreciation account. Commissioner Scheel clarified the project will be for the equipment and installation. The Commissioners agree a letter should be drafted and reviewed by the Natural Resource Planning Commission for submission to the Wyoming Water Development Office regarding the water supply study. Mr. Culliton also stated the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) released a Public Notice for comments regarding possible revision of Water Quality Rules Chapter 28, Standards for Issuing Permits for Commercial Oilfield Waste Disposal Facilities that will be applicable to Commercial Oilfield Waste Disposal Facilities. The Commissioners request Mr. Culliton respond to this issue as well.

Prevention/ Public Health Update – There were 438 vaccines given in the month of October, children and adults. Mr. Mohr reached out to the Mayor of Kirby for a vaccine clinic to ensure that part of County is getting their needs met. Commissioner Scheel inquired about the vaccines given, Mr. Mohr stated the adult vaccines were mostly flu and Covid, the children's vaccines included flu and also school related vaccines. Mr. Mohr and Jen Cheney attended a Suicide Convention for the State and had been working on the Opioid Task Force.

Award of the Request for Qualifications for Airport Engineering Services – The County received two Statements of Qualifications for airport engineering services, and were reviewed and scored. The County selected Ardurra to continue providing engineering services at the Airport for five years. Chairman Ryan stated the Master

Services agreement presented is not project specific, as projects arise Task Orders will be presented with the fees attached under the Master Services Agreement. The Commissioners approved Chairman's signature on the Master Services Agreement with Ardurra for Airport Engineering services.

Request for Approval of Rebate #5-24 – The Commissioners approved Chairman's signature on Tax Rebate # 5-24 to HPE Depositor Master Trust in the amount of \$22.09.

Other Business - 1) **Request to Lift Stage 1 Fire Restrictions in Hot Springs County** – The Commissioners authorized, per the recommendation of Fire Warden Robbins, to lift the Stage 1 Fire Restrictions in Hot Springs County as of October 31, 2024 until further notice. 2) **Request for Approval of Draw Down Request #1 for the Wyoming Business Council (WBC) Grant, Reuse of the Abandoned Airport Property in the Amount of \$15,000 (WBC \$11,250; County \$3,750)** – The Commissioners approved Chairman's signature on the Draw Down request for the Feasibility Study for the Re-Use of the Former Airport Property with the Wyoming Business Council. 3) **Consideration of Request for Reimbursement (RFR) No. 3, Design and Associated Work for County Hangar, in the Amount of \$4,840 (FAA \$4,356; State \$290.40; County \$193.60)** – The Commissioners approved Chairman's signature on RFR #3 for County Hangar Project in the amount of \$4,840. 4) **Consideration of Request for Payment (RFP) No. 28, Black Mountain Road Project, in the Amount of \$6,301.28 (WYDOT \$5,356.09; County \$945.19)** – The Commissioners approved Chairman's signature on RFP #28, for Black Mountain Road in the amount of \$6,301.28. Chairman Ryan also wanted to thank Transportation Commissioner Baker for assisting the County with the amendment. 5) **Request for Approval of Federal Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24, Federal Aviation Administration, Airport Rescue Grant** – The Commissioners approved Chairman's signature on the Federal Financial Report for the Airport Rescue Grant, ARPA funding at the New Airport. 6) **Request for Approval of Federal Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24, Federal Aviation Administration, County Hangar Design Project** – The Commissioners approved Chairman's signature on the Federal Financial Report for fiscal year 23-24 Hangar Design at the new airport.

Correspondence – 1) **Big Horn Basin Nature and Discovery Center JPB Agenda** – October 2024; 2) **Hot Springs County Museum Board Minutes** – September 2024; 3) **Bureau of Land Management Announcement** – Wind River/Bighorn Basin District Lifts Fire Restrictions; 4) **United State Forest Service Announcement** – Community Forest Request for Applications; 5) **Wyoming Department of Transportation Award Letter** – Bighorn Basin Nature and Discovery Center Transportation Alternatives Program Project; 6) **Chamber of Commerce Newsletter** – November 2024 (Basket)

The Commissioners reviewed the forgoing correspondence. Chairman Ryan wanted to point out the Bighorn Basin Nature and Discovery Center (BHBND) was awarded the Transportation Alternatives Program grant from Wyoming Department of Transportation for construction, the total project cost is \$523,641, with a match requirement from BHBND. No further action was required.

Commissioner Scheel requested one more item before adjournment, stating the Wyoming Business Alliance, Governor Business Forum, meets every year in Laramie. Commissioner Scheel requested to submit his travel, hotel, and registration costs to the County for reimbursement to represent Hot Springs County. The Commissioners agree this would be fine. Chairman Ryan stated the Wyoming County Commissioners Association may also reimburse for that meeting and to ask Jeremiah Rieman about it.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners will be held on December 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., at the Hot Springs County Annex building, 117 N. 4th St. Thermopolis. The public is invited to attend in person, or view the meeting via Zoom through the link provided on the County website. To be placed on the Agenda please email Connie Guntly, Administrative Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners at connie.guntly@hscounty.com. Per Wyoming Statute section 18-3-516 (f), County information can be obtained at the County website <https://hscounty.com/> or by requesting a Public Records form from the County Clerk's office.

Attest

Thomas J. Ryan, Chairman	Becky Kersten, County Clerk
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Bills – October 2024

SIGN SOLUTIONS USA, LLC 3,907.93 / STEPHENS-PECK INC 125.00 / HASCO INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY 183.84 / WYOMING LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY 3,132.95 / 911 DATAMASTER, LLC 1,300.00 / UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING 6,981.00 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY LIBRARY 21,666.67 / WESTERN OFFICE EQUIPMENT, INC. 96.10 / VERNON W. MILLER, M.D., PC 1,350.00 / ENTERPRISES TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

News briefs from around Wyoming

From Wyoming News Exchange newspapers

First statewide Chamber of Commerce expected to bring opportunities

CHEYENNE (WNE) — Wyoming has made history with the launch of the Wyoming Chamber of Commerce, the state's first statewide Chamber of Commerce.

While numerous economic development and chamber organizations already represent thousands of local businesses, the Wyoming Chamber of Commerce unites these voices for the first time.

Dale Steenbergen, president/CEO of the Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Com-

merce, said in a news release he is excited for the opportunities this will bring for Wyoming business.

"The Wyoming Chamber of Commerce creates a place for local chambers, economic development organizations, DDAs, main streets, tourism associations and business to come together to speak with one unified voice to move our state forward," he said.

In this statewide launch, the Wyoming Chamber of Commerce has partnered with numerous local chambers and economic development associations across Wyoming.

By partnering with and strengthening local economic development organizations and Chambers of Commerce,

the Wyoming Chamber of Commerce aims to facilitate free enterprise across the state, spearheading grassroots efforts to ensure every business in Wyoming has a level playing field and remains aware of the challenges they face.

For any questions regarding membership, contact Heidi Peterson at HeidiP@wyomingchamberofcommerce.org.

Hageman sponsors Visa Integrity Preservation Act

CHEYENNE (WNE) — U.S. Rep. Harriet Hageman on Thursday introduced the

Visa Integrity Preservation Act, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) to close the loophole that has allowed the Biden administration to grant mass amnesty to over 500,000 immigrants who illegally entered the United States or overstayed a visa, according to a news release from Hageman's office.

If approved, this bill would require undocumented immigrants under all circumstances to depart the United States and be subject to an interview before they could receive a nonimmigrant visa. The bill would also bar them from reentering the United States under certain defined circumstances.

"The Biden/Harris open

border policies have allowed over 12 million unvetted migrants to illegally enter our country. Their blatant and intentional refusal to enforce immigration laws is well documented in President Biden's nearly 100 executive orders that are designed to subvert safeguards against illegal entry, including 'Parole in Place' orders," Hage-

man said in a news release. "Allowing individuals to register for lawful status after already being in America is a huge incentive for illegal immigration — and exactly the opposite of what the Immigration and Nationality Act intends," she said. "My bill will close this loophole and reestablish proper parole procedures."

Hot Springs County School District No. 1
Board of Trustee meeting minutes are available on the district website at the following link:
<http://www.hotspings1.org/board-of-education/>
or by going to
www.hotspings1.org
Under Board of Education; Minutes.
Copy of board minutes also available at HSC Library.

HSC Predator Management District

We will be holding our annual business meeting:
Mon., Dec. 2 • 5:30 p.m.
HSC Annex Building Meeting Room



All the Best at Thanksgiving

May your holiday overflow with love, joy, friendship and fun!

Western Land Sales
Farm and Ranch Properties

Roy Reedy Broker
Amy Reedy Sales Associate
Rees Reedy Office Manager
500 Broadway, Thermopolis
307-234-2211

Public notices

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LEGIANCE BENEFIT PLAN MANGT, INC. 105,262.26 / ARDURRA GROUP, INC. 1,171.00 / CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS 139.98 / BARTON STAM 221.10 / BIG HORN WATER 206.00 / LONG BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 2,284.16 / AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP, 327.40 / BUDD-FALEN LAW OFFICES, LLC 3,136.48 / CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. 135.68 / CARDINAL HEALTH 110, LLC 3,476.46 / CHENEY LAW OFFICE LLC 870.00 / CHRISTOPHER J. KING, P.C. 650.00 / CITY SERVICE VALCON 2,526.31 / CITY SERVICE VALCON 32.00 / U.S. POSTAL SERVICE 150.00 / THERMOPOLIS HARDWARE 220.23 / COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INS. 18.70 / VERIZON WIRELESS 37.01 / VERIZON WIRELESS 122.70 / VERIZON WIRELESS 281.49 / COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES 661.30 / CRISIS PREVENTION & RESPONSE CENTER 6,000.00 / DAWNETTE M. PEIL 1,353.60 / DB ROOFING LLC 34,852.00 / DBT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, LLC 6,943.00 / THRIVE THERMOPOLIS 15,000.00 / ONSOLVE, LLC 7,379.61 / ENGINEERING DESIGN ASSOCIATES 637.50 / ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE 4,851.02 / FASTENAL COMPANY 9.42 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 47,801.66 / U.S. FOODS 4,077.41 / FREMONT COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT 3.00 / MORTIMORE FUNERAL HOME 882.00 / GOTTSCHKE THERAPY REHAB WELLNESS 110.00 / GREENWOOD MAPPING, INC. 1,675.00 / GREEN TURF LAWNSCAPES, INC. 3,259.24 / HEARTLAND KUBOTA LLC 77,522.88 / HIGH PLAINS POWER 991.75 / HOLIDAY INN 428.00 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DIST. #1 5,831.15 / BHB NATURE & DISCOVERY CENTER JPB 10,000.00 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 500.00 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY HEALTH INS ACCT 88,672.14 / HOT SPRINGS HEALTH RED ROCK 1,300.00 / HOT SPRINGS CO. SCHOOL DIST #1 5,880.62 / THERMOPOLIS INDEPENDENT RECORD 4,205.85 / INDOFF INC. 153.36 / INTELLICHOICE, INC. 8,432.35 / JADECO, INC. 795.97 / JACOB MOORE 12.25 / JENNIFER CHENEY 483.65 / JILL LOGAN 1,210.71 / KELLER LAW FIRM, PC 100.00 / KELLY OWEN 11.00 / KRISTINAD. MCNEFF 290.78 / LASERS EDGE LLC 444.00 / LESLIE T. CULLITON 662.98 / MACK'S MARKET, INC. 238.54 / MHL BLADES 1,896.00 / MODERN IMAGING SOLUTIONS 449.50 / MOUNTAIN WEST FARM BUREAU 741.00 / NAPA MOTOR SUPPLY, INC. 120.18 / ONLY CO LLC 15,000.00 / O'REILLY AUTO PARTS 72.84 / O'REILLY AUTO PARTS 304.79 / O'REILLY AUTO PARTS 78.97 / OFFICE SHOP INC. 2,618.04 / OWL CREEK AVIATION, LLC 13,266.12 / OWL CREEK AVIATION, LLC 629.10 / ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER 5,054.28 / PERFORMANCE AUTO & GLASS 58.37 / PHILIP HOWARD 174.20 / PHILLIP E SCHEEL 262.64 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 5,386.63 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 4,719.00 / PREVENTIVE HEALTH & SAFETY DIVISION 62.00 / QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC. 220.74 / CENTURY LINK 830.21 / RANAE BALDES 212.58 / RIVERTON TIRE AND OIL 1,637.79 /

ROCKY MOUNTAIN STEAM CLEANING 1,250.00 / TRUE NORTH STEEL 943.00 / RANGE 3,221.60 / SADY MOUNTS 50.00 / SERLKAY 1,422.97 / SHAWN MOHR 400.61 / SIGNS OF SUTHERLAND AUTO 330.00 / SMILEMAKERS 157.43 / STAPLES ADVANTAGE 397.66 / THE STANDARD INS. CO. 1,873.59 / STAR PLUNGE 315.00 / STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE 500.00 / STEPHANIE CONRAD 71.19 / STEVE'S PLUMBING & HEATING, INC. 579.49 / WYOMING GUARDIANS AD LITEM PROGRAM 1,425.28 / TATUM EPPERSON 17.13 / TEPEE POOLS 216.00 / TERRAGIS 5,327.00 / THOMAS J. RYAN 676.70 / TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS 40,938.38 / TRAVELING COMPUTERS, INC. 28,972.56 / TRI COUNTY TELEPHONE ASSOC, INC 1,264.02 / NORCO, INC. 574.53 / VERIZON WIRELESS 96.03 / VERIZON 30.51 / VERIZON WIRELESS 50.71 / HOT SPRINGS PHARMACY 227.35 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD ONE) 857.23 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA-CARD TWO) 564.14 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD FOUR) 938.90 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD SIX) 1,230.08 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD SEVEN) 463.77 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD EIGHT) 584.04 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD NINE) 335.66 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 10) 166.77 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 1-SHERIFF) 256.64 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 2-SHERIFF) 70.52 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 3-SHERIFF) 1,684.10 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 4-SHERIFF) 186.16 / WEDGWOOD & COMPANY LLC 195.00 / WEX BANK 131.08 / WYOMING DEPT. OF WORKFORCE SERVICES 4,794.80 / GREAT-WEST TRUST COMPANY, LLC 4,900.00 / WYOMING CLERKS OF DISTRICT 300.00 / WYOMING GAS 2,673.00 / WYONET INC. 1,019.90 / WYO RETIREMENT SYSTEM 40,803.50 / 036-NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS. 384.00 / WYOMING RETIREMENT SYSTEM 262.50 / R&A SAFETY LLC 132.42 / WYOMING WASTE SERVICES - RIVERTON 80.53 / YOUTH ALTERNATIVES 200.00 /

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Public Notice

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Procedural Rules, notice is hereby given of Rocky Mountain Power's (RMP or the Company) Application to convert the primary fuel source from coal to natural gas for Units 1 and 2 of the Naughton Power Plant located in southwestern Wyoming in Lincoln County about six miles south of Kemmerer.

1. RMP is a division of PacifiCorp, an Oregon corporation, engaged in the business of supplying electric utility service to customers throughout its six-state service territory, including Wyoming. RMP is a public utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Wyo. Stat. §§ 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C) and 37-2-112.

2. On November 6, 2024, RMP submitted its Application requesting the Commission's approval of its proposed conversion of the fuel source used for Naughton Units 1 and 2 from coal to natural gas. The Company's proposed conversion of Naughton Units 1

and 2 to natural gas includes: 1) construction of a new natural gas meter station with gas conditioning equipment along with a new natural gas lateral pipeline within the power plant's property to the supplier's interconnection point; 2) construction of a new pressure regulator station to control the pressure being introduced into the burners; 3) new natural gas burners and ignitors to allow for natural gas firing and electrical generation to achieve full load of 156 net-megawatt (MWn) on Unit 1 and 201 MWn on Unit 2; and 4) distributed control systems ("DCS") logic modifications.

3. The Company determined within its 2023 IRP process that natural gas conversion of Naughton Units 1 and 2 was the least-cost, least-risk option for the Company and its customers. The total capital cost of the conversion of Naughton Units 1 and 2 to natural gas is approximately \$12.1 million. The Company states its proposed fuel conversion process is expected to begin in June 2025 with construction of the natural gas lateral supply line into the plant. Both units will cease firing coal on December 31, 2025, and both are expected to return to service on natural gas by May 1, 2026.

4. This is not a complete description of RMP's Application. You may review the Application at RMP's Wyoming offices and at the Commission's office in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during business hours or online at: <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (enter Record No. 17717).

5. Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so, in writing, on or before December 20, 2024. Petitions shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please mention Docket No. 20000-673-EN-24 in all correspondence with the Commission.

6. If you wish to participate in this matter and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711.

Dated November 20, 2024.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on November 19, 2024, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Adam Estenson, Council members John Dorman Sr., Rachel Hughes, Dusty Lewis and Bill Malloy (via phone). Also, present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Jim Jeunehomme, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Public Works Director Basil Sorensen, Police Chief Pat Cornwell, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett, and Town Attorney Marshall Keller.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Dorman made a motion, seconded by

Hughes and carried to approve the agenda with the addition of an Oath of Office under the Police Department.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the financial statement for October 2024.

OATH OF OFFICE: Mayor Adam Estenson administered the oath of office to Jonathan Bartlett, a new police officer.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Barnett noted the landfill well sampling was completed, a sanitary survey is in progress at the water plant, and he is waiting on paperwork from WYDOT for the next step with the transfer station. Sorensen noted the crew has been working on the Roundtop Road.

TOWN ATTORNEY: SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE REVOKING FLUORIDATION IN THE WATER SUPPLY: Keller read the proposed ordinance which would remove the addition of fluoride to the water supply. Hughes noted her Dentist recommended the addition of fluoride in the water. Discussion ensued. Dorman made a motion and seconded by Lewis to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Voting aye were Estenson, Malloy, Dorman and Lewis. Hughes voted no. Motion carried.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried for Hughes to be the voting delegate at the WAM winter conference. At 7:20pm Lewis made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to adjourn. The next Council meeting is December 3, 2024, at 7pm.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Adam R. Estenson,
Clerk/Treasurer Mayor

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NOTICE

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners is asking County Residents to apply to serve on the following Boards:

- Big Horn Basin Nature and Discovery Center Board- HSC/ToT Representative—Three (3) Year Term – 1 member

- Fairboard – Five (5) Year Term – 1 member

- Natural Resource Planning Committee – Three (3) Year Term – 1 Member

- Predatory Animal Control Board (Sportsman) – Three (3) Year Term – 1 Member

Residents of Hot Springs County interested in applying to serve on these Boards should submit a County Board Application (available on the County website www.hscounty.com or at the County Clerk's Office) to the Hot Springs County Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. Thursday, December 12, 2024. Applications will be considered and appointments made at the Hot Springs County Commissioners meeting December 17th.

Becky Kersten
Hot Springs County Clerk

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