

Discussion continues on water options

by Mark Dykes
 Tuesday night at the Thermopolis Town Council meeting, there was lengthy discussion regarding alternative water options. Matt Ryan and Phil Scheel were present as representatives of the Hot Springs County Joint Powers Rural Water Board.

Ryan noted a Level 2 study just finished and they are looking at the possibility of going to the State of Wyoming to request funding for a Level 3 study to drill a test well on Lysite Mountain. He said they were at the meeting to see if the town were interested in joining with the board to get the well drilled.

Scheel said those that have joined the board so far are the county, South Thermopolis Water District, Owl Creek Water District, East Thermopolis and Lucerne Water District. He said if they could get users that include the town, it helps spread the cost across multiple taps.

Scheel also noted the hydrologists' projections for a well at Lysite are up to 3,000 gallons per minute. If a pipeline were brought down to tie into the Big Horn Regional system, he said, redundancy could be provided to south Big Horn Regional users. Additionally, a line could be tied into the Thermopolis system to provide water to East Thermopolis, South Thermopolis and Owl Creek districts.

It's not a deal breaker if the town were not ready to do that, Scheel said, but it would make it more appealing. The Water Development Commission (WDC), he said, would pay 67 percent of costs in the construction phase.

Council member Tony Larson asked what the town's portion of the cost for the test well would be, and Scheel said it was based on tap numbers. A more concrete figure is that the town would

be responsible for about \$500,000 of the \$2 million for the test well. The overall project is estimated to be about \$32 million.

Mayor's Assistant Fred Crosby asked whether the town would still be responsible for paying for cost of the well even if it was decided not to use it. Scheel said if the WDC and the joint powers board went forward with drilling the well and it was dry, the commission would still pick up 67 percent of the costs. Town Engineer Anthony Barnett added if viable water was hit but the decision was made not to use it, the board would be liable for the cost of developing the well.

Council member Bill Malloy questioned what the advantage of drilling a new well would be for the town. Scheel said it would mean less expensive and higher quality water, and not having to maintain the water plant.

As for how much cheaper, Ryan said the initial projection was \$37 per tap for everyone in the region, assuming the only funding available was the 67 percent from the WDC. Rural Development with the USDA, he noted, indicated interest in both grants and loans to help fund the project and \$20 per tap was feasible. Larson noted there were also infrastructure and manpower costs to consider, and about one fourth of water recipients are seniors on fixed income and adding on to their costs would be a hardship, especially with many using the minimum of water.

Ryan said once the infrastructure is developed the costs would be very minimal, and the cost savings in the long run would be substantial. Mayor Mike Mortimore said this could easily double costs to the people of the town.

As for what the county would like to see, Ryan said they want to see water developed in a county-wide project

where they can get costs down and water quality up. He noted the county is currently not kicking in anything for the study and is simply a part of the joint powers board.

Scheel said he understands there have been hurt feelings when the town was working with the regional system, and he was asking for a fresh look at a new opportunity that is not using the town's water treatment plant to provide clean, high quality water at a lower rate and add redundancies to the regional water system.

Asked by Mortimore what the definition of quality is, Scheel said it is not having the total trihalomethenes (TTHM) in the outlying systems. Mortimore said they are not at high levels in town like Scheel was saying, and was upset because the accusation is that town water is not safe. Scheel pointed out the EPA has said Owl Creek water is not safe, but Mortimore said where the water enters the Owl Creek system it is and \$20,000 was spent to prove it.

Ryan said by the time it gets to the end of the system there is a good chance it is not safe. The reason Owl Creek and South Thermopolis began looking at other options, he said, is because though the safety of the water at the end of systems is not the town's issue, it is a problem for those districts, and they could have to treat water a second time at the districts' cost.

Ryan also raised the issue that the water plant would need upgrading in the future, and this is an opportunity to look at an alternative.

Though no definite answer was provided with regard to the town's supporting or opposing the well at Lysite, more information is expected at the next council meeting on Aug. 21.

In action at the meeting, council ap-

proved providing a letter of approval to allow Thermopolis Liquor to provide liquor for a Ryan Brothers 60th anniversary on Sept 1. The letter will go to the county, which is responsible for approving the permit.

A fourth payment of \$77,638.16 was approved for the water line replacement project. A bid of \$22,314 from Greiner Ford was recommended, for a 2019 four-door Explorer for the Thermopolis Police Department. The company provided the vehicle at a significant discount and offered the most for trade in on a 2011 Dodge Charger.

The third reading of an ordinance regarding fences was approved, with the ordinance effective Sept. 1. The ordinance states no fence shall be constructed or maintained in a way that blocks vision from a public street or alley to prevent adequate visibility of the street or alley from a private drive or access road.

For an interior lot, front yard fences are restricted to a maximum height of four feet. For corner lots, fences with a woven wire with a minimum of three inch by three inch weave or chain link, or are otherwise capable of being seen through have a maximum height of four feet; fences made of other material have a three-foot maximum height restriction.

Fences with a maximum height of six feet on corner lots are allowed to extend into one front yard on corner lots but not both, as long as they align with building setback requirements on the second front yard and pose no street or alley visibility issues. Property owners can dispute conditions imposed by the town through the codes administrator or town employee designated by the mayor rather than going through the Board of Appeals.

Mayor Mortimore was approved to sign a letter of support for the Big Horn Basin Nature and Discovery Joint Powers Board, for an Our Town grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

A recommendation was approved to purchase 10 light poles at a cost of \$2,647 each, and about \$8,000 was approved for purchase of a software module and service to allow people to pay utility bills online.

Also during the meeting, Meri Ann Rush with Main Street reported they were awarded two technical assistance grants through the Wyoming Business Council. One will go toward designation signs for the downtown area, the other will go for flowerbeds that could also be used as additional seating where the pine trees used to stand on Broadway.

Rush also noted there is a Community Builders Leadership Institute in Lander Sept. 26 and 28, and she is a firm believer that the more Thermopolis is represented at such conferences, the more ideas come back to the community. Rush also provided information on "placemaking," provided through the Wyoming Business Council, in which people go into other communities and give feedback on how to use underutilized areas. Main Street is putting on a placemaking workshop at town hall on Sept. 12 from 1-5p.m., Rush noted, and she would like to see council members attend.

In regard to the veterans tree in Bicentennial Park, Rush said there will be discussion on where to dig the bracket to mount the plaque, and the VFW is planning to do a rededication of the tree on Veterans Day. Another topic of discussion has been the Christmas lights, Rush said, and there have been steps to refurbish the wreaths and suggested fundraising for Christmas lights.

Public notices

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a Promissory Note (the "Note") dated March 13, 2012, executed and delivered by Roy A. Nielsen ("Mortgagor") to USAA Federal Savings Bank, and a real estate Mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by said Mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for USAA Federal Savings Bank, its successors and assigns, as Mortgagee, and which Mortgage was recorded on March 19, 2012, at Reception No. 0498524, in Book 150, at Page 701-716 in the public records in the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Hot Springs County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: USAA Federal Savings Bank
 Assignment dated: May 29, 2018
 Assignment recorded: May 31, 2018
 Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 0530420, in Book 181, at Page 421-422

All in the records of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Hot Springs County, Wyoming.

WHEREAS, the Mortgage contains a power of resale which by reason of said default, the Mortgagee declares to have become operative, and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof, nor has any such suit or proceeding been instituted and the same discontinued; and

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage as of July 30, 2018 being the total sum of \$117,294.64, plus interest, costs expended, late charges, and attorneys' fees accruing thereafter through the date of sale;

WHEREAS, the property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale. Any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid;

WHEREAS, if the foreclosure sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of his/her/its money paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, Mortgagor, Servicer or their attorneys;

NOW, THEREFORE USAA Federal Savings Bank, as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Hot Springs County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon on August 21, 2018 on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse located at 415 Arapahoe, Thermopolis, WY 82443, for application on the above described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 3, Block 2, Meadowlark Subdivision to the Town of Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming.

With an address of 140 Meadowlark Lane, Thermopolis, WY 82443 (the undersigned disclaims liability for any error in the address).

Together with all improvements thereon situate and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto.

Mortgagee shall have the exclusive right to rescind the foreclosure sale during the redemption period. In the event that the sale is rescinded or vacated for any reason, the successful purchaser shall only be entitled to a refund of their purchase price and/or statutory interest rate.

Dated: July 18, 2018 USAA Federal Savings Bank

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR RETAIL LIQUOR PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of July 2018, Legion Town and Country Club, Inc. filed an application in the office of the Clerk of the County of Hot Springs for renewal of a County Retail Liquor Permit for the following described place and premises to wit: a 13'X 40' Room on the north end of a building in, NW ¼, SW ¼, Section 25, T43N, R95W PM and protests, if there be, against the issuance of such license will be heard at the hour of 5:00 p.m. on the 18th day of September 2018. The Hearing will be in the Meeting Room of the Governmental Annex Building 117 North 4th.

Nina Webber
 Hot Springs County Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR RETAIL LIQUOR PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of July 2018 LLL Company, DBA Wind River Lounge, filed an application in the office of the Clerk of the County of Hot Springs for a County Retail Liquor Permit for the following described place and premises to wit: a 24'X 14' Room on the north east of a building in, Lot 1, Section 11, T42N, R95W PM and protests, if there be, against the issuance of such license will be heard at the hour of 5:15 p.m. on the 18th day of September 2018. The Hearing will be in the Meeting Room of the Governmental Annex Building 117 North 4th.

Nina Webber
 Hot Springs County Clerk

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SALARY PUBLICATION

Hot Springs County paid the following salaries for the month of July 2018. The names, position and gross monthly salaries are stated for each elected official, chief administrator official, and department head. All other full time positions are shown as name/position and gross monthly salaries, not including any fringe benefits, such as health insurance costs, life insurance benefits and pension plans. The salaries and wages do not include any overtime the employee may have

earned. This is published in compliance with Wyoming Statute §18-3-516: John P. Lumley, Commissioner - \$1,683.95/ Tom Ryan, Commissioner - \$1,683.95/ Phillip Scheel, Commissioner - \$1,583.95/ Nina Webber, County Clerk - \$5,453.86/ Karen Slocum, Chief Deputy County Clerk - \$3,488.11/ Patricia Hughes, Deputy County Clerk - \$2,917.12/ Lynn Yaquinto, Deputy County Clerk - \$2,600.00/ Penny Herdt, Commissioners Secretary-Abstractor - \$2,917.12/ Julie Mortimore, County Treasurer - \$5453.86/ Josh Conrad, Deputy County Treasurer - \$3,488.11/ Stacia Linton, Motor Vehicle - \$2,917.12/ Daniel Webber, County Assessor - \$5,453.86/ Judy Carswell, Deputy County Assessor - \$3,488.11/ Kenneth Jeunehomme, Property Tax Appraisal Supervisor - \$3,388.11/ Deborah Milek, Property Tax Appraiser - \$2,917.12/ Cody Stewart, Property Tax Appraiser - \$2,617.12/ Terri Cornella, Clerk of District Court - \$5,453.86/ Rosemary De-seyn, Deputy Clerk of District Court - \$3,488.11/ Louis Falgoust, County Sheriff - \$5,590.45/ Jerimie Kraushaar, Sergeant - \$3,650.00 / Shawn Milek, Deputy - \$3,265.00/ Vede Miller, Deputy - \$3,150.00/ John Bartlett, Deputy - 3,150.00/ Beth Price, Sergeant - \$3,897.50/ Amanda Cornwell, Deputy, \$3,265.00/ Joe Czarobski, Deputy - \$3,150.00/ Garet Fowler, Deputy - \$3,150.00/ Shaun Shermer, Deputy, \$3,150.00/ Jon Gibson, Deputy-\$3,150.00/ Molly Coyne, Office Administrative Assistant-\$3,000.00/ Kim Black, Secretary - \$3,000.00/ Dave Schlager, Road and Bridge Foreman - \$3,875.00/ Nick Dowdy, Equipment Operator - \$3,546.00/Shane Rankin, Lead Man Equipment- \$3,591.00/, Christopher Shoemaker, Equipment Operator - \$3,546.00/ Jason Owens, / Jerry D. Williams, County Attorney - \$7,366.13/ Marcy Algeris, Deputy County Attorney - \$5,86.67/ Ranae Baldes, Crime Victim Advocate-Office Manager - \$3,692.79/ Kristina McNeff, Secretary - \$3,146.83/ Anthony Fruci-ano, Maintenance Supervisor - \$3,650.00/ Sam Hauf, Custodian - \$2,917.12/ Victor Ohrmund, Custodian \$2,917.12/ County Health Officer, Vernon Miller, - \$1300.00/ Debra Gerharter, Public Health Secretary - \$3,433.33/ Vicki Nichols, Extension Office Secretary - \$2,921.60/ Tracy Kinnaman, Library Director - \$3,708.33/ Sandra Tognetti, Youth Services Librarian - \$2,475.00/ Mark Mortimore, County Coroner - \$1,447.20/ Bo Bowman County Planner - \$3,766.67/ Emergency Management Coordinator, William Gordon - \$1,650.00/ Barbara Rice, Youth Alternatives Director, - \$2,050.00.

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