

Council approves water line resolution

by Mark Dykes
During their regular Tuesday night meeting, the Thermopolis Town Council, with council member John Dorman Sr. absent, approved a resolution to accept ownership of the South Thermopolis Water & Sewer District (STW&SD) water line between the Owl Creek water line at Highway 120 and the top of Cedar Ridge.

Under the resolution, the town accepts ownership of the segment of line between vault 101 and vault 102 in the Owl Creek water line. Further, STW&SD has secured right-of-way agreements with Rocky Mountain Power and the Wyoming Department of Transportation, secured easements across properties and the STW&SD certified construction of the new water line was substantially complete on June 12, 2016.

The town declined the STW&SD request to have the 2012 Water Pipeline Agreement rescinded at the council's Feb. 7, 2017 meeting, and the town is currently operating the segment of water line outside the STW&SD boundary and has existing residential customers and potential additional water users on the line inside and outside the town's corporate limits.

Council also approved property insurance in the amount of \$35,640 for a commercial package and \$4,924 for vehicles. Mayor's Assistant Fred Crosby noted there is a four percent increase over last year, and when next year's renewal come closer they will shop around for additional quotes.

Council member Bill Malloy was appointed as Mayor Pro Tem.

Also during the meeting, Police Chief Julie Mathews spoke of changes happening at the police department. Starting Feb. 1, 24-hour coverage will be provided, meaning there will be a uniformed officer on duty from 3-7 a.m., which hasn't happened for some time. "We worked out a schedule to make that possible," Mathews said.

Also, Mathews said, Officer Bobbi Zupan will be working as a public relations officer. She will be doing events to get some more community involvement. Officer Lindsay Pahl will be doing premises contacts with local business and gathering information in case of any incidents.

Town Engineer Anthony Barnett reported the advertising period for the water line project is ending, though the

final paperwork hasn't been provided as a corporation valve to a service that was left off because it wasn't in use. When the town went to turn the curb stop on, there was no water so that issue will be addressed.

Crosby noted SLIB Board applications are due Feb. 21, and it would be good to have a project ready to bring before the board and possibly get some funding. Crosby also mentioned the school district is in the process of getting a new dispenser for their fuel station. The district and the county paid for the original 50/50, but the town is on the system now and Crosby said they will have to kick in a third of the total estimated cost of \$15,000.

Presented to council was a Community Review Summary from 2003-16. A meeting was held Jan. 11 regarding a community review grant opportunity through the Wyoming Business Council. At the meeting it was determined there had already been several reviews, and Amanda Moeller volunteered to compile data from: the 2003 Wyoming Rural Development Council Thermopolis and Hot Springs County community Assessment, the 2008 Wyoming Rural Development Council Five-

Year Follow UP Community Assessment for the Town of Thermopolis, the 2010 Town of Thermopolis Master Plan, the April 2015 Hot Springs County tour 23 Report and the Oct. 2016 Thermopolis-Hot Springs Economic Development Company Survey.

The compiled information shows the community strengths are the state park, natural environment and scenery, and outdoor recreation opportunities. Weaknesses are weeds and junk, housing stock being outdated and too expensive, lack of public transportation, difficulty retaining youth and poor customer service.

As for what we want as a community, the list includes beautification, community facilities, improved infrastructure, upgraded housing, walking and biking paths, increased tourism and growth. Projects we have done include the new airport, the 2003 water project, the skate park, street repaving, a \$1 million sewer line project, the downtown sidewalk project, fiber optics and 10 blocks per year receiving chip seal. Started projects that need to be finished are added street lighting, updates to the town park and tennis courts, and planters on main street.



courtesy photo by Rich Mittlesdorf

Prize catches

Nathan and Thomas Maxson show off a couple of fish they caught at the 2019 Boysen Reservoir fishing derby. Full event results will be in the Jan. 31 edition.

Public notices

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 requesting an accounting order for settlement charges related to its pension plans (Application).

RMP is a public utility as defined in Wyo. Stat. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C), subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 37-2-112.

On December 31, 2018, RMP filed an Application requesting authority to [i] defer the expected impacts associated with the occurrence of a pension event in 2018, and any subsequent similar pension events; and [ii] amortize the impact of pension events (i.e., the increase or reduction in regulatory assets or liabilities) to expense over the same period that is used to amortize the underlying regulatory assets or liabilities with the opportunity to recover the amount in rates as part of net periodic benefit cost.

RMP states the requests will allow the Company to account for the impact of pension events, such as settlements and curtailments, through deferral and amortization in a manner that closely approximates the amortization that would have continued if it were not for the accelerated recognition required by standard accounting principles due to occurrence of a pension event. According to RMP, the request will allow the Company to defer this expense and to amortize these and similar costs going forward as a regulatory asset or liability, notwithstanding the occurrence of certain pension events, will reduce interannual variability in pension costs for the remaining life of the Company's noncontributory defined benefit pension plans.

RMP further states that its request is due to a pension event that occurred in 2018 and resulted in a \$21 million pension-related loss for the year. The Company states they expect events like this to recur in future years as a result of plan recipients reaching retirement age and also because of the impacts of currently low interest rates. The Company's proposal is designed to maintain normalized pension costs and credits and avoid exposing customers to potential cost volatility from single year "pension events."

This is not a complete description of the Application. Interested persons may inspect the Application at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming during regular business hours. The Application may also be viewed on the Commission's data management system at <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx>.

Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do file with the Commission in writing on or before February 11, 2019. Any intervention request filed with the Commission 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.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing which you will attend and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or write to the Commission, 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711. Please refer to Docket No. 20000-550-EA-18 (Record No.

15179) in your communications.

Dated: January 10, 2019.

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Town of Kirby LEGAL NOTICE RENEWAL NOTICE OF RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that B & W Enterprises, In. dba Kirby Bar and Grill, made application for renewal of a Retail Liquor License in the Town of Kirby Clerk's Office.

Protests, if any, against the renewal of this License will be heard of February 6, 2019 at 6P.M. - Council Members, Town of Kirby Town Hall located at 114 N. Bryan, Kirby, Wyoming.

Sandy Scott
Clerk/Treasurer

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Town of Kirby LEGAL NOTICE RENEWAL NOTICE OF RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Wyoming Whiskey, Inc. made application for renewal of a Satellite Liquor License in the Town of Kirby Clerk's Office.

Protests, if any, against the renewal of this License will be heard on February 6, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.-Council Members, Town of Kirby Town Hall located at 114 N Bryan, Kirby, Wyoming.

Sandy Scott
Clerk/Treasurer

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STATE OF WYOMING)
)
) ss.
COUNTY OF)
HOT SPRINGS) FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF) Probate No.
THE ESTATE OF) P18-26
)

SHIRLEY MAE)
HASSHEIDER)
)
Deceased,)

NOTICE OF PROBATE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of W.S. § 2-1-205, 1977, as amended, a Verified Petition for Decree of Distribution has been filed in the District Court, Fifth Judicial District, Probate No. P18-26, Hot Springs County, Wyoming, for a Decree of Distribution, by which the Petitioner thereunder, Susan Ann Miller, seeks to have set over unto herself and Stephen John Hassheider, all right, title, and interest in and to the real and personal property owned by the Decedent, Shirley Mae Hassheider, as of the date of her death, July 4, 2018, such property being situate within Hot Springs, Big Horn and Park Counties, Wyoming, as more particularly described in the Verified Petition for Decree of Distribution.

The District Court, Fifth Judicial District, Hot

Springs County, Wyoming, shall consider the matter after publication of this Notice once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the Thermopolis Independent Record.

Individuals having claims against the Decedent or her estate are required to immediately file an objection to the distribution of the identified asset, as stated in the Petition, in the office of the Clerk of said Court, located at 415 Arapahoe, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443. In the event objections are not so filed within 30 days of the first date of publication of this Notice, and if it appears the facts as stated in the Verified Petition for Decree of Distribution are not in dispute, the Court may enter its Decree establishing that Susan Ann Miller and Stephen John Hassheider shall succeed to the right, title, and interest held by the Decedent in and to the real and personal property as more particularly described in the Verified Petition for Decree of Distribution.

DATED this ____ day of January, 2019.

TERRI CORNELLA
Clerk of the District Court

By _____
Deputy Clerk

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Groathouse Construction, Inc. and Gottsche Rehab & Wellness request qualified subcontractor bids for work on the Gottsche Rehab & Wellness Renovation: Phase 2C, Thermopolis, WY. Faxed bids will be accepted at 888-664-8180 until 12 p.m. (Local Time) on February 12, 2019. Sealed bids will be accepted at Gottsche Rehab and Wellness, 148 E Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443 until 1:00 p.m. (Local Time), on February 12, 2019 at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Project includes the following Bid Packages for bid: 1 - General Construction, 4 - Masonry, 5 - Structural Steel Material, 6 - Structural Steel Erection, 7A - Gypsum Board & Patching, 9 - Doors and Hardware, 8B - Architectural Metal Trim, 8D - Membrane Roofing Patch, 12 - Painting

All prospective subcontractors must receive notice from Groathouse Construction, Inc. that they are Qualified to bid. A pre-bid meeting will be held at the project site, Gottsche Rehab and Wellness Center, 148 East Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, WY on January 29, 2019, 10:00 a.m. (Local Time). Qualification form accepted up to 5 days prior to bid. Contract Documents completed by Amund-

sen Associates but will be available from Groathouse Construction, Inc. after January 20, 2019.

To receive bidding information contact:
Groathouse Construction, Inc.
307-587-6610
bids@groathouse.com

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Warrants List

The following list of warrants approved January 15, 2019, by HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT is hereby published as required by the Wyoming Education Code of 2005, as amended, Chapter 3, Section 21-3-110 (a)(ii).

AMERI-TECH EQUIPMENT COMPANY	\$506.51
WEX BANK	\$531.92
INTERMOUNTAIN LOCK & SECURITY	\$544.00
INDEPENDENT RECORD	\$787.35
PCM SALES, INC	\$944.18
KONE, INC.	\$1,008.54
GOTTSCHKE REHABILITATION CENTER	\$1,800.00
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC	\$1,821.69
WYOMING DEPT. OF EDUCATION	\$2,066.58
JADECO, INC.	\$2,291.96
JAMIE ASAY	\$2,374.68
API SYSTEM	\$2,450.00
INTEGRATORS, INC.	
TRAVEL WRIGHT, INC	\$2,611.73
T. W. ENTERPRISES, INC.	\$2,904.39
TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS LONG BUILDING	\$3,322.00
TECHNOLOGIES INC	\$3,560.87
HEINEMANN	\$3,667.11
THE OFFICE SHOP	\$4,110.75
SHERWOOD FOREST FARMS	\$4,237.64
K-LOG	\$5,224.51
FRONTLINE	\$5,238.00
TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	
SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF MONTANA	\$8,309.80
WYOMING GAS COMPANY	\$13,773.39
KOERWITZ, MICHEL & ASSOC. P.C.	\$14,550.00
HOT SPRINGS EARLY CHILDHOOD BOCES	\$16,026.97
WHITE RIVER ACADEMY	\$17,700.00
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HOMAX OIL SALES, INC	\$22,273.38
BANK OF MONTREAL	\$57,962.42
TOTAL	\$220,300.37

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NOTICE OF SALE

The following vehicles will be sold at Sheriff's public auction on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse, 415 Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming, on February 5, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. This sale is to satisfy abandoned vehicle costs on the listed vehicles by Specialty Towing, Inc. in the amount specified, plus all reasonable costs incurred for the sale of the vehicles.

Name	Vehicle Description	VIN	Amount
Travis Brown	1998 Ford Taurus, maroon	1FAPP52S7WG187020	\$1,630.00
Dannielle Johnson	2002 Dodge Dakota, grey	1B7FL16X92S699633	\$4,555.00
Tiffany Hash	1992 Ford F350, white	2FTJW36M7NCB02314	\$2,510.00
Janet Garriott or Dale Sipp Jr.	2004 Chevrolet Impala, red/silver	2G1WF52E249108767	\$2,130.00

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