

# Town Council discusses water, street repair projects

By Jurri Schenck

At the July 19 Thermopolis Town Council meeting, Mayor Mike Chimenti was not present, therefore, council member Bill Malloy presided over the meeting and addressed some catering permits during citizen participation.

All the permits were for Shorty's for these events: Band in the Hot Springs State Park, July 24; Ranch Rodeo, August 3-11; Wyoming Discovery Days, August 6, 7; a Private Reception, September 3; and a Purse Action, October 22. The council voted and passed the approval of all the permits.

Town engineer Anthony Barnett gave his report and didn't have any updates on street closures, but did mention that for the water project they are moving in equipment and trying to get fittings for temporary water. Barnett added, "then they're going to pothole a couple of those along the curb and get temporary water around and then start laying pipe." Then on the silo painting project at the water plant, they are short on help. Barnett continued and said, "And so they're running behind, but they have roughly a month to complete that project and still be on time, and they should be able to do that. And the only other thing I can think to update you on was that we did survey the cell at the landfill and it's a little over halfway filled up right now."

There was a discussion about the work to be done on Richard's Street between Mack's Market and Merlin's Hideout and Family Dollar/Dollar Tree. The issues were for parking and access to Merlin's Hide Out. Signage was discussed as well as possible other parking locations. The matter is still being explored and communication between the Town and the merchants is in place.

Carrie Ryan, representing the Golf Board, gave an up-

date along with providing the minutes from their meeting. Ryan said that the golf course restaurant is operating and has new management which started weeks ago. The eatery is open from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Town attorney Marshall Keller presented a cable TV franchise ordinance for its first reading. Its first paragraph states, "An ordinance granting a nonexclusive franchise to Spectrum Pacific West, LLS for installation and operation of a cable service for distribution and sale to customers within the Town of Thermopolis; ratifying and approving the nonexclusive franchise agreement with Spectrum Pacific West." The council voted and passed the approval of the ordinance in the first reading. There will be a total of three readings and their approvals before the ordinance becomes official.

Under administration, Fred Crosby reported on their utility rate review and said, "We finished all three of our enterprise funds, water, sewer, and sanitation in the black and all made a profit on them, which is good..... The thing that I found interesting is in November of 2017, our minimum utility bill for residential customers for water, sewer, and sanitation was \$75 a month. We took a little bit of a bump in 2019, a \$1.90, and as of June 20th, we set that rate at \$77.80. So in five years, probably more time, we have gone up \$2.80 on those and that's about a 3.6% increase. I think that's phenomenal."

Crosby continued and said, "Folks, I think you guys in our town are doing a great job. And I think folks, I would hope, they appreciate that because our rates have not kept up with inflation. We were still in and hammered out. Our systems work."

Malloy added, "And I know a lot of places have gone up


about 3% every year." Crosby also said, "And so it's fortunate here to finish in the black... I keep telling everybody how fortunate they are to live here."

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FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER )  
OF THE ESTATE )  
)  
OF )  
)  
THOMAS DANIEL PORTER, )Probate  
)No. 22-17  
Deceased. )

**NOTICE OF PROBATE**  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that on the 18th day of July 2022, the Estate of the above-named decedent was admitted to probate by the above-named Court, and that Roland Luehne was appointed Personal Representative thereof. Any action to set aside the *Last Will and Testament of Thomas Daniel Porter* shall be filed in the Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or to decedent's estate are requested to make immediate payment to the Estate of Thomas Daniel Porter and send to Michael S. Messenger, Attorney for the Estate, c/o Messenger Law Firm, P.C., P. O. Box 111, Thermopolis, WY 82443.

Creditors having claims against the decedent, or the Estate are required to file them in duplicate with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of said Court, on or before three months after the date of the first publication of this notice, and if such claims are not so filed, unless otherwise allowed or paid, they will be forever barred.

DATED this 20th day of July 2022.  
  
/s/Michael S. Messenger  
Michael S. Messenger  
WSB #5-1438  
Messenger Law Firm, P.C.  
P. O. Box 111  
Thermopolis, WY 82443  
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Attorney for Petitioners  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE

STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE  
In the Matter of the Case No.  
Termination of the CV37-22-00230  
Parental Rights of: **SUMMONS**  
  
JAMES ALVIN LAFLEUR,

And the Matter of the Adoption of:  
TERRANCE JEFFREY LAFLEUR

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**TO: JAMES ALVIN LAFLEUR,**  
  
**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated Court, located at 20381 Idaho 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650, within 21 days after service of this Summons on you. If you fail to so respond, the Court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Petitioner in the Complaint.

A copy of the Petition is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice of or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected.

An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:

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3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.
4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Plaintiff's attorney, as designated above.

To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk

of the above named court at 208-495-2806.  
Dated this 23 day of June, 2022.

By: Lena Johnson  
Clerk of the District Court

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No. 1167

STATE OF ) IN THE  
WYOMING ) DISTRICT COURT  
) ss.

COUNTY OF ) FIFTH JUDICIAL  
HOT SPRINGS ) DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF )  
THE ESTATE OF )  
)  
MITCHELL LYNN HOMI, )  
)  
Deceased. )

**NOTICE OF PROBATE**  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that on the 7th day of July, 2022, the Last Will and Testament of Decedent was admitted to probate by the above-named court, and that TRAVIS MICHAEL HOMI was appointed Personal Representative thereof. Any action to set aside the Will shall be filed in the Court within three months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the Decedent or to Decedent's estate are requested to make immediate payment to the Estate of Mitchell Lynn Homi, c/o Williams Law Office, 339 Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443.

Creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to file them in duplicate with the necessary vouchers, in the Office of the Clerk of said Court, on or before three months after the date of the first publication of this notice, and if such claims are not so filed, unless otherwise allowed or paid, they will be forever barred.

DATED this 22nd day of July, 2022.  
  
Travis Michael Homi  
Personal Representative  
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**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session July 19, 2022, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Pro-Tem Bill Malloy, Council members Tony Larson and John

Dorman Sr. Also, present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Fred Crosby, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Public Works Director Ernie Slagle, Police Chief Pat Cornwell, Town Engineer Anthony Barnette and Town Attorney Marshall Keller. Mayor Mike Chimenti and Council member Dusty Lewis were absent.

**AGENDA:** Following the pledge of allegiance, Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the agenda with the change of adding fixed asset deletion lists under Clerk/Treasurer.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Dorman made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the financial statement for June 2022.

**FIXED ASSET DISPOSAL LISTS:** Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the general fund fixed asset disposal list totaling \$121,863.08 and the enterprise fund fixed asset disposal list totaling \$109,373.99.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: SHORTY'S:** **CATERING PERMITS:** Dorman made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the following six permits. Band in the Park at the State Park on July 24 from 6 - 10pm; Ranch Rodeo at the Fairgrounds (Fair Board permission was received) on August 2, 2022, from 3-11pm; Discovery Days at the State Park on August 6 & 7th from 10am - 10pm; a reception in the State Park on September 3 from 10am -11pm; and the Purse Auction at the Fairgrounds on October 22 from 4 - 11pm.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: OTHER:** Carrie Ryan presented the Golf Course minutes. **TOWN ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT:** Barnett noted High Country Construction is working on 8th street and he is uncertain when they will begin replacing the water main on Richards Street. Discussion ensued with Barb Heinze of Merlin's Hideout about parking and timing of the street and water main replacement. Barnett also noted the current landfill cell is 50 percent full and he recommends excavating the final cell.

**TOWN ATTORNEY: MARSHALL KELLER: CABLE TV FRANCHISE ORDINANCE: FIRST READING:** Keller read the ordinance which grants Spectrum Pacific West a cable 15-year cable tv franchise in the town of Thermopolis. Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the first reading of the ordinance.

**ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY:** Crosby summarized the utility rate review.

**MAYOR & COUNCIL: OTHER:** The meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm and the next Council meeting is August 2, 2022, at 7pm.

ATTEST:  
  
Tracey Van Heule, William (Bill) Malloy  
Clerk/Treasurer Mayor Pro-tem

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