

**CITY OF THORP  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020 AT 6:30PM  
AT THORP CITY HALL**

**1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Stroinski. In attendance were; Alderpersons Abramczak, Maslowski, Rosemeyer, Lawcewicz, and Wnek. Also in attendance were DPW Wundrow, Library Director Kuipers and Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski.

**ROUTINE BUSINESS**

**2. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens**

None

**3. Consent Agenda – The City Council, with a single vote and without debate, may act upon the following items. Any council member wishing to debate an individual item may request that it be considered separately**

a. Approval of minutes from January 13, 2020 Regular City Council meeting

b. Approval of minutes from January 23, 2020 Special City Council meeting

M/M/S (Wnek, Maslowski) to approve Consent Agenda letters a-b. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Discussion and possible action relating to monthly reports.**

a. Clerk-Treasurer's Report, Vouchers, Payroll Register, and Journal Entries.

M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Abramczak) to approve reports. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Police Department Monthly Report

None

c. Public Works/Utilities Monthly Report

None

d. Library Monthly Report

None

e. Reports from Various Committees

None

f. Reports from elected officials

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**5. Discussion and possible action relating to hunting on Corporate Boundaries**

In a letter received from Chief Schneider, it was noted Attorney Salm stated that hunting was not allowed anywhere on City of Thorp property. Alderperson Rosemeyer and Lawcewicz did not agree with Attorney Salm. After a lengthy discussion, Alderperson Wnek suggested logging off the woods in the back area of the holding pond property. DPW Wundrow will get more information regarding logging off the woods and bring to the next Council meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**6. Discussion and possible action relating to Sewage Treatment Project and Street Project by SEH and financing options by Ehlers and Associates**

Jerry Doriott from Short Elliot And Hendrickson recapped the plan to upgrade the Sewage Treatment Plant. He noted a decision needs to be made soon whether to move ahead with the project or not, in order to allow for ample time to apply for funding. The estimated project cost for the Sewage Treatment Plant was \$5,038,315. He projected estimated yearly energy savings at \$26,480, helping to reduce annual expenses. The design for the plant would take seven months to complete. Paulette Hedrington from SEH explained funding sources. One option was through the Community Development Block Grant, a second option was various sources through DNR, and finally a grant from

Focus on Energy. Due dates were approaching for applications so she urged Council to make a decision soon. DNR Clean Water Fund application is due September 30 and the design must be completed prior to this date. This funding source would allow for principal forgiveness of up to \$750,000. She noted that DNR subsidy loans are based on income and population. Alderperson Rosemeyer asked when the project would start and he was informed the bid opening would be one year from now in Spring of 2021, with the project complete and operational by the end of 2021. Ms. Hedrington also mentioned all grants are dependent on each other. It was noted user impact fees and user rates will have to increase.

M/M/S (Wnek, Lawcewicz) to move forward with grant applications and the design phase. Motion passed 5-0.

Two options for the street project were presented by Jeff Nusbaum and David Schofield from Short Elliot and Hendrickson. Option one is to complete two streets, both N. Boardman and E. Grant at a cost estimate of \$1.6 million. Option two is to complete one of those same two streets at a cost estimate of \$800,000. If choosing one street, they recommended E. Grant first, due to the condition of the storm sewer and to simplify construction at the intersection of N. Boardman and E. Grant. They requested authorization to begin the design phase for the projects, either way.

Brian Riley from Ehlers and Associates gave an overview of financing options. He explained that once debt is issued it can't be rescinded. He informed council if we close TIF #4 it will increase the City's tax base. He went on to inform Council that borrowing capacity was available but not sustainable with the projected timing of future projects. Council will need to prioritize and rescale.

Alderperson Rosemeyer felt it was cheaper to do bigger projects and to possibly skip a year.

M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Lawcewicz) to construct both N. Boardman Street and E. Grant Street. Motion passed 5-0.

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Rosemyer) to approve the design agreement with Short Elliot and Hendrickson to include both E. Grant and N. Boardman Street. Motion carried.

7. Ordinance 2020-09-03 "An Ordinance Enacting Chapter 9-3-1 (17) Regarding Stopping or Parking Prohibited in Certain Specified Places.

This agenda item was tabled. Council requested more information regarding required footage and to bring back the information to the next meeting.

8. Ordinance 2020-09-03 "An Ordinance Enacting Chapter 9-3-15(b)2 Regarding Parking Vehicles with Motor Running.

Denied due to lack of motion.

9. Ordinance 2020-09-03 "An Ordinance Enacting Chapter 9-3-1(b)2 Regarding Winter Time Parking Regulations.

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) to approve Ordinance 2020-09-03 "An Ordinance Enacting Chapter 9-3-1(b)2 Regarding Winter Time Parking Regulations. Motion passed 4 -1 with Maslowski voting no.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding vehicle bids for Public Works Dept.

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Abramczak) to approve truck purchase for the Public Works Dept. from Courtesy Auto and Truck center at a cost of \$24,337.91. Motion passed 4 – 1 with Maslowski voting no.

11. Discussion and possible action to renew the CCEDC (Clark County Economic Development Corporation) 2020 Annual Membership

M/M/S (Maslowski, Lawcewicz) to approve annual membership with Clark County Economic Development Corporation for a fee of \$2,416.50. Motion passed 5-0.

12. Discussion and possible action affirming calculation of 2020 tax increment revenue bond payment due to Wisconsin Bench and allocating funds from TIF #6 tax increment.

M/M/S (Wnek, Rosemeyer) to affirm calculation of 2020 tax increment revenue bond payment due to Wisconsin Bench and allocating funds from TIF #6 tax increment. Motion passed 5-0.

13. Renewal of Hydro Corp for 1 Year Contract for Cross Connection

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) to approve renewal of Hydro Corp 1 Year Contract for Cross Connection. Motion passed unanimously.

**CLOSING BUSINESS**

14. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens.

None

15. Reports from Department Heads, Mayor, Council, Committees, and discussion of future agenda items.

Alderperson Lawcewicz questioned DPW Wundrow regarding surveying of the City cemetery. DPW Wundrow stated that it was not surveyed. Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski requested permission to sell some surplus property in the Spring. General consensus was to supply a list to Council before the sale of such surplus.

16. Adjournment

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

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Ray Stroinski  
Mayor

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Michele Pogodzinski  
Clerk-Treasurer