

**CITY OF THORP  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JULY 13, 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 Wnek. In attendance were; Alderpersons Abramczak, Einhorn, Korn, Lawcewicz and Rosemeyer. Also in attendance were DPW Wundrow, Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski and Administrative Assistant Karaba.

**ROUTINE BUSINESS**

2. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

Alderperson Korn spoke regarding social distancing and mask requirement due to the current pandemic. He felt the arrangement set forth for the City Council Meeting was good. He also commended the Thorp area and felt that residents should be educated and empowered and not be mandated to wear masks.

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 June 8, 2020 Regular City Council meeting
- b. Approve operator's license for Chelsea Bohl
- c. Approve operator's license for Jessica Baughman
- d. Approve operator's license for Brittany Thomas
- e. Approve operator's license for Vanessa Nicpon
- f. Approve operator's license for Tara Marten
- g. Approve issuance of annual renewal liquor license for Judy Wampole  
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Einhorn) to approve consent agenda pending all delinquencies paid regarding licenses. Motion passed 5 – 0.

4. Discussion and possible action relating to monthly reports.

- a. Clerk-Treasurer's Report, Vouchers, Payroll Register, and Journal Entries.  
M/M/S (Abramczak, Rosemeyer) 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  
Mayor Wnek complimented the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks.

**OLD BUSINESS**

5. Quarterly Odor Control Update – Holland Family Cheese

Mike Tomsyck who resides east of Holland Family Cheese had concerns with the level of effort put forth reducing the odor. He felt the odor was not good for people visiting Thorp and suggested that Holland Family Cheese try harder. Julie Tomsyck, who moved into her home in September, 2018, informed that she has called in sixteen complaints due to the odor and only one was listed on the quarterly report provided. She felt that kids going back to school will suffer due to the stench. Pauline Haas complained of the odor getting worse and doesn't want to relocate. She urged the City Council to come to her home when days are bad with the strong odor and smell the air. She noted Holland's Family Cheese were not taking her calls. She was upset that residents weren't notified of the recent building permit that was issued. It was noted that a building permit was approved for an

addition on the cheese factory and a calf house. The building permit was approved due the zoning ordinance being met. She questioned when the last time the City Council physically went to the farm and did a head count of the cows? She questioned the validity of the Conditional Use permit due to the transfer to a different entity name? The mayor noted he would get some answers for the residents.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding vacation of alleys and street M/M/S (Einhorn, Korn) to move ahead with the process to vacate four alleys and one street to the Planning Commission. Motion passed

### **NEW BUSINESS**

7. Discussion and possible action on placement of bike rack.  
Aldersperson Lawcewicz was approached by a constituent to provide a bike rack. It was determined the location was on private property so no action was taken.
8. Discussion and possible action relating to potential utility rate increase  
General consensus was to move ahead with the rate increase.
9. Discussion and possible regarding E. Hill Street repairs  
DPW Wundrow wished not to pursue due to current street projects.
10. Grant & Boardman Street Project Update  
The preconstruction meeting for Grant & Boardman was held on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Haas Sons indicated that they intend to start utility construction on Grant & Boardman Street in early August. WE Energies is currently replacing gas mains throughout the project. Also prior to construction, Haas has started removing boulevard trees that are too close to the roadway. SEH has submitted the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program application and it appears that the DNR may want us to look at utility rate increases.

### **CLOSING BUSINESS**

11. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens.  
Aldersperson Korn questioned the fireworks ordinance.
12. Reports from Department Heads, Mayor, Council, Committees, and discussion of future agenda items.  
Dan Wundrow informed Council that the Lions Club donated a trailer(bridge) for the walking path near the Library. The current one was damaged beyond repair and was worthless to the City. He had individuals interested in the old bridge. He was given permission to give the old trailer (bridge) to the first person inquiring and must be removed in one week.  
Aldersperson Rosemeyer requested scoreboards at Northside Park be included in next year's budget.
13. Adjournment  
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Einhorn) to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

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Richard Wnek  
Mayor

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Michele Pogodzinski  
Clerk-Treasurer