

**CITY OF THORP  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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, Police Chief Schneider, Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski and Administrative Assistant Karaba.

**ROUTINE BUSINESS**

2. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

Pauline Haas inquired about the cow count at Holland's Family Cheese. Mayor Wnek contacted the Pentermans' and due to a positive Covid-19 test, he was unable to count the cattle but assured the count will be done. Mike Tomsyck had several concerns with the cow count and encouraged the Council to try harder.

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 August 10, 2020 Regular City Council meeting  
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Abramczak) to approve consent agenda. 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 (Rosemeyer, Einhorn) to approve reports. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Police Department Monthly Report  
None
- c. Public Works/Utilities Monthly Report  
DPW had nothing to add to his report.  
Jerry Doriott and Paulette Hedrington from SEH updated the Council on the funding for the Sewage Treatment Plant and noted the deadline for the DNR money is September 30 which will not be met. Jerry noted that the soil borings revealed a lot of bedrock to be removed. He noted a savings of approximately \$8,000 per year due to the elimination of a pump station. Hedrington noted that the CDBG application was submitted and we were not awarded the grant. She felt we had a solid application but due to many applicants and scoring low on our rates we were not successful. She felt we should try again next year and work on a utility rate increase.
- d. Library Monthly Report  
None
- e. Reports from Various Committees  
None
- f. Reports from elected officials  
None

**OLD BUSINESS**

5. Discussion and possible action regarding rate increase application.

Nothing new to report.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding adjustments to utility bill at 103 N. Jackson Street

Residence at 103 N. Jackson Street had the utility service reconnected due to a COVID-19 regulation. The service had been off since 2016 due to owner not allowing required meter inspection by public works. When the service was reconnected, a major leak occurred in the basement. Resident was requesting a credit due to the leak.

M/M/S (Abramczak, Lawcewicz) recommended no credit given. Motion passed 5 – 0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

7. Consideration of proposals for purchase and award of a \$980,000 General Obligation Promissory Note to provide interim financing for upcoming street and water/sewer system projects.  
Josh Low a Financial Specialist from Ehlers Public Financing Firm reviewed the bid results for the Obligation Promissory Note for interim financing for water and sewer projects. Five bids were received. The note would be financed until 2022 and would assist in funding while waiting for the Safe Drinking Water loan which will be received sometime in January and the Clean Water Fund sometime in March. This money will keep the project going without any delays while waiting for the funding. First State Bank and Trust, from Marshfield was the lowest bidder at 1.4800%. Alderpersons Lawcewicz and Abramczak felt we should accept Northwestern Bank's bid at 1.500% due to the bank being a local business and minimal difference in interest.
8. Resolution 2020-09-01 "Resolution Approving Pay Application #1 from Haas Sons, Inc. for 2020 Street and Utility Project on Grant and Boardman Streets"  
M/M/S (Abramczak, Rosemeyer) to approve Resolution 2020-09-01. Motion passed 5 – 0.
9. Resolution 2020-09-02 "Resolution Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing"  
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Lawcewicz) to approve Resolution 2020-09-02. Motion passed 5- 0.
10. Initial Resolution 2020-09-03 "Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not To Exceed \$515,000 for Street Improvement Projects".  
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Einhorn) to approve Resolution 2020-09-03. Motion passed 5-0.
11. Initial Resolution 2020-09-04 "Initial Resolution Authorizing \$830,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds"  
M/M/S (Rosemeyer/Abramczak) to approve Resolution 2020-09-04. Motion passed unanimously.
12. Resolution 2020-09-05 "Resolution Directing Publication of Notice to Electors Relating to Bond Issue"  
M/M/S (Korn, Einhorn) to approve Resolution 2020-09-05. Motion passed 5 – 0.
13. Resolution 2020-09-06 "Resolution 2020-09-06 "Resolution Providing for the Sale of \$1,345,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2020B"  
M/M/S (Abramczak, Rosemeyer) to approve Resolution 2020-09-06. Motion passed 5-0.
14. Resolution 2020-09-07 "Resolution Authorizing the issuance and sale of a General Obligation Promissory Note in the approximate amount of \$980,000"  
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Einhorn) to amend resolution and award bid to Northwestern Bank at 1.5% interest. Motion passed 5 – 0.
15. Grant & Boardman Street Project Update  
DPW Wundrow updated Council on the project and stated it was moving right along He also informed that all of Boardman Street and the first block of Grant Street will be sub-graded soon.
16. Appoint Tourism Commission Member  
Mayor Wnek appointed Janet Heidtke to the Tourism Commission.
17. Discussion and possible action relating to Veteran's Park land  
The requested land is a vacant lot owned by the City and is located at the end of S. Adams Street. Council had questions regarding land sale versus lease and also wording in contract. General consensus was to forward questions to the City Attorney.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

18. Consider moving into closed session per Wis Stats 19.85(1)(e) to the following.
  - a. Closed Session per WI State Statutes Section 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.  
Re: Sale of land in West Side Industrial Park.  
M/M/S (Abramczak, Einhorn) to move into closed session. Motion passed 5 – 0.
19. Reconvene into open session and take any action necessary as the result of closed session  
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Einhorn) to reconvene into open session. Motion passed 5 – 0.

## **CLOSING BUSINESS**

20. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens  
None
21. Reports from Department Heads, Mayor, Council, Committees, and discussion of future agenda items.  
None
22. Adjournment  
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Richard Wnek  
Mayor

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Michele Pogodzinski  
Clerk-Treasurer