

**CITY OF THORP
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 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 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

Mike Tomsyck questioned if any follow up was done regarding the odor situation at Holland's Family Cheese? Pauline Haas questioned if the cattle have been counted? She also thanked Alderperson Korn for meeting with her. Mayor Wnek stated that the cattle count will be done before the next Council meeting.

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 July 13, 2020 Regular City Council meeting
 - b. Approval of minutes from July 23, 2020 Special City Council meeting
 - c. Approve operator's license for Michelle Hurst
 - d. Approve operator's license for Sara Strunk
- M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Einhorn) 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, 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 regarding vacation of alleys and street recommended by the Planning Commission.

DPW Wundrow informed Council that the Planning Commission was recommending to vacate the alleys and street.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Discussion and possible action regarding financial plan for upcoming projects.

Brian Riley an advisor from Ehlers Public Financing Firm reviewed the City's capital financing. He discussed the City's G.O. borrowing capacity and the tax levy for debt service. He went over the capital project regarding Grant & Boardman Street utility improvement and introduced a plan. His recommendations for the finance plan was to refinance 2001 Bonds and also the 2009 STFL.

7. Discussion and possible action to obtain funding sources for upcoming projects
Brian Riley felt the City should move forward and search for interim utility financing since bills will be presented for payment soon. He felt a short term promissory note would be the most cost effective. He also felt the City should refinance the G.O. debt and apply for a utility rate increase to cover future costs.
M/M/S (Korn, Einhorn) to authorize Ehlers to proceed with interim financing. Motion passed 5 – 0.
8. Resolution 2020-08-01 "Resolution to Discontinue Oakbrook Alley, Church Alley, West School 500 Block Alley, Old School Court Alley and E. Prospect Street at Swiderski's Pursuant to ss66.1003(4) Wis Stats"
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Lawcewicz) to approve Resolution 2020-08-01. Motion passed 5- 0.
9. Resolution 2020-08-02 "Resolution Approving Change Order #3 for 2019 Well #9 WTP Improvement Project.
Jeff Nusbaum from Short Elliot & Hendrickson gave a brief update on the project. He recommended the change order with a credit of \$5735 and also a project extension to August 28th due to site grading. He noted that an allowance in the bid of \$20,000 for pumps was not spent.
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Abramczak) to approve Resolution 2020-08-02. Motion passed 5-0.
10. Resolution 2020-08-03 "Resolution Approving Pay Application #9 from Springlake Contracting, Inc. for 2019 Well#9 WTP Improvement Project"
Jeff Nusbaum informed the Council the pay application was a progress payment with approximately \$21,000 remaining and also the retainage of \$35,795.83.
M/M/S (Abramczak, Einhorn) to approve Resolution 2020-08-03. Motion passed unanimously.
11. Grant & Boardman Street Project Update
DPW Wundrow updated the Council on the street project and informed that the maps are inaccurate locating underground mains and piping which is slowing the project down. He also noted that a second crew will be added on Wednesday on Clark Street to Highway 73.
12. Ordinance 2020-08-01 "Ordinance Amending the City of Thorp Code of Ordinances Regarding Operator's Licenses"
Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski requested to change authorization for operator's licenses. The licenses could be issued by the Clerk-Treasurer with background checks done by the Chief of Police and would no longer need to be presented to Council for approval.
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Rosemeyer) to approve the amendment to the ordinance. Motion passed 5-0.
13. Discussion and possible action regarding culvert replacements near the Cemetery
Bob Hmielak requested the City replace a culvert in the Township of Withee adjacent to the Cemetery. DPW Wundrow strongly opposed this culvert replacement since it was not in the City and noted that the Cemetery Board was also against it. Mayor Wnek felt it should be discussed at a Cemetery Board meeting and brought back to Council. No action taken.
14. Discussion and possible action regarding adjustments to utility bill at 103 N. Jackson Street
No action taken. Further information requested.

CLOSED SESSION

15. Consider moving into closed session per Wis Stats 19.85(1)(g) to discuss potential litigation
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Abramczak) to move into closed session. Motion passed 5 – 0.
16. 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.
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Einhorn) to approve the Notice of Disallowance of Claims from Gary & Mary Beth Petersen against the City of Thorp. Motion passed 5 – 0.

CLOSING BUSINESS

17. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

None

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

None

19. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Date of Publication



Richard Wnek
Mayor



Michele Pogodzinski
Clerk-Treasurer