

**CITY OF THORP
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020 AT 5:30PM
AT THORP CITY HALL**

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Wnek. In attendance were; Alderpersons Einhorn, Korn, Lawcewicz and Rosemeyer. Also in attendance was Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski.

ROUTINE BUSINESS (items number 2 and 3 were taken out of order)

2. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

None

3. Discussion and possible action relating to a potential utility rate increase including:

a. Approval of rate case application to PSC for water utility increase

A phone conference was held with representatives from Ehlers and Associates. Brian Riley from Ehlers discussed the need for a rate increase with the recent projects. He was in favor of starting the application with the PSC. Brian Riley explained the method of the application. He stated the first step is deciding the amount of cash needed. The next step is deciding how to pay for operating costs and finally, figuring out our rate of return. He stated we needed 4.9% above the rate of return to secure capital assets. In 2004 the City did a full rate increase and in 2017 a simplified rate increase at 3%. He stated it could take four months for the application in which the PSC usually takes around three months and Public Hearings to be held.

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Rosemeyer) motioned to move ahead and apply for a rate increase. Motion passed 4-0.

b. Approval of sewer utility rate increase

Brian Riley will work on the sewer utility portion of the needs and will contact the City with some answers.

4. Discussion and possible action relating to project financing

Brian Riley summarized the financing options that the City is seeking for upcoming projects including grant dollars. He noted that the money takes time to show up, causing a delay, so interim financing for pieces of various projects will be needed. Engineering will be one large expense to be paid before monies show up. He will provide a detailed finance plan and will present it at the next meeting.

CLOSING BUSINESS

5. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens.

Bob Hmielak spoke requesting two culverts be replaced near the cemetery. He would like it placed on the next month's meeting agenda.

6. Adjournment

M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Lawcewicz) to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Date of Publication

Richard Wnek
Mayor

Michele Pogodzinski
Clerk-Treasurer