

**CITY OF THORP  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022, 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 Leech, Police Chief Schneider, Library Director Soderstrom and Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**2. Public Hearing Regarding the Proposed Water & Sewer Improvement Project**

a. Open Public Hearing

The public hearing was opened.

b. Project Information/Background

Paulette Headrington from Short Elliott and Hendrickson discussed the proposed Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement project. The wastewater treatment facility project will help keep the facility in good working order and will be energy and operationally efficient. She felt the USDA Rural Development was the best option for the project.

c. Public Commentary

None

d. Close Public Hearing

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Einhorn) to close public hearing. Motion passed 5-0.

**ROUTINE BUSINESS**

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

None.

**4. 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 April 11, 2022, Regular City Council meeting

b. Approval of minutes from April 18, 2022, Organizational meeting

M/M/S (Einhorn, Lawcewicz) to approve consent agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

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

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

M/M/S (Abramczak, Rosemeyer) to approve the monthly reports. Carried 5-0.

b. Police Department Monthly Report

Nothing to add.

c. Public Works/Utilities Monthly Report

DPW Leech updated the Council on the voltage surge at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Everything is still running but some equipment was damaged.

d. Library Monthly Report

Nothing to add.

e. Reports from Various committees

None

f. Reports from elected officials

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**6. Short Elliot Hendrickson Project Updates**

The W. School and N. Church Street and Utility Improvements Project bid will be in June with construction in July. The Wastewater Treatment Plant Project's final design will be completed soon. A construction engineering service contract will be presented at the next Council meeting for approval. USDA Rural Development Funding for the WWTP has been approved with loan of \$6,500,000 and grant of \$2,000,000. Funding application for the DNR Safe Drinking Water will be submitted by June 30 for watermain portion of the project and funding application for DNR Clean Water Fund will be submitted to DNR by September 30 for sewer portion of the project.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

7. Resolution 2022-05-01 "Resolution Authorizing Execution of the Department of Natural Resources Principal Forgiven Financial Assistance Agreement"  
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Einhorn) to approve the Resolution. Motion passed with a roll call vote, Lawcewicz aye, Einhorn aye, Abramczak aye, Rosemeyer aye, Korn aye. Motion passed 5 aye – 0 nay.
8. Resolution 2022-05-02 "Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$800,000 General Obligation Promissory Note, Series 2022A"  
Brian Riley from Ehlers and Associates noted that this resolution was for portions that are ineligible for the water and sewer rates.  
M/M/S (Korn, Rosemeyer) to approve the Resolution. Roll call vote, Einhorn aye, Abramczak aye, Rosemeyer aye, Korn aye, Lawcewicz aye. Motion passed 5 aye – 0 nay.
9. Resolution 2022-05-03 "Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of a \$753,000 Water System Revenue Bond Anticipation Note, Series 2022B"  
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Rosemeyer) to approve the Resolution. Roll call vote, Abramczak aye, Rosemeyer aye, Korn aye, Lawcewicz aye, Einhorn aye. Motion passed 5 aye – 0 nay.
10. Resolution 2022-05-04 "Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of a \$541,000 Sewerage System Revenue Bond Anticipation Note, Series 2022C"  
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Korn) to approve the Resolution. Roll call vote, Rosemeyer aye, Korn aye, Lawcewicz aye, Einhorn aye, Abramczak aye. Motion passed 5 aye – 0 nay.
11. Resolution 2022-05-05 "Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$875,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2022D"  
M/M/S (Korn, Rosemeyer) to approve the Resolution. Roll call vote, Korn aye, Lawcewicz aye, Einhorn aye, Abramczak aye, Rosemeyer aye. Motion passed 5 aye – 0 nay.
12. Discussion and possible action relating to possible vacation of street right of way on E. Grant Street  
Property owner adjacent to the street right of way on E. Grant Street requested the vacation. DPW Leech felt it would never be an actual street and recommended vacating. M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Korn) to move forward with vacation of the street right of way. Motion passed 5-0.
13. Discussion and possible action regarding American Rescue Plan Act Funds  
The three department heads proposed expenditures for their departments. DPW Leech felt a utility truck qualified for the funds. Police Chief Schneider requested replacement of the radio and a squad camera. Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski requested a new phone system. Alderperson Rosemeyer would like to see improvements to Northside Park. Each department head will present quotes for each expenditure at the next council meeting.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

14. Consider moving into closed session per Wis Stats 19.85(1)(c) to the following:
  - a. Discuss and possible pay rate increases for City of Thorp employees  
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Einhorn) to move into closed session. Motion passed 5-0.
15. Reconvene into open session and take any action necessary as the result of closed session  
M/M/S (Korn, Einhorn) to move into open session. Motion passed 5 – 0.

M/M/S (Korn, Lawcewicz) to approve 5% raise to full time employees in the Police Department, Clerk's office, DPW full time employees, and Ron Rogalski to accommodate current cost of living increase effective June 1, 2022, payroll. Roll call vote, Lawcewicz – aye, Einhorn – nay, Abramczak – aye, Rosemeyer – aye, Korn – aye. Motion passed 4 ayes, 1 nay.

## **CLOSING BUSINESS**

16. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens.  
None

17. Reports from Department Heads, Mayor, Council, Committees, and discussion of future agenda items.  
None
18. Adjournment  
Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

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Date of Publication

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Richard Wnek  
Mayor

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Michele Pogodzinski  
Clerk-Treasurer