

MINUTES
CITY OF THORP REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015 AT 6:30PM
IN THORP CITY HALL

ROUTINE BUSINESS

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
The meeting was called to order. In attendance were Mayor Stroinski; Alderpersons Baumgarten, Lawcewicz, Abramczak, Smriga, and Wnek; DPW McCredde, Library Director Beloungy, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski, and City Administrator Reeg.
2. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens
None.
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 March 9, 2015 Regular City Council meeting
 - b. Approval of minutes from March 24, 2015 Special City Council meetingM/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) to approve the consent agenda. Carried unanimously.

Item #10 was taken out of order at this time, but minutes will be kept in numerical order for record-keeping purposes.

4. Discussion and possible action relating to monthly reports:
 - a. Police Department monthly report
Nothing in addition to the report.
 - b. Public Works/Utilities monthly report
Nothing in addition to the report.
 - c. Administrator's Report, Financial Report, Vouchers, Payroll Register & Journal Entries
Reeg reported that Charter Communications was evaluating the possibility of coming to Thorp. M/M/S (Wnek, Abramczak) to approve all as presented. Carried unanimously.
 - d. Library monthly report
Beloungy reported that it was National Library Week. When asked, she also reported that the new library hours seemed to be going well.
 - e. Reports from various committees
Alderson Smriga reported briefly on Sustainability and Parks & Recreation activities.
 - f. Reports from elected officials

OLD BUSINESS

5. Discussion and possible action regarding 2015 equipment purchases including:
 - a. Review bids received on surplus equipment
Reeg reported the process received for the items recently sold online.
No action taken.
 - b. Award bid for skidsteer
4 bids had been received prior to the bid opening. The lowest net costs was \$13,000 for a New Holland L225 from Swiderski for \$38,000 less a trade-in of \$25,000.
M/M/S (Wnek, Lawcewicz) to purchase from Swiderski for a net cost of \$13,000. Carried unanimously.

- c. Award bid for pick-up truck
6 dealerships had provided bids on 12 different trucks. The lowest bid was from Courtesy Auto for \$20,981 for a Ford F150 that did meet the minimum specs.
M/M/S (Baumgarten, Smriga) to purchase the truck for Courtesy for \$20,981. Carried unanimously.

- 6. Discussion and possible action relating to 2014 Hwy. 73 Water Main Replacement project including:
 - a. Resolution 2015-04-1 “Resolution Approving Change Order for 2014 Hwy. 73 Water Main Replacement Project to Meet Davis Bacon Wage Rate Requirements for SDW Financing Requirements”
M/M/S (Smriga, Abramczak) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.
 - b. Approve agreement with SEH for SDW application and administration services
M/M/S (Smriga, Lawcewicz) to approve the agreement with SEH. Carried unanimously.

- 7. Discussion and possible action to approve a formal debt and borrowing policy including:
 - a. Resolution 2015-04-2a “Resolution Establishing Debt Policy with GO Debt Capped at 65% of Statutory Debt Limit”
 - b. Resolution 2015-04-2b “Resolution Establishing Debt Policy with GO Debt Capped at 75% of Statutory Debt Limit”
 - c. Resolution 2015-04-2c “Resolution Establishing Debt Policy with GO Debt Capped at \$1 Million Below Statutory Debt Limit”

Reeg indicated he was most comfortable with the debt limit capped at 65% on statutory limit, but warned that that meant no additional GO borrowing could occur until the end of 2016, which meant no new capital projects until 2017.

M/M/S (Baumgarten, Lawcewicz) to adopt Resolution 2015-02-2a. Carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- 8. Discussion and possible action relating to the estimated costs and financial implications of the 2015 E. Rusch and W. School Streets project and potential 2016 CTH X project

The County Highway Department had recently notified the City of Thorp that the plan was to completely resurface CTH X through Thorp in 2016. They inquired if the city wanted to redo our parking lanes concurrently. Reeg and McCredden both felt the city would be foolish not to do so. This would require some replacement of curb and gutter and storm sewer work in advance of the resurfacing. However, this would mean postponing the 2015 project on E. Rusch and/ or W. School Streets and reallocating the funds on hand to the 2016 CTH X project. Reeg noted that based on preliminary cost estimates for the city’s share of CTH X, he felt that it was feasible to do the W. School Street project, but there was no way E. Rusch could be done. He also noted, that if the 2016 CTH X project was not officially funded by the County Board in their 2016 budget, then the E. Rusch Street project could be done on 2016 instead.

M/M/S (Wnek, Abramczak) to bid out the work for W. School Street only for 2015. Carried unanimously.

M/M/S (Wnek, Smriga) to continue with engineering work for E. Rusch Street up to the point of (but not including) pulling permits and bidding. Carried unanimously.

It was also agreed by general consensus to have McCredden establish a proposed scope of work and get costs for curb & gutter and storm sewer work for CTH X.

- 9. Resolution 2015-04-3 “Resolution Amending Vacation Use Policy”

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Baumgarten) to adopt the resolution. Failed on a 2-3 roll call vote with Alderpersons Baumgarten and Lawcewicz voting aye, and Alderpersons Abramczak, Smriga, and Wnek voting no.

10. Discussion and possible action relating to donation of land in West Side Industrial Park to youth baseball/softball including:
- Review of previously established contingencies
 - Discussion of proposed construction timeline and fundraising goals, objectives, and progress
 - Discussion and possible action relating to infrastructure needs, TIF implications
 - Resolution 2015-04-4 “Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate”

Al Wisniewski was on hand from the Thorp Ball Club. He provided some information on the status of the club, the scope of work and proposed budget of ~\$750,000. There was lengthy discussion on the infrastructure needs, and the fact that the baseball complex would be tax-exempt and would therefore not produce any tax increment for TID#4. It was agreed by general consensus to table the topic and have some cost estimates for infrastructure available at the next meeting at which this was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

11. Approve purchase of chairs for City Council chambers
M/M/S (Wnek, Lawcewicz) to order 16 chairs from Office Enterprises not to exceed \$1200 with shipping. Carried unanimously.
12. Approve purchase of replacement top for large Funbrella umbrella at pool
M/M/S (Smriga, Baumgarten) to order a replacement top from Funbrella for \$1677 plus shipping. Carried unanimously.
13. Approve cooperative purchasing agreement for fluorescent bulb crusher
M/M/S (Baumgarten, Wnek) to approve the agreement. Carried unanimously.
14. Resolution 2015-04-5 “Resolution Opposing Elimination of Personal Property Tax”
M/M/S (Smriga, Lawcewicz) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.
15. Resolution 2015-04-6 “Resolution Contracting with Robert Christensen, State Certified Building Inspector, for the Inspection of One- and Two-Family New Construction Dwellings”
M/M/S (Wnek, Smriga) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.

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
Reeg mentioned that he has been approached by Greg Turenne about limiting parking on N. Washington Street from Birch Street north. It was narrow and potentially dangerous. It was agreed to do some research on the topic.
Reeg also noted the Annual Organization Meeting on Tuesday, April 21.
18. Adjournment
M/M/S (Wnek, Baumgarten) to adjourn at 8:30pm. Carried unanimously.

Date of Publication

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Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer