

MINUTES
CITY OF THORP REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015 AT 6:30PM
IN THORP CITY HALL

ROUTINE BUSINESS

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. In attendance were Mayor Stroinski; Alderpersons Baumgarten, Lawcewicz, Abramczak, and Wnek; DPW McCredden; Library Director Beloungy; Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski; and City Administrator Reeg. Police Chief Verges came later and Alderperson Smriga was absent.

2. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

None.

Items #17 and #18 were taken out of order at this time. Minutes will be kept in numerical order for record keeping purposes.

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 June 8, 2015 Regular City Council meeting
- b. Approval of minutes from June 15, 2015 Special City Council meeting
- c. Approval of Operator's License for Judith A. Gwiazda
- d. Approval of Operator's License for Brooke M. Noah
- e. Approval of Operator's License for Chandra R. Dircks
- f. Approval of Operator's License for Rachael M. Stanford
- g. Approval of Operator's License for Alysja Otten
- h. Approval of Operator's License for Kayleigh L. Pfeffer

M/M/S (Abramczak, Lawcewicz) to approve the consent agenda. Carried unanimously.

Items #15 and #16 were taken out of order at this time. Minutes will be kept in numerical order for record keeping purposes.

4. Discussion and possible action relating to monthly reports:

- a. Administrator's Report, Financial Report, Vouchers, Payroll Register & Journal Entries

M/M/S (Wnek, Abramczak) to approve all as presented. Carried unanimously.

- b. Police Department monthly report

Verges had nothing in addition to the monthly report.

Reeg inquired on the status of the Lexipol project. Verges reported she was waiting on some draft documents for review.

- c. Public Works/Utilities monthly report

Nothing in addition to the monthly report.

- d. Library monthly report

Beloungy reported that the summer reading program through the school was a huge success.

- e. Reports from various committees

Reeg reported that the ZBA had met and had granted Wisconsin Bench a variance for their addition.

- f. Reports from elected officials

None.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Discussion and possible action relating to ATV routes within city limits

Mayor Stroinski asked the council to consider expanding the ATV routes in the city limits. Alderperson Smriga had asked Reeg to convey in her absence her opposition to opening up all the streets to ATVs for public safety reasons. Other Alderpersons shared similar concerns. It was agreed by general consensus that there wasn't really a current demand by the public for route expansions, but the subject could be revisited later if demand arose. It was suggested to have Parks & Recreation discuss it in the mean time.

6. Resolution 2015-07-1 "Resolution Approving Final Pay Application from Haas Sons Inc. for 2013 Street & Utilities Improvements"

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.

7. Discussion and possible action relating to DPW truck purchase

Reeg reported that Ford had stopped producing 2015 fleet vehicles before the one on order for the city had been manufactured. This left 3 options: 1) See if Courtesy could offer a 2016 fleet vehicle for the price bid on the 2015 vehicle; 2) inquire if the second lowest bidder (Colby Chrysler) could still deliver a vehicle for their bid price (which it had been confirmed they could not); or 3) rebid.

M/M/S (Baumgarten, Lawcewicz) to acquire a 2016 vehicle from Courtesy if the same bid price could be offered, or to rebid in lieu of that. Carried unanimously.

8. Discussion and possible action relating to DPW UTV purchase

Swiderski had offered to sell that UTV that the PWD had been renting from them to the city for \$7000 and waive the \$250/week rental fee due (\$1500-\$1750).

M/M/S (Wnek, Baumgarten) to purchase the UTV for \$7000. Carried unanimously.

9. Award bid for crack filling services

Four bids for crack filling had been received—the lowest of which was from Chippewa Valley Sealcoat for \$3735.

M/M/S (Baumgarten, Lawcewicz) to award the bid to Chippewa Valley Sealcoat. Carried unanimously.

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) to purchase additional crack filling services from Chippewa Valley Sealcoat for a total amount not to exceed \$10,000. Carried unanimously.

10. Discussion and possible action relating to requested amendment by SEH to Well #15 agreement

Randy Sanford was unable to attend the meeting to explain the amendment.

M/M/S (Abramczak, Baumgarten) to table until the August meeting. Carried unanimously.

Item #14 was taken out of order at this time. Minutes will be kept in numerical order for record keeping purposes.

11. Discussion and possible action relating to needed repairs at Well #9/Water Treatment Plant, bidding plans and timelines, and granting of authority to Mayor, City Administrator and Director of Public Works to award project to lowest bidder

McCredden informed the City Council of the issues that had been occurring with chemical precipitants being formed and accumulating as the result of the addition of caustic soda. It needed to be addressed quickly.

M/M/S (Baumgarten, Wnek) to approve the project and authorize the Mayor, City Administrator, and DPW to award the bid to the lowest bidder. Carried unanimously.

12. Resolution 2015-07-2 "2014 Compliance Maintenance Resolution"

M/M/S (Wnek, Lawcewicz) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.

13. Award bid for sanitary sewer cleaning and televising for 2016 Stanley Street (CTH X) project
Three bids had been received for this project—the lowest from LNT Utility for \$5040.
M/M/S (Abramczak, Lawcewicz) to award the bid to LNT Utility. Carried unanimously.
14. 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”

After again reviewing previously discussed contingencies and eventual infrastructure needs, Ray Rosemeyer spoke for the Thorp Ball Club Inc. (TBCI). He noted that one potential major donor was concerned about the permanence of the facility if TBCI were to fold in the future. The fact that the land and facility would revert back to the City of Thorp was an important requirement for the donor. Additional, he laid out the 3 phases of construction envisioned by TBCI: 1) earthwork and excavation for the entire facility; 2) construction of 2 fields; and 3) construction of a 3rd field and installation of lighting for all three.

M/M/S (Wnek, Baumgarten) to adopt Resolution 2015-04-4 subject to the following conditions: 1) TBCI cannot convey the land and improvements to anyone except the City of Thorp; 2) if TBCI dissolves the land and improvements revert back to the City of Thorp; 3) two fields must be completed by December 31, 2017; and 4) a third field, lighting for all 3 fields, and a concession stand and bathrooms with running water must be completed by December 31, 2019. Carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

15. Discussion and possible action to approve the following applications for licenses:
- “Class B” Liquor and Class “B” Beer licenses for Aroma Inc. of Thorp
 - “Class B” Liquor and Class “B” Beer licenses for Holland’s Family Cheese, LLC
- Both John and Lana Ciolkosz of Aroma Inc., and Marieke Penterman of Holland’s Family Cheese gave short presentations on how they would utilize the one available “Class B” Liquor license if issued to them.
- M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) to table the issue until the August meeting of the City Council.
16. Presentation from Proactive Solutions USA, LLC regarding new manure lagoon additives being used at Penterman Farms/Holland’s Family Cheese
- Marieke Penterman provided a fact sheet on the economic impact their businesses provide to the community. She acknowledged that there had been some smelly days that didn’t bother her—but that it bothered her that it bothered others. She introduced representative from Proactive Solutions to explain the science of the new additives that the Pentermans had been using for about 6 weeks. They explained that a typical manure lagoon runs at about 80-90% anaerobic digestion, and the goal of their product is to get it to ~50% aerobic/50% anaerobic. This helps turn ammonia into ammonium and sulfates into sulfides—all reducing odors. They could also experiment with a citrus additive which they refer to as a “country air freshener”. They were asked about the whey in this particular lagoon, and replied that whey contains lactose, which breaks down into galactose and fructose and those are easily broken down by the aerobic digestion they will be producing. They said it takes time to reach peak effectiveness, but it can be achieved.
- No action taken.

CLOSED SESSION

17. Consider moving into closed session per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(b)&(e) to discuss the following:

- a. Application for Operator’s License by Lori A. Rodezno
- b. Potential development in TID#4

M/M/S (Wnek, Lawcewicz) to move into closed session. Carried unanimously.

18. Reconvene into open session for any action needed as the result of closed session

M/M/S (Wnek, Lawcewicz) to reconvene into open session.

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) to issue a provisional Operator’s License to Lori Rodezno contingent upon no criminal convictions for 2 years from date of issue. Carried unanimously.

CLOSING BUSINESS

19. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

None.

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

Aldersperson Abramczak inquired about getting a large TV that could be mounted and used for power point presentations, etc. at future meetings.

21. Adjournment

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Abramczak) to adjourn at 9:05pm. Carried unanimously.

Date of Publication

Ray Stroinski
Mayor

Randall D. Reeg
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer