

MINUTES  
CITY OF THORP REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2015 AT 6:30PM

**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, Smriga, and Wnek; DPW McCredden; Police Chief Verges; Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski; and City Administrator Reeg.

2. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

Joe Waichulis (N16739 Bachelors Ave., Thorp (Town of Withee)) spoke on the topic of excessive truck traffic on Bruce Mound Ave. coming to and from Hwy. 29. He felt a good portion was coming from the industrial park in the City of Thorp. He asked the City Council to evaluate and consider the issue and to communicate with the businesses in the industrial park to help alleviate the problem. No action taken. Officer Tyler Geske of the Thorp PD spoke briefly about a program that places retired military dogs into PDs. He inquired if there was enough interest from the City Council to proceed with researching it further. It was agreed by general consensus that a fiscal analysis would be appreciated.

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 20, 2015 Regular City Council meeting
- b. Approval of Operator's License for Kristina Provance

M/M/S (Wnek, Smriga) to approve. Carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action relating to monthly reports:

- a. Administrator's Report, Financial Report, Vouchers, Payroll Register & Journal Entries  
M/M/S (Abramczak, Wnek) to approve all as presented. Carried unanimously.

- b. Police Department monthly report

In addition to the monthly report, Verges suggested looking at changing the language in the ordinances regarding barking dogs. It was agreed by general consensus to consider proposed changes. No action taken.

- c. Public Works/Utilities monthly report

McCredden also reported that the sewer cleaning and televising on CTH X would commence on Tuesday August 11<sup>th</sup>. No action taken.

- d. Library monthly report

Nothing in addition to the monthly report.

- e. Reports from various committees

None.

- f. Reports from elected officials

Alderperson Abramczak noted that the Annual Meeting of the Fire & Ambulance Districts would be on November 2 at 8pm.

**OLD BUSINESS**

5. Discussion and possible action to approve the following applications for licenses:

- a. "Class B" Liquor and/or Class "B" Beer licenses for Aroma Inc. of Thorp

- b. "Class B" Liquor and/or Class "B" Beer licenses for Holland's Family Cheese, LLC

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Abramczak) to approve a "Class B" Liquor and Class "B" Beer License for Aroma Inc. Approved on a 4-1 roll call vote with Alderpersons Wnek, Lawcewicz, Abramczak and Smriga voting aye, and Alderperson Baumgarten voting no.

M/M/S (Baumgarten, Lawcewicz) to approve a Class "B" Beer License for Holland's Family Cheese. Carried unanimously.

6. Award bid for chip sealing services  
The chip sealing bids came in quite a bit over budget. It was agreed by general consensus to remove the 180 feet of W. School Street from the project. This would reduce the cost of the bid to \$22,295—still well over the \$20,000 budget. McCredden further suggested that he could remove the filling of potholes from the scope of work from Chippewa Valley Sealcoat—reducing their bill from \$8790 to \$7890. This would put the total for the 2 projects at \$30,185—only \$185 over the \$30,000 in the capital budget. M/M/S (Abramczak, Lawcewicz) to award the bid to Scott Construction for \$22,295 with W. School Street removed, and with the understanding that the scope of work with Chippewa Valley Sealcoat would be reduced as suggested. Carried unanimously.

*Items #13 and 14 were taken out of order at this time. Minutes will be kept in numerical order for record-keeping purposes.*

7. Discussion and possible action relating to S. Adams St. bridge project including:
- Environmental review
  - Bidding of project and process and timeline to award bid
  - Potential construction schedule

M/M/S (Smriga, Baumgarten) to bid the project with prices for both fall and spring construction. Carried unanimously.

8. Discussion and possible action relating to Well #15 including:

- Update on Well #15 project  
A brief update was given by McCredden and Randy Sanford of SEH.
- Approve Change Orders 1, 2, & 3  
Sanford explained each change order:  
#1--\$16,506 for extra drilling required as the result of the initial well drilled not producing adequate water;  
#2--\$8330.18 for televising and test pumping to troubleshoot issues encountered; and  
#3--\$7304.03 for driveway changes as the result of redesign.  
M/M/S (Baumgarten, Wnek) to approve Change Orders 1-3. Carried unanimously.
- Resolution 2015-08-1 “Resolution Approving Pay Application #1 from Haas Sons Inc. for Well #15 Project”  
Reeg discovered a mathematical error in the Pay App, noting that the requested amount should be \$45,502.00, rather than \$67,854.56.  
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Smriga) to amend the resolution to reflect the correction proposed by Reeg and to adopt as amended. Carried unanimously.
- Discussion and possible action to approve Amendment #1 to SEH Scope of Services Agreement  
M/M/S (Smriga, Wnek) to approve. Carried unanimously.

9. Update on process to transfer land to Thorp Ball Club, Inc.

Reeg reported that due to the complexity of the requirements and benchmarks being built into the agreement, he and City Attorney Salm had agreed that the initial portion of the agreement (thru 12-31-2019) should be executed as a lease agreement. The idea was being reviewed by the Thorp Ball Club, Inc. No action taken.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

10. Preliminary discussion regarding potential changes to Section 3-2-3 of the City of Thorp Code of Ordinances regarding special assessments for stormwater improvements

Through the course of the stormwater study, SEH had identified 9 unique drainage basing within the city that would serve as ideal assessment districts. What remained to be determined was what costs should

be drafted as assessable. It was agreed by general consensus that 50% of the cost of stormwater projects should be specially assessable to properties within the assessment districts (drainage basins). Proposed ordinance language would be brought back at a future meeting.

11. Discussion and possible action to modify policy for concealed carry in municipal facilities

It was agreed by general consensus to consider a policy change, to be drafted and brought to a future meeting, which would allow concealed carry by municipal officials and staff, and by duly sworn law enforcement officers at any time. No action taken.

12. Discussion and possible action relating to possible abandonment of streets including:

- a. N. Conway Street in the industrial park
- b. Terminal end of E. Grant St. east of N. Clark St.

There was no specific opposition to the proposal. It was agreed by general consensus to analyze the proposal further. No action taken.

**CLOSED SESSION**

13. Consider moving into closed session per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) to discuss the following business relating to the S. Adams St. bridge project that for competitive and/or bargaining reasons require a closed session including :

- a. Status of primary and alternate offers to purchase real estate
- b. Negotiations for relocation package

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

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

M/M/S (Baumgarten, Lawcewicz) to reconvene into open session. Carried unanimously.

M/M/S (Wnek, Smriga) to agree to lump sum payment in lieu of relocation pending DOA approval.

Carried on a 4-1 roll call vote with Alderpersons Smriga, Wnek, Baumgarten, and Lawcewicz voting aye, and Alderperson Abramczak voting no.

**CLOSING BUSINESS**

15. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

None.

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

It was agreed by general consensus to have the city appreciation picnic on a Wednesday in mid-September to be determined.

17. Adjournment

M/M/S (Wnek, Lawcewicz) to adjourn. Carried unanimously.

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Ray Stroinski  
Mayor

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Randall D. Reeg  
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer