

MINUTES
CITY OF THORP SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THORP CITY HALL

1. Call to Order

In attendance were Mayor Stroinski; Alderpersons Cowley, Abramczak, Smriga, and Wnek; and City Administrator Reeg. Guests from the Thorp Ball Club, Inc. included Ray Rosemeyer, Brad Ceranski, Mike Hansen, Al Wisniewski, Josh Rosemeyer, Chad Hauser, and Jim Denzine. Also in attendance was Annaka Isenberger of the Thorp Courier.

2. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

None.

3. Discussion and possible action relating to land donation to Thorp Ball Club Inc., long-term maintenance plans, fundraising, construction schedule, etc.

Brad Ceranski presented an estimated annual operating expense worksheet, and Al Wisniewski provided a copy of the Thorp Ball Club, Inc. By-Laws for City Council review.

Members of the City Council posed questions on fundraising efforts and success to date, as well as future fundraising plans. There was also lengthy discussion about the membership and longevity of the ball club.

Reeg shared the advice of the City Attorney Salm. Salm advised that if the city agrees to move forward in a scenario in which they might ultimately be responsible for the facility, that the city should maintain ownership and direct construction. The Thorp Ball Club, Inc. could be the fundraising organization and ultimately be contracted with for annual maintenance and operation. When certain fundraising benchmarks meet the satisfaction of the City Council, certain phases could be undertaken at the direction of the City. The City Council generally seemed more comfortable with this scenario.

Reeg cautioned that consideration would need to be made regarding bidding requirements for what would now be a public project. Questions about the implications of donated goods and services (in lieu of cash donations) to the public project bidding requirements were raised. Reeg would research the topic prior to the City Council meeting on Monday November 9th.

By general consensus, the City Council asked Reeg to include the topic for further consideration on the November 9th City Council agenda. The Thorp Ball Club agreed to have multiple representatives at that meeting as well.

No action taken.

4. Adjournment

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

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Ray Stroinski
Mayor

Randall D. Reeg
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer