

MINUTES  
CITY OF THORP REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015 AT 6:30PM

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

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

**ROUTINE BUSINESS**

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 November 9, 2015 Regular City Council meeting
- b. Approval of minutes from November 18, 2015 Special City Council meeting
- c. Approve appointment of Election Inspectors for the 2016-2017 biennium

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

- b. Police Department monthly report

In addition to the monthly report, Verges reported that a new records management system was in place and that monthly reports will be slightly different. No action taken.

- c. Public Works/Utilities monthly report

Nothing in addition to the monthly report.

- d. Library monthly report

In addition to the monthly report, Beloungy reported that Santa would be at the library, and that some books were out for circulation at daycares and nursing homes.

- e. Reports from various committees

It was reported that the Public Works & Utilities Committee, Sustainability Board, Parks & Recreation Board had met. The Mayor, DPW, and City Administrator had attended a school board meeting to discuss the stormwater issues at the school. It was agreed to a future joint meeting of the school board and city council might be needed.

- f. Reports from elected officials

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

5. Review of previous City Council policy regarding publication of delinquencies placed on tax roll

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Abramczak) to continue to policy of publishing such delinquencies. Carried on a 3-2 roll call vote with Alderpersons Abramczak, Cowley and Lawcewicz voting aye, and Alderpersons Smriga and Wnek voting no.

6. Update on procedures, costs, and implications of adding a canine unit to the PD

Officer Geske presented additional information, along with some possible grant opportunities. There was lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of a canine unit, with the greatest focus being on the

upfront and annual operational costs. It was agreed by general consensus that costs were too great and to table the idea indefinitely.

7. Discussion and possible action relating to W. Lawrence Street water improvements including:
  - a. Update on water quality assessments  
The County Health Department had been at the 2 primarily affected homes and resampled the water. Test results were still pending. No action taken.
  - b. Potential additional sediment remediation steps in affected homes  
There was discussion about the plumbing and appliance implications in the affected homes. Reeg noted that the insurance company and City Attorney both advised against replacing plumbing. It was agreed by general consensus to get quotes for plumbing replacement to discuss at a future date.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

8. Approval of 2016-2020 5-Year Capital Plan  
Reeg presented version 2015.12.14 with a few minor changes. He reminded the City Council that this was a planning tool, and that each individual expenditure would need additional City Council approval. M/M/S (Smriga, Cowley) to adopt the capital plan as presented. Carried unanimously.
9. Discussion and possible action to approve annual payment of employee health incentives  
Reeg presented a budget report that showed most departments were on slate to come in under budget for the year, meaning there was adequate funds to pay the health incentive this year.  
M/M/S (Smriga, Abramczak) to pay a \$500 per employee health incentive. Carried unanimously.
10. Ordinance 2015-12-1 “An Ordinance Creating and Ordaining Title 7-4 of the City of Thorp Code of Ordinances Regarding Land Application of Manure”  
M/M/S (Abramczak, Wnek) to enact the ordinance. Carried unanimously.
11. Discussion and possible action relating to purchase of an additional rifle for the police department  
Verges and Geske presented information on a new rifle and some equipment to add to the existing rifle. Rifles were a better weapon of choice in a municipal environment, and this would put an outfitted rifle in each squad. There were multiple options for equipment, and enough money left in the 2015 PD budget to fund the purchase.  
M/M/S (Cowley, Smriga) to authorize the expenditure of up to \$3000 to purchase and outfit a new rifle and but additional equipment for the existing rifle. Carried unanimously.
12. Resolution 2015-12-2 “Resolution Approving a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of Thorp”  
M/M/S (Abramczak, Lawcewicz) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.
13. Discussion and possible action relating to designating Maple Street as a school crossing on Hwy 73 and possible installation of sidewalk on west side of Hwy 73 between W. Maple and W. Hill Streets  
The school is trying to proactively improve pedestrian safety for students crossing Hwy 73 near McDonald’s and the Thorpedo. The WI DOT would not allow a school crossing designation at the W. Hill/E. Krych intersection with Hwy 73, but would at Maple Street if sidewalk was installed. There was lengthy discussion on whether designating the crossing at Maple would actually change student behavior. It was agreed by general consensus to table the discussion until feedback from Express Mart and Thorpedo was gotten regarding the sidewalk. No action taken.

14. Discussion and possible action relating to design proposals for baseball field complex  
Two proposals for master planning services had been received. One from Rettler Corp. for \$5400 and one from SEH for ~\$10,000. While the ball club was still reviewing and discussing proposals, Reeg inquired if the City Council might consider funding half of the Rettler Corp. proposal. Final approval would be sought later if the ball club wanted to move forward, so Reeg was only inquiring on the possibility. While not unanimous, there appeared to be enough support to make a future consideration. No action taken.
15. Discussion and possible action relating to recommendation from Public Works & Utilities Board for credit to water bill at 500 W. Lawrence Street  
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Abramczak) to approve the \$40 credit recommended by the PW&U board. Carried unanimously.
16. Approval of 2-year renewal contract with Hydro Corp for cross connection control inspection program  
Because the cross connection inspection program was caught up after a couple years of increased inspections, Reeg noted that the monthly cost of the next 2-year agreement was actually declining. M/M/S (Smruga, Cowley) to approve the contract. Carried unanimously.
17. Resolution 2015-12-2 “Resolution Approving Pay Application #1 from Haas Sons Inc. for 2015 W. Stanley Street Sewer Replacement”  
M/M/S (Abramczak, Lawcewicz) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

18. Move into closed session per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) to discuss the following:
- 2015 performance evaluation data for employees
  - 2016 pay rates for employees
- M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Abramczak) to move into closes session. Carried unanimously.
19. Reconvene into open session for any action required as the result of closed session  
M/M/S (Smruga, Abramczak) to reconvene into open session. Carried unanimously.  
M/M/S (Wnek, Smruga) to set 2016 wage rates at \$20.40 per hour for Dan Wundrow, and \$20.20 per hour for Brent Leech and Keith Seaman. Carried on a 3-1 roll call vote with Alderpersons Smruga, Wnek, and Cowley voting aye, Alderperson Lawcewicz voting no, and Alderperson Abramczak abstaining.  
M/M/S (Smruga, Wnek) to set the 2016 wage rate at \$18.75 per hour for Michele Pogodzinski. Carried by a 5-0 unanimous roll call vote.  
M/M/S (Wnek, Smruga) to set the 2016 salary for Sharon Verges at \$56,833. Carried by a 5-0 unanimous roll call vote.  
M/M/S (Smruga, Wnek) to set the 2016 salary for Tim McCredden at \$58,208. Carried by a 5-0 unanimous roll call vote.  
M/M/S (Wnek, Smruga) to set the 2016 salary for Randy Reeg at \$66,830. Carried by a 4-1 roll call vote with Alderpersons Smruga, Wnek, Cowley and Lawcewicz voting aye, and Alderperson Abramczak voting no.

**CLOSING BUSINESS**

20. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

None.

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

None.

22. Adjournment

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

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