

MINUTES
CITY OF THORP REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016 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 Lawcewicz, Smriga, and Wnek; DPW McCredden; Police Chief Verges; Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski; Library Director Beloungy; and City Administrator Reeg. Alderperson Abramczak arrived at ~6:50pm and Alderperson Cowley was absent.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

2. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

Bob Hmielak (406 E. School St., Thorp) spoke regarding his belief that installation of sidewalk in front of Express Mart and Thorpedo was not needed.

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 December 14, 2015 Regular City Council meeting
M/M/S (Wnek, Smriga) 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, Smriga) to approve all as presented. Carried unanimously.

Reeg also noted that he wanted to get the previously discussed community branding project started. After brief discussion it was determined that Tuesday and Wednesday evenings were not good for scheduling purposes.

b. Police Department monthly report

In addition to the monthly report, Verges provided some data on relative caseloads over the years. There were 72 less cases in 2015 than in 2014. No action taken.

c. Public Works/Utilities monthly report

In addition to the monthly report, there was discussion on the scope of the pending sewer lining project. Based on the 2014 costs per foot, McCredden estimated those sections in most dire need of lining would cost \$65,000-\$75,000. It was agreed by general consensus to bid out the areas indicated by McCredden.

Also, per new policy, McCredden needed to request present his plan for the next month, and request his monthly budget allocation. With focus on snow and ice removal and equipment maintenance, McCredden felt \$22,000-\$23,000 for the next month was realistic.

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Smriga) to allocated \$23,000. Carried unanimously.

d. Library monthly report

In addition to the monthly report, Beloungy reported that February 9th was Library Legislative Day, and that she had received a grant for travel and lodging expenses. No action taken.

e. Reports from various committees

Alderperson Smriga reported that both Park & Rec and Sustainability had met.

f. Reports from elected officials

None.

OLD BUSINESS

5. 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
Reeg reported that both Express Mart and Thorpedo had been contacted regarding the potential project and that if installed they would be obligated to keep the sidewalk cleared of snow and ice. Express Mart's reception was tepid, but Thorpedo's was highly supportive. McCredden estimated ~\$10,000 to install sidewalk in this area. It was agreed to discuss further in a future joint meeting with the School Board.
6. Discussion and possible action relating to the purchase of new squad
The ad hoc equipment committee had met and discussed size and future resale value of Ford Expeditions versus Ford Explorer Police Interceptors.
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Smriga) to put out bids for a 2016 Ford Expedition. Carried on a 3-1 vote with Alderpersons Lawcewicz, Smriga, and Wnek voting aye and Alderperson Abramczak voting no.
7. Discussion and possible action relating to the purchase of a new truck
There was discussion of adding the new truck as an additional vehicle, bringing the regular fleet back to 4 trucks, or replacing one of the existing trucks in the regular fleet. Replacing a truck would require a more expensive truck to be purchased now, plus the 2001 truck that isn't part of the regular fleet was being used more than anticipated. M/M/S (Abramczak, Lawcewicz) to put out bids for a 2016 Ford F150 as an additional truck. Carried unanimously.
8. Discussion and possible action relating to design proposals for baseball field complex
The Parks & Recreation Board recommended paying half of the master planning fees from the park reserves.
M/M/S (Smriga, Abramczak) to allocate \$2700 from Park Reserves for the master planning services from Rettler, with the balance being paid by the Thorp Ball Club Inc. Carried unanimously.
9. Discussion and possible action relating to W. Lawrence Street water improvements including:
 - a. Update on water quality assessments
Reeg reported that the state toxicologist and county health officer had both reported that water was well within health safety standards.
 - b. Discontinuation of providing bottled water
Deanna Abramczak noted that they were still getting sediment in their water.
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) to keep supplying bottled water. Carried unanimously.
 - c. In-home filtration systems
It was discussed that the filtration systems might be causing accumulations of very minor sediment and causing issues. It was agreed by general consensus that the filters should be removed to gauge the affect it would have on water quality.
 - d. Replacement of plumbing and replacement and/or repair of appliances
Two estimates for replumbing the two homes had been received, with highly disparate costs of \$14,000 and \$34,619 for both. It was agreed a third estimate was needed. It was also agreed to seek some third party analysis of appliances.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Discussion and possible action to approve allocation from City Hall reserves for rolling counter door
The rolling security door at the customer service counter was well past its prime and in serious need of replacement. Overhead Door quoted \$1505 for a replacement. The PWD would install it.
M/M/S (Abramczak, Lawcewicz) to approve the purchase as recommended. Carried unanimously.

11. Discussion and possible action relating to request from Cory Treffert to split survey costs for pending annexation
M/M/S (Wnek, Smriga) to deny the request. Carried unanimously.
12. Discussion and possible action relating to recommendation from Public Works & Utilities Board for credit to water bill at 311 W. Franklin St.
The PW&U Board had recommended at \$652.03 sewer credit.
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Smriga) to approve the credit as recommended. Carried unanimously.
13. Resolution 2016-01-1 “Resolution Approving Pay Application #1 with Adjustments from Springlake for Water Treatment Plant Project”
M/M/S (Smriga, Lawcewicz) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.

CLOSING BUSINESS

14. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens
None.
15. Reports from Department Heads, Mayor, Council, Committees, and discussion of future agenda items
None.
16. Adjournment
M/M/S (Wnek, Smriga) to adjourn at 8:00pm. Carried unanimously.

Date of Publication

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Mayor

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Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer