

MINUTES
CITY OF THORP REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 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 Cowley, Lawcewicz, Smriga, and Wnek; DPW McCredde; Police Chief Verges; Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski; Library Director Beloungy; and City Administrator Reeg. Alderperson Abramczak arrived a few minutes later at 6:36pm.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

2. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

Chris Konieczny (301 S. Conway St., Thorp) spoke regarding chickens in the city limits. She was personally opposed and definitely was in favor of strict controls if they were authorized.

Ed Barth (204 W. Hill St., Thorp) spoke regarding CUP's for Holland's Family Cheese. He noted that he wanted to see success for HFC, but that the odor was a continued problem.

Agenda item #9 was taken out of order at this point. 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 13, 2016 Regular City Council meeting

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

b. Police Department monthly report

It was noted that no new progress had been made on the policy and procedures manual as there had not been a chance to meet with the patrol officers to discuss their review. No action taken.

c. Public Works/Utilities monthly report; approval of monthly budget allocation

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) to approve the monthly allocation of \$35,875. Carried unanimously.

d. Library monthly report

Beloungy noted that glass had been broken in one of the library doors and repairs were pending. No action taken.

e. Reports from various committees

None.

f. Reports from elected officials

None.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Discussion and possible action relating to CJIS compliance and IT needs for Thorp Police Dept.

Verges reported that she was working with a third vendor to get a proposal for a hardware solution.

Reeg noted that another IT company was putting together a proposal. No action taken.

6. Discussion and possible action relating to possible sale of a portion of city-owned land in Town of Thorp

Reeg noted that per the request of the City Council, he had researched the feasibility of annexing this land into the city. Because it was not contiguous with the current city limits, it could not be annexed without other land being annexed simultaneously (making all the annexed land contiguous).

Additionally, the potential purchaser was only marginally interested in the land in question. It was agreed by general consensus to discontinue these discussions.

7. Review sample ordinances regarding chickens, discuss feasibility of developing a local ordinance
Alderson Lawcewicz was adamantly opposed to this concept.
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) to affirm that there would be no changes to ordinances allow the raising of chickens in the city limits. Carried on a 4-1 vote with Alderson Abramczak voting no.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Preliminary discussion regarding potential regulation of drones
Reeg reported that several complaints had been received recently. While Chief Verges believed she knew who the owner of the drone was, and that there was no malintent, Reeg inquired if any elected officials had received complaints. None had. There was brief discussion about drone registration requirements with the FFA. It was agreed by general consensus that there wasn't a current problem, but to keep it on the radar if use continued to grow.
9. Discussion and possible action relating to contract extension with Express Disposal
Three options for an extended contract had been requested by the Sustainability Committee and provided by Express Disposal. The recommendation of the committee had been to approve Option #3—a 10-year contract with a transition to 95 gallon recycling carts collected every other week.
M/M/S (Smriga, Lawcewicz) to approve Option #3. Carried unanimously.
10. Consideration of Planning Commission recommendation for Conditional Use Permit application from Holland's Family Cheese regarding beer garden
M/M/S (Abramczak, Cowley) to approve the CUP for the beer garden as recommended by the Planning Commission. Carried unanimously.
11. Consideration of Planning Commission recommendation for Conditional Use Permit application from Holland's Family Cheese regarding petting zoo
Alderson Lawcewicz noted that there had been no improvement in odor and he could not support this. Alderson Wnek stated that most people, even those with major concerns over odor, weren't opposed to the idea of a petting zoo, but that there should be no additional animals until the odor was under control.
M/M/S (Abramczak, Smriga) to approve the Planning Commission recommendations regarding the CUP (up to 30 animals in the petting zoo with a corresponding reduction in herd of cows for each; no elephants, zebras, or giraffes). Carried on a 4-1 roll call vote with Alderson Lawcewicz voting no.
12. Consideration of Planning Commission recommendation for Conditional Use Permit application from Rick & Jamie Truckey (Sun Up Saloon) regarding beer garden
M/M/S (Wnek, Cowley) to, once a liquor license has been issued and the bar reopened, approve a 1-year limited term CUP for a beer garden, and requiring an 8 foot high fence and drain tile to be inspected by city staff. Carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

13. Consider moving into closed session per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) to discuss the following:
 - a. Performance evaluation of Director of Public Works
M/M/S (Smriga, Abramczak) to move into closed session. Carried unanimously.

14. Reconvene into open session for any action required as the result of closed session
M/M/S (Smriga, Cowley) to reconvene into open session. Carried unanimously.
No action taken as the result of closed session.

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

Mayor Stroinski thanked Alderperson Smriga, who would be resigning at the end of July, for her service and invited everyone to stay after the meeting for cake.

17. Adjournment

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

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Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer