

MINUTES  
CITY OF THORP REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016 AT 6:30PM  
IN THORP CITY HALL

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, Rosemeyer, and Wnek; DPW McCredden; Library Director Beloungy; Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski; and City Administrator Reeg.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

2. Public Hearing on the 2017 General Fund Operating Budget

a. Open public hearing

Mayor Stroinski opened the public hearing.

b. Public commentary

Reeg gave an overview of the proposed budget.

No public commentary.

c. Close public hearing

M/M/S (Wnek, Cowley) to close the public hearing. Carried unanimously.

**ROUTINE BUSINESS**

3. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

None.

4. 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 October 10, 2016 Regular City Council meeting

b. Approval of minutes from October 17, 2016 Special City Council meeting

c. Approval of minutes from October 24, 2016 Special City Council meeting

d. Approval of Operator's License for Jenny R. Yount

M/M/S (Abramczak, Cowley) to approve the consent agenda. Carried unanimously.

5. 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

Nothing in addition to the monthly report.

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

M/M/S (Wnek, Rosemeyer) to approve the monthly allocation of \$34,115. Carried unanimously.

d. Library monthly report

In addition to the monthly report, Beloungy thanked the community for supporting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Feed Your Mind walk benefitting the library.

e. Reports from various committees

Reeg noted that the ZBA would be meeting to make some determinations on a few sections of ordinances that were ambiguous or silent on some common topics.

f. Reports from elected officials

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

6. Discussion and possible action to adopt the 2017-2021 5-Year Capital Plan  
M/M/S (Abramczak, Lawcewicz) to approve the 2017-2021 5-Year Capital Plan. Carried unanimously.
7. Discussion and possible action to adopt the 2017 General Fund Operating Budget  
Reeg had two small proposed amendments, neither of which ultimately affected the levy.  
First, in reviewing reserve account balances, Reeg determined that the Public Works Equipment fund was underfunded to be able to make a \$35,000 contribution towards the purchase price of an end-loader. Accordingly he was recommending increasing the debt proceeds revenue line by \$35,000 and the unallocated capital expenditures line by \$35,000.  
Second, also as the result of reviewing reserve account balances, he felt the Police Squad and Public Works Equipment Reserves should both have their annual allocations increased. Accordingly he recommended increasing each allocation by \$2000 and correspondingly reducing the Contingency Funds allocation by \$4000.  
M/M/S (Cowley, Lawcewicz) to adopt the budget in summary with Reeg's proposed amendments. Carried on a unanimous 5-0 roll call vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

8. Ordinance 2016-11-1 "Broadband Forward! Community Ordinance"  
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Cowley) to enact the ordinance. Carried unanimously.
9. Approve 2-year agreement with Diversified Benefit Services for Flex Plan administration  
M/M/S (Wnek, Cowley) to approve the agreement. Carried unanimously.
10. Award bid for farmland rental  
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) to award the bid to Bill Rice at \$142 per acre and to enter into a 5-year contract. Carried unanimously.
11. Discussion and possible action relating to end-loader replacement (per capital plan)  
Lengthy discussion was held about the pros and cons of various manufacturers.  
It was agreed by general consensus to obtain bids for John Deere and Cat end-loaders.
12. Discussion and possible action to earmark Charter donation for pool improvements  
Reeg reported that Charter Communications had made a generous \$2500 donation to the City of Thorp. Reeg noted that the 2017 plan for the pool included revamping the old concession stand to expand concessions offerings. He sought approval to earmark the \$2500 donation for this project.  
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Abramczak) to approve the request. Carried unanimously.
13. Consideration of Planning Commission recommendation for Conditional Use Permit application from Judy Wampole for residential dwelling units in the C1 district  
M/M/S (Wnek, Rosemeyer) to approve the CUP with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Carried unanimously.

**CLOSED SESSION**

14. Consider moving into closed session per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) and (e) to discuss the following:

- a. Potential appointment of Ty Schneider as Chief of Police
- b. Potential appointment of Brandon Baxter as full time Police Officer
- c. Potential appointment of Michael Tuley as full time Police Officer
- d. Potential sale of city-owned land at the corner of W. Stanley St. and Old School Ct.
- e. Potential purchase of property in downtown business district

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) to move into closes session. Carried unanimously.

15. Reconvene into open session for any action required as the result of closed session

M/M/S (Wnek, Rosemeyer) to reconvene into open session. Carried unanimously.

M/M/S (Wnek, Lawcewicz) to confirm the appointment of Ty Schneider at the Chief of Police with a 2-year probationary period and performance and salary review in 6 months, and the appointment of Baxter and Tuley as full-time officers subject to routine screenings. Carried unanimously.

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Abramczak) authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to covey the real estate at the corner of W. Stanley and Old School Ct. and execute all necessary paperwork. Carried unanimously.

**CLOSING BUSINESS**

16. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

None.

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

None.

18. Adjournment

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Cowley) to adjourn at 8:31pm. Carried unanimously.

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Ray Stroinski  
Mayor

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Randall D. Reeg  
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer