

MINUTES
CITY OF THORP REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 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, Abramczak, Rosemeyer, and Wnek; DPW McCredden; Police Chief Schneider; Library Director Beloungy; Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski; and City Administrator Reeg.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

2. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

Bob Hmielak (406 E. School St., Thorp) spoke to express dissatisfaction with having been charged sales tax for disposing of fluorescent bulbs. No action taken.

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 14, 2016 Regular City Council meeting

b. Approval of Operator's License for Andrew J. Nowak

M/M/S (Wnek, Rosemeyer) 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, Alderperson Rosemeyer inquired on whether any notice had been given regarding winter parking rules (which it had). Reeg also noted that Schneider had learned at his new chief's training that the city might be reimbursed by its insurance company for a portion of the cost to update the PD policy & procedure manual. Reeg confirmed the city had received a \$1000 rebate and commended Schneider.

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

McCredden asked for guidance from the elected officials on enforcement of the snow shoveling ordinances. After lengthy discussion, it was agreed by general consensus that a strict enforcement policy should be used.

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Rosemeyer) to approve an allocation of \$30,115 thru the end of the calendar year.

d. Library monthly report

In addition to the monthly report, Beloungy reported that repairs to the roof had been completed, and the Mr. and Mrs. Claus would be at the library on Tuesday December 13th.

e. Reports from various committees

None.

f. Reports from elected officials

None.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Open bids for end-loader; possible action to purchase end-loader best meeting the needs of the city
Demos of the machines for which the city was expecting bids had been performed earlier in the day. Additionally, the Equipment Committee had met and discussed their preferences, as well as hearing a short presentation from each of the expected bidders.
Reeg opened 3 bids from Fabick (CAT), Swiderski (Doosan), and Nortrax (John Deere).
The Fabick bid was for a CAT with a unit price of \$141,300, less \$40,000 trade in, for a net price of \$101,300.
The primary Swiderski bid was for a Doosan with a unit price of \$116,700, less \$40,000 trade in, for a net price of \$76,700 (Swiderski also submitted several other bids for units that did not meet specs).
The Nortrax bid was for a John Deere with a unit price of \$144,950, less \$55,000 trade in, for a net price of \$89,950.
General consensus was that the John Deere was the preferred machine, with a high trade in and net cost well below that anticipated in the capital plan.
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Lawcewicz) to approve purchase of the John Deere, pending confirmation by McCredden that it did indeed meet all of our specs. Carried unanimously.
6. Discussion with SEH regarding stormwater management infrastructure design option for E. Rusch St.
There was lengthy discussions about the costs, pros, and cons of the potential design options. Ultimately the second option for a 6 x 10 foot aluminum arch (similar to, but much smaller than that installed on S. Adams) emerged as the best option.
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Cowley) to proceed with design option #2. Carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Discussion and possible action to set City Council meeting dates for 2017
The schedule of meeting dates for 2017 was presented, with 2 potential changes (as authorized by ordinance)—one in January (1-16-17 rather than 1-9-17) and one in June (6-5-17 rather than 6-12-17). After spirited discussion, M/M/S (Abramczak, Rosemeyer) to keep all meeting dates for 2017 on the 2nd Monday of each month. The Mayor called for a roll call vote. Alderperson Cowley abstained, Alderpersons Wnek and Lawcewicz voted no, and Alderpersons Abramczak and Rosemeyer voted aye. Mayor Stroinski broke the tie by voting no, causing the motion to fail.
Reeg suggested voting only on the proposed change for the January meeting at this time.
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) to move the meeting in January to the 16th. Mayor Stroinski called for a roll call vote. The motion carried with Alderpersons Cowley, Lawcewicz, Rosemeyer, and Wnek voting aye, and Alderperson Abramczak voting no.
8. Resolution 2016-12-1 “Resolution Approving Pay Application #1 from Haas Sons Inc. for W. Prospect St. Stormwater Improvements”
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.
9. Resolution 2016-12-2 “Resolution Modifying Parking Regulations in City-Owned Lots”
After lengthy discussion, M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) to amend the resolution to allow 12 (rather than 8) hour parking in city-owned parking lots in the downtown business district, and to adopt as amended. Carried unanimously.

10. Discussion and possible action relating to sign ordinances relating to DOT ROW on S. Washington St.
Lengthy discussion was held on the feasibility of allowing signs in such a narrow strip of land (the city's ~6 feet on the eastern extremity of the greenspace immediately adjacent to E. Hill St.) with very little setback. It was agreed by general consensus to table the topic, and to have Reeg discuss the topic with City Attorney Salm.

CLOSING BUSINESS

11. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens
None.
12. Reports from Department Heads, Mayor, Council, Committees, and discussion of future agenda items
None.
13. Adjournment
M/M/S (Wnek, Lawcewicz) to adjourn. Carried unanimously.

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Mayor

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Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer