

MINUTES
CITY OF THORP REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017 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, Abramczak, Rosemeyer, and Wnek; DPW McCredden; Police Chief Schneider; Library Director Beloungy; and City Administrator Reeg. Alderperson Cowley was absent.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

2. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

None.

Item #10 was taken out of order at this time. 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 January 16, 2017 Regular City Council meeting
- b. Approval of Operator’s License for Ruby M. Wenzel
- c. Approval of Operator’s License for Sandra J. Skabroud
- d. Approval of Operator’s License for Michelle V. Cota
- e. Approval of Operator’s License for Courtney B. Schimke
- f. Confirm appointment of Dan Natzke as full time police officer (effective 2/26/17)

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) 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 (Abramczak, Wnek) to approve all as presented. Carried unanimously.
- b. Police Department monthly report
Schneider had nothing in addition to the monthly report. Reeg congratulated the PD for good work on a recent large drug bust.
- c. Public Works/Utilities monthly report; approval of monthly budget allocation
McCredden had nothing in addition to the monthly report.
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) to approve the monthly allocation of \$29,950. Carried unanimously.
- d. Library monthly report
Beloungy also reported that she was working on the annual report for the library.
- e. Reports from various committees
Reeg reported that the Park & Rec Board had asked to put the brakes on the skating rink improvements, noting that the funding didn’t appear to be sufficient for a long-term fix. They wanted to do further evaluations and research before investing the funds in infrastructure. Alderperson Rosemeyer reconfirmed the position of the Park & Rec Board. By general consensus, the City Council agreed with the Park & Rec Board recommendation.
- f. Reports from elected officials
None.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Resolution 2017-02-1 “Resolution Approving Final Pay Application from Terra Engineering & Construction Corp. for Sewer Lining Project”

M/M/S (Abramczak, Lawcewicz) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Resolution 2017-02-2 “Resolution Amending Vacation Accrual Policy for Employees”
Wanting some additional data from neighboring and similar-sized communities, it was agreed by general consensus to table the resolution.
7. Discussion and possible action relating to recommendation from Planning Commission for CUP for Jason and Shelly Frankewicz
M/M/S (Abramczak, Lawcewicz) to approve the CUP with the conditions recommended by the Planning Commission. Carried unanimously.
8. Discussion and possible action relating to recommendation from Planning Commission for CUP for Bratcher Law Office, LLC
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) to approve the CUP with the conditions recommended by the Planning Commission. Carried unanimously.
9. Discussion and possible action to establish policy for water and sewer service replacements and locations during street and utility replacement projects
Reeg and McCredden discussed the issues that had been encountered over the years during utility replacement projects with properties with non-standard connections for water and sewer services. The problems had been addressed in multiple ways over the years—ranging from installing appropriate services to properties but allowing them to keep the non-standard connections in place (resulting in unforeseen transfer at owners expense 10 years after the fact), to partially assessing when water and sewer services came out to different streets, to fully assessing properties that should have water and sewer services connected to new utility infrastructure but also allowing non-standard connections to remain. The underlying problem, to date, had not been addressed—being that for record keeping, logistics, and emergency response reasons—properties should have water and sewer service connections to the street their properties front on. The public policy question posed to the City Council was if a policy should be created that would require property owners to switch to standard water and sewer connections (to the street on which their property fronts) during water and sewer infrastructure replacement projects on those streets.
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Abramczak) to establish a policy requiring property owners to switch water and sewer services to connect to the mains on the streets on which their properties front during utility infrastructure replacement projects. Mayor Stroinski called for a roll call vote. Alderpersons Abramczak and Rosemeyer vote aye, and Alderpersons Wnek and Lawcewicz voted no. The motion carried when Mayor Stroinski broke the tie by voting aye.
10. Discussion and possible action relating to proposed water tower lease with Clark County Emergency Management
Reeg noted that these discussions were preliminary at this time as there was work to do on the proposed lease, but that John Ross from Clark County Emergency Management was here to discuss the proposal. While there were a few minor issues to work out, it was generally agreed that this was in the best interest of public safety for the City of Thorp and Clark County as a whole.
M/M/S (Wnek, Rosemeyer) authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to execute the agreement after working with the City Attorney to firm up the language. Carried unanimously.
11. Discussion and possible action affirming calculation of 2017 tax increment revenue bond payment due to Wisconsin Bench and allocating funds from TID#6 tax increment
M/M/S (Wnek, Lawcewicz) to confirm Reeg’s calculations and approve the allocation from TID #6 for a \$13,782 payment in March and an \$8380 payment in September. Carried unanimously.

CLOSING BUSINESS

12. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

None.

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

None.

14. Adjournment

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

Date of Publication

Ray Stroinski
Mayor

Randall D. Reeg
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer