

MINUTES
CITY OF THORP REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2017 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; Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski; Police Chief Schneider; Library Director Beloungy; and City Administrator Reeg.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

2. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

Tom Morgan (316 Evergreen Dr., Thorp) spoke noting that he felt the Mayor was failing to perform his duties outlined in Section 2-2-3 of the City of Thorp Code of Ordinances, and that other staff were not performing their duties as well. He said the city took his property and made him follow rules and that the city should too. 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 December 12, 2016 Regular City Council meeting
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 (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
Nothing in addition to the monthly report.
M/M/S (Wnek, Lawcewicz) to approve a monthly allocation of \$25,615. Carried unanimously.

d. Library monthly report
In addition to the report, Beloungy noted that the 2016 annual report would be compiled soon.
No action taken.

e. Reports from various committees
Reeg noted that the Planning Commission and ZBA would be convened soon to consider 2 CUP applications and 1 variance application.

f. Reports from elected officials
None.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Discussion and possible action relating to Wolf Pharmacy survey results and potential property acquisition

Reeg presented results of the survey that had been included in the property tax bill. The overwhelming result was that respondents felt it was in the public interest to acquire and raze the building. The comfort level on how much the city should spend was more mixed but with 25% saying to spend whatever it takes.

It was agreed by general consensus to further investigate the implications that razing this building would have on the neighboring building.

6. Discussion and possible action to finalize capital project costs for 2017-2018 and begin bonding process
Reeg noted that some project costs estimates needed to be refined, but that the process for borrowing for the 2017-2018 capital projects needed to get underway. Reeg reconfirmed that the City Council was okay with contacting Ehlers to get the process started. It was agreed by general consensus.
7. Ordinance 2017-01-1 “Ordinance Amending Sections 3-2-12(b), and 5-2-6(c) and (e) through (h) Regarding the Assessment of Special Charges and the Removal of Snow and Ice in the City of Thorp, Clark County, Wisconsin”
M/M/S (Wnek, Lawcewicz) to enact the ordinance. Carried unanimously.
8. Resolution 2017-01-2 “Resolution Modifying Policy Regarding the Carrying of Concealed Weapons”
M/M/S (Abramczak, Cowley) to adopt the ordinance. Carried unanimously.
9. Discussion and possible action relating to elimination of material sales to public
Lengthy discussion was held on the pros and cons of selling black dirt, sand, gravel etc. to the public, focusing mostly on the materials for which no fees are collected.
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) to limit self-service material sales to a maximum of 10 gallons per day, with a \$2 per 5-gallon bucket fee and a self-pay drop box and larger sales only by prearranged delivery by the city. Carried on a 4-1 vote with Alderperson Abramczak voting no.
10. Discussion and possible action relating to purchase of a snow bucket for Public Works
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Cowley) to approve the purchase of a larger light material handling bucket for the new John Deere end loader for \$8250. Carried unanimously.
11. Discussion and possible action relating to sign ordinances relating to DOT ROW on S. Washington St.
Reeg and Mayor Stroinski had a discussion with City Attorney Salm and ultimately came to the conclusion that permitting signs in the city street right of way was fundamentally opposite of the purpose of a street right of way. A publicly owned sign serving a public purpose could be appropriate. It was agreed by general consensus to have Reeg research this option for future consideration.
12. Resolution 2017-01-3 “Resolution Approving Pay Application #2 from Terra Engineering & Construction Corp. for Sewer Lining Project”
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Abramczak) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

13. Discussion and possible action to establish negotiating committee for WPPA contract renewal
It was agreed by general consensus for Alderpersons Cowley and Lawcewicz to serve in the committee.
14. Discussion and possible action relating to requested cost-sharing of Northside Park baseball field expenses
Reeg reported that last fall the HS baseball coach had copied him on some messages to a firm regarding some maintenance of the baseball field at Northside Park. Since no proposed costs had been presented to the city, and the communication was regarding final scheduling of site work only, Reeg assumed it was being covered by the baseball program similar to some other work last summer. Thorp School District Administrator Montgomery had recently contact Reeg regarding the bill from the firm. Montgomery had been aware of \$3950 in proposed work, but an additional \$3200 in materials had been billed as well. M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Cowley) to pay half of the \$3950 (per terms of the maintenance agreement with the school—it had been Montgomery’s suggestion to not pay towards the \$3200 in unknown costs). Carried unanimously.

CLOSING BUSINESS

15. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

Nancy Maslowski, who had indicated at the start of the meeting that she would like to speak at the end, declined to comment.

Tom Morgan reiterated his statements from the beginning of the meeting.

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

None.

17. Adjournment

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Rosemeyer) to adjourn at 7:54pm. Carried unanimously.

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Mayor

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Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer