

MINUTES  
CITY OF THORP REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 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; Police Chief Schneider; Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski; Library Director Beloungy; and City Administrator Reeg.
2. Presentation from Thorp School Board members regarding upcoming school referendum  
Jeanette Kodl, Dave Burke, and Marie Karaba gave a short presentation on the upcoming school referendum, and took a handful of question from the audience. No action taken.

**ROUTINE BUSINESS**

3. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens  
Chris Kodl (205 S. Conway St., Thorp) spoke against a policy requiring homeowners to move water and sewer services.  
Paul Konieczny (301 S. Conway St., Thorp) also spoke against a policy requiring homeowners to move water and sewer services.  
Renee Teclaw (403 S. Washington St., Thorp) asked a few questions regarding the school referendum. She was advised to go to the school board meeting later in the week.  
Nancy Maslowski (305 Wall St., Thorp) spoke on employee vacation policy, stating that most places typically max out at 20 days.  
Chris Konieczny (301 S. Conway St., Thorp) spoke against a policy requiring homeowners to move water and sewer services.
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 February 13, 2017 Regular City Council meeting
  - b. Approval of membership in Clark County Economic Development Corporation (\$2443.50)M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) 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. No action taken.
  - 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 the monthly budget allocation of \$27,050. Carried unanimously.
  - d. Library monthly report  
In addition to the monthly report, Beloungy noted that the annual report had been completed, and that there would be an evening I-Pad class added at the library. No action taken.
  - e. Reports from various committees  
None.
  - f. Reports from elected officials  
None.

*Items # 7,11,12,13,15,16 and 17 were taken out of order at this time. Minutes will be kept in numerical order for record-keeping purposes.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

6. Resolution 2017-02-2 “Resolution Amending Vacation Accrual Policy for Employees”  
After lengthy discussion, there was insufficient support from the City Council to make a motion.

No action taken.

7. Discussion and possible action relating to policy for water and sewer service replacements and locations during street and utility replacement projects  
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Abramczak) to adopt the policy as presented. Mayor Stroinski called for a roll call vote. Alderpersons Abramczak and Rosemeyer voted aye; and Alderpersons Cowley, Lawcewicz, and Wnek voted no. Motion failed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

8. Discussion and possible action relating to elected official engagement via SeeClickFix  
Reeg noted that the city was entering its third year using this platform, and while it was potentially powerful and a bargain at ~\$1 per capita, it was underutilized. If usership did not increase this year, he felt it should be discontinued. He encouraged elected officials to utilize it, and to encourage citizens to during their interactions with them. Alderpersons Cowley, Abramczak, Rosemeyer and Wnek agreed to be set up with watch-areas that would automatically send them emails when issues were reported.  
No action taken.
9. Discussion and possible action relating to emergency roof repairs for rear cold-storage garage at City Hall complex  
McCredden had received a replacement quote of \$6600 for minimum advised repair, or \$13,200 for full replacement. Reeg noted that a claim had been started, and that an as yet undetermined amount would be reimbursed by insurance. Due to the emergency nature of these repairs, it was suggested that the normal procurement policy be superseded and the bid awarded without sealed bids.  
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Cowley) to award the bid to Thorp Home Improvement LLC for full roof replacement for \$13,200. Carried unanimously.
10. Discussion and possible action relating to installation of a generator transfer switch for City Hall  
M/M/S (Wnek, Cowley) to approve \$1335 for the installation of a generator transfer switch. Carried unanimously.
11. Award bid for 2017 Street & Utilities Infrastructure Improvement Project  
M/M/S (Wnek, Lawcewicz) to award Contract #3 (full project) to Haas Sons Inc. for \$1,077,232.45. Carried unanimously.
12. Resolution 2017-03-1 “Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Special Assess a Portion of the Cost of Water and Sewer Replacement for the 2017 Street & Utilities Infrastructure Improvement Project”  
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Rosemeyer) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.
13. Resolution 2017-03-2 “Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Special Assess a Portion of the Cost of Stormwater Infrastructure for the 2017 Street & Utilities Infrastructure Improvement Project”  
M/M/S (Abramczak, Rosemeyer) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.
14. Resolution 2017-03-3 “Resolution Establishing Policy for Change Order Approval by Staff”  
M/M/S (Wnek, Rosemeyer) to approve the resolution at the 15% staff approval threshold. Carried unanimously.
15. Discussion and possible action to approve 2017-2022 Six Year Road Work Plan  
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Wnek) to approve the Six Year Road Work plan as presented by McCredden, with the addition of a portion of N. Adams Street to the W. Main Street project for 2018. Carried unanimously.
16. Discussion and possible action to approve final cost estimates for 2017-2018 capital projects and approve borrowing schedule  
Brian Reilly from Ehlers was on hand to discuss implications of the pending debt issuance.

M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Wnek) to approve the final 2017-2018 capital projects and borrowing plan. Carried in a 4-1 roll call vote with Alderpersons Cowley, Abramczak, Rosemeyer and Wnek voting aye, and Alderperson Lawcewicz voting no.

17. Resolution 2017-03-4 “Resolution Amending Debt Policy”

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

18. Resolution 2017-03-5 “Resolution Approving Acquisition of Property at 228 N. Washington St.”

M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Cowley) to approve the resolution. Carried unanimously.

19. Resolution 2017-03-6 “Resolution Encouraging the Wisconsin State Legislature to Close Loopholes that Shift a Greater Property Tax Burden from Commercial to Residential Homeowners”

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

20. Discussion and possible action relating to accepting Holland’s Family Cheese wash water at STP

Reeg and McCredden reported that they had recently met with Holland’s Family Cheese, who was interested in sending their wash water to the sewer treatment plant (their whey was now being permanently hauled out of the city). Testing of the wash water was being done to determine the potential fee schedule. One additional concern was that with the number of waste hauler currently utilizing the STP, the additional wash water could put the STP near full daily capacity. It was agreed by general consensus that as taxpayers and current utility customers in the city that Holland’s Family Cheese needs should outweigh the contract haulers (who service non-residents). More testing was being done and more discussion would need to be held before final decision were made.

**CLOSING BUSINESS**

21. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

None.

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

Alderperson Lawcewicz noted that he had been contacted by someone wanting to buy lots in an unplatted portion of the cemetery. Reeg noted that the Cemetery Board would need to meet soon anyway and he would refer the question to the board, but as the cemetery already operated at a loss and is subsidized by the taxpayers annually, it didn’t make a lot of sense to incur significant surveying expenses to sell a handful of lots when there were ample other lots available.

23. Adjournment

M/M/S (Wnek, Lawcewicz) to adjourn at 9:51pm. Carried unanimously.

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Ray Stroinski  
Mayor

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Randall D. Reeg  
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer