

MINUTES
CITY OF THORP REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 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 Maslowski, 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

None.

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 13, 2017 Regular City Council meeting

b. Appointment of Election Officials for 2018-2019

M/M/S (Abramczak, Wnek) 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

M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Lawcewicz) to approve the allocation of \$30,465 thru the end of the year. Carried unanimously.

d. Library monthly report

Nothing in addition to the monthly report.

e. Reports from various committees

None.

f. Reports from elected officials

None.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Resolution 2017-11-2 "Resolution Approving Pay Application #1 from Haas Sons Inc. for 2017 Prospect Street Rehab Project"

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

6. Discussion and possible action relating to \$200,000 grant for Lead Service Lateral replacement and program design

McCredden had assemble information on homes located on streets where water mains had recently been replaced (eliminating the need to dig up the street to replace LSL's). There were an estimated 197 services that could be replaced in this group, with estimated average replacement costs of \$3000-\$4000. M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Maslowski) to make the initial design of the program to grant 50% of replacement costs for these properties, with a maximum reimbursement of \$2000. Carried unanimously.

7. Discussion and possible action relating to request from Cuddie Funeral Homes for no parking zone on N. Lincoln St.
M/M/S (Maslowski, Lawcewicz) to reconfirm the previous offer to provide temporary no parking signs. Carried on a 4-1 vote with Alderson Abramczak voting no.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Discussion and possible action relating to state requirement for bonds and/or crime prevention insurance
M/M/S (Maslowski, Lawcewicz) to eliminate the need for employee bonds, and to approve acquisition crime prevention/employee dishonesty insurance through Travelers (with greater coverage at a cheaper price). Carried unanimously.
9. Ordinance 2017-12-1 “Ordinance Creating and Ordaining Section 4-2-3 of the City of Thorp Code of Ordinances Regarding Fire Inspections”
In initial discussions with the City Attorney Salm, it was felt that this ordinance was not needed due to the fact that the fire department was a district rather than a municipal department. Reeg had discussed the subject further with a DSPS Regional Fire Prevention Coordinator, who had suggested that the City should be appointing the district Fire Chief as the Fire Chief of the city, at which point ordinance could direct performance. Salm agreed this made sense. Specific ordinance language will be brought to a future meeting. No action taken.
10. Ordinance 2017-12-2 “Ordinance Amending Section 5-2-6 of the City of Thorp Code of Ordinances Regarding Snow and Ice Removal from Sidewalks”
At the advice of City Attorney Salm, no amendments to this ordinance were being offered. No action taken.
11. Discussion and possible action relating to invoice from Area Wide Concrete for street light project
It was agreed by general consensus to defer payment of the invoice until McCredden could discuss concerns with the contractor.

CLOSED SESSION

12. Consider moving into closed session per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) to discuss the following:
 - a. 2018 pay rates for the following employees: Brent Leech, Dan Wundrow, Ron Rogalski, Tim McCredden, Ty Schneider, Michele Pogodzinski, and Randy Reeg
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Maslowski) to move into closed session. Carried unanimously.
13. Reconvene into open session for any action required as the result of closed session
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Maslowski) to reconvene into open session.
M/M/S (Maslowski, Lawcewicz) to set Ron Rogalski’s 2018 wage at \$12.50 per hour. Carried unanimously.
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Maslowski) to set Ty Schneider’s 2018 salary at \$53,550. Carried unanimously.
M/M/S (Wnek, Maslowski) to set Brent Leech’s 2018 wage to \$20.40 per hour and Tim McCredden’s salary to \$59,372. Carried unanimously.
M/M/S (Wnek, Maslowski) to set Dan Wundrow’s 2018 wage to \$20.91 per hour. Carried unanimously.
M/M/S (Wnek, Lawcewicz) to set Michele Pogodzinski’s 2018 wage to \$19.31 per hour and Randy Reeg’s salary to \$68,835. Carried unanimously.

CLOSING BUSINESS

14. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

None.

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

Reeg posed the idea of creating a citizen engagement program, similar to a citizen's police academy, but encompassing all municipal operations. It was generally regarded as a good idea.

Reeg also reminded the City Council that department mission statements had recently been created and distributed to the City Council for review, and that he felt it would be a good exercise for the City Council to create one as well.

16. Adjournment

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Abramczak) to adjourn at 8:21pm. Carried unanimously.

Date of Publication

Ray Stroinski
Mayor

Randall D. Reeg
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer