

MINUTES
CITY OF THORP REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018 AT 6:30PM
AT THORP CITY HALL

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order. In attendance were Mayor Stroinski; Alderpersons Maslowski, Abramczak, Rosemeyer, and Wnek; Police Chief Schneider; Interim DPW Wundrow; Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski; Library Director Beloungy and City Administrator Reeg.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. Public Hearing on potential changes to the City of Thorp Zoning Code regarding ADA accessibility and entrance features

a. Open Public Hearing

Mayor Stroinski opened the public hearing.

b. Overview of proposed changes

Reeg gave an overview of the proposed changes.

c. Public Commentary

None.

d. Close Public Hearing

M/M/S (Wnek, Maslowski) to close the public hearing. Carried unanimously.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

3. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

Greg Herrick (Willard, WI) gave a brief overview of his most recent term as Clark County Sherriff and asked for support in his re-election campaign.

Jessica Mudgett (Medford, WI) spoke on water quality challenges in the ICAA duplexes being managed by Taylor County Housing Authority.

Paul Copas (Ladysmith, WI) spoke of many maintenance issues in the ICAA duplexes due to sediment.

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 May 14, 2018 Regular City Council meeting

b. Approval of minutes from May 23, 2018 Special City Council meeting

M/M/S (Maslowski, Rosemeyer) to approve. 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, Maslowski) to approve all as presented, including a Sam's Club invoice from the previous month for which clarification had been provided, and noting a duplicate payment to Circle M Nursey for which a refund would be sought. 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 (Wnek, Rosemeyer) to approve the monthly allocation of \$28,390. 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

6. Resolution 2018-06-1 “Resolution Approving Updates to City of Thorp Employee Handbook Regarding Accident Reporting”
Jesse Furrer from Spectrum Insurance was on hand to discuss current OSHA guidelines for such policies, and implications for Worker’s Comp insurance.
M/M/S (Wnek, Rosemeyer) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.
7. Discussion and possible action relating to local procurement policy
It was agreed by general consensus that, consistent with a recent Mayoral directive, all purchases over \$1000 should require local purchasing consideration when possible, purchases over \$2500 require written quotes, and purchases over \$10,000 require competitive bidding. Reeg was asked to bring an updated written policy back for adoption next month.
8. Discussion and possible action relating to potential changes to ordinances regarding ATV routes
After reviewing several sample ordinances, it was agreed by general consensus that the new local ordinance should be drafted to include requirements for being 16 with a valid driver’s license, 25 mph speed limit, 7am-10pm hours of operation, DNR registration, proof of insurance, and helmets for riders under 18. Language would be drafted for a future meeting.
9. Discussion and possible action relating to Skidlift/SkyJack bids, alternate equipment options
Wundrow noted that fortunately, both machines had been tested prior to purchase and that neither would work. New plans for replacing the lift truck would be developed for future consideration. The possibility of renting one from a neighboring community when needed in the interim was being investigated.
10. Discussion and possible action relating to Well #9/Manganese/W. Lawrence and W. Prospect Street water quality
Jesse Furrer from Spectrum Insurance spoke in general about elements required to establish negligence and liability, which appeared to be missing in this case.
Amy Shewczyk asked about the subrogation process and talked about the incredible inconvenience of the situation.
Kevin Smith from the Clark County Health Department noted that there was nothing new that raised concerns and they were aware that long-term solutions were being developed.
Jeff Nussbaum from SEH noted the long-term process needed to develop and long-term solution.
No action taken.
11. Resolution 2018-06-2 “Resolution Authorizing Execution of the Department of Natural Resources Principal Forgiveness Financial Assistance Agreement”
M/M/S (Maslowski, Abramczak) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.
12. Discussion and possible action relating to Public Fire Protection fee
The PSC had provided some preliminary fees structures for switching from a levy to a fee based PFP fee. Examples of cost comparisons for typical residential users had been reviewed. It was agreed by general consensus to table pending further review of implications for large-meter customers.

13. Discussion and possible action relating to results of sewer televising and cleaning project
Wundrow had provided a memo detailing the results of the televising. Seven locations requiring excavation and repair and five section for lining had been identified. Reeg noted that the sewer utility was currently very healthy with the recent adjustment to hauler fees, and that the timing for these repairs was good. It was agreed by general consensus to get cost estimates for excavation and repair and to prepare to bid out lining.

NEW BUSINESS

14. Approve issuance of annual new and renewal Liquor, Operator's, and Cigarette licenses
Reeg noted that the Operator's License for Ryan Fryza should be removed from the list as it was being considered separately in closed session.
M/M/S (Abramczak, Rosemeyer) to approve all except Fryza, subject to clearing up of any delinquencies. Carried unanimously.
15. Ordinance 2018-06-3 "Ordinance Creating and Ordaining Section 2-4-10 of the City of Thorp Code of Ordinances Regarding Removal from Boards, Committees, and Commissions"
M/M/S (Maslowski, Wnek) to enact the ordinance. Carried unanimously.
16. Discussion and possible action relating to proposals for roofing of park pavilions
Proposals from three contractors had been received for both steel and shingles.
M/M/S (Wnek, Rosemeyer) to go with steel from Rock & Tait for \$43,095.72. A roll call vote ended in a tie with Rosemeyer and Wnek voting aye and Maslowski and Abramczak voting no. Mayor Stroinski broke the tie by voting no. Motion failed.
M/M/S (Maslowski, Abramczak) to go with shingled from Thorp Home Improvement for \$34,500. A roll call vote ended in a tie with Maslowski and Abramczak voting aye and Rosemeyer and Wnek voting no. Mayor Stroinski broke the tie by voting aye. Motion carried.
17. Ordinance 2018-06-4 "An Ordinance Creating Section 12-2-10 (L) Thorp Zoning Code General Provisions in the City of Thorp, Clark County, Wisconsin"
M/M/S (Maslowski, Rosemeyer) to enact the ordinance. Carried unanimously.
18. Ordinance 2018-06-5 "An Ordinance Creating Section 12-6-4 Regarding Reasonable Accommodation Requests and Renumbering Section 12-6-4 thru 12-6-6 of the City of Thorp Code of Ordinances"
M/M/S (Abramczak, Maslowski) to enact the ordinance. Carried unanimously.
19. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendation from Sustainability Committee to participate in Xcel Energy's Solar Connect Community Program
It was agreed by general consensus to table pending further analysis.
20. Adoption of 2018 Operating Budget for Fund 200
M/M/S (Wnek, Rosemeyer) to adopt the budget as presented. Carried unanimously.
21. Discussion and possible action relating to SDW application including:
- a. Resolution 2018-06-6 "Authorized Representatives to File Applications for Financial Assistance from State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund"
M/M/S (Maslowski, Wnek) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.
 - b. Resolution 2018-06-7 "Resolution Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing"
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Maslowski) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.

22. Resolution 2018-06-8 “2017 Compliance Maintenance Resolution”
M/M/S (Abramczak, Rosemeyer) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

23. Consider moving into closed session per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(f) to discuss the following
a. Application for Operator’s License by Anthony R. Holden
b. Application for Operator’s License by Ryan J Fryza
Reeg noted that as neither of these applicants had come to the meeting, closed session was not required.
No action taken.
24. Reconvene into open session for any action requires as the result of closed session
Reeg noted that as neither of these applicants had come to the meeting, closed session was not required.
No action taken.

CLOSING BUSINESS

25. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens
Scott Haines (Neillsville, WI), candidate for Clark County Sheriff introduced himself and asked for support of his campaign.
26. Reports from Department Heads, Mayor, Council, Committees, and discussion of future agenda items
Aldersperson Rosemeyer asked about the process to reconsider a vote. He felt that because Mayor Stroinski had spoken so favorably of the benefits of the warranty offered on shingles by Rock & Tait, coupled with the lengthy and complex debate and motions on the subject that he was uncertain if Mayor Stroinski voted the way he intended. Reeg noted that only someone who voted in the affirmative could move to reconsider—so Aldersperson Maslowski or Abramczak would have to make that motion.
M/M/S (Abramczak, Rosemeyer) to reconsider the vote on the roofing bids. Carried 3-1 with Aldersperson Maslowski voting no.
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Abramczak) to award the bid to Rock & Tait for shingles. Carried 3-1 with Aldersperson Maslowski voting no.
Aldersperson Abramczak noted that since our water quality tests in the area of Well #9 were all coming back as safe, that no more bottled water should be provided. This was agreed to by general consensus.
27. Adjournment
M/M/S (Wnek, Maslowski) to adjourn at 9:03pm. Carried unanimously.

Date of Publication

Ray Stroinski
Mayor

Randall D. Reeg
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer