

**CITY OF THORP
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2019 AT 6:30PM
AT THORP CITY HALL**

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. In attendance were Mayor Stroinski; Alderpersons Maslowski, Abramczak, Rosemeyer, Lawcewicz, and Wnek. Also in attendance were DPW Wundrow; Police Chief Schneider; Library Director Anne Kuiper, Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski and visitors.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing on facility plan for the wastewater treatment plant upgrade and options for future treatment and costs associated with those options.

a. Open Public Hearing

b. Project Information

Katie Jo Jerzak and Jerry Doriott from Short Elliot and Hendrickson were in attendance to provide information on the facility plan for the wastewater treatment upgrade and options for future treatment and costs associated with those options. Katie Jo explained the location of the lagoons and the current existence of them at 34 years. She explained an option with a coarse bubble diffuser which would be more energy effective. The technology she stated was not new but was more efficient. She stated that we currently discharge in Spring and Fall and with the new diffuser we would have a continual discharge. Her recommendation was to switch to continuous discharge, swap out the diffusers and replace the liner in a new building. The fourth holding pond would be breached. She estimated \$15,000 savings per year. Jerry gave the financial estimates at 5.4 million dollars which would be \$24,563 savings per year. Different financial aids available were presented. He also felt user fees and sewer rates should be increased. He stated that the schedule for the project would start with design plans submitted to the DNR. He also informed that submitting the plans did not mean the City is obligated to the project.

c. Public Commentary

Bob Hmielak asked if other communities near the area were using this option for treatment and he was informed of communities in the State of Wisconsin currently using this option.

d. Close Public Hearing

ROUTINE BUSINESS

2. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

Gail Alger questioned ordinance enforcement. She was concerned with the trees that were planted by Swiderski Implement near her property. She questioned why items that were brought up in previous meetings during visitor comments were never answered. She stated that a "No Truck" sign near her property is set on a saw horse and felt it should be installed properly on a pole. She also stated that garbage cans left on the curb for days was violating the ordinance and should be enforced.

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 September 9, 2019 Regular City Council meeting

b. Approval of minutes from October 7, 2019 Special City Council meeting.

c. Approve Operator's License for Galen D. Rubel

d. Approve Operator's License for Emily P. Micke

e. Approve Operator's License for Jenessa L. Cota

M/M/S (Wnek, Lawcewicz) to approve Consent Agenda letters a-e. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action relating to monthly reports.
 - a. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's Report, Vouchers, Payroll Register, and Journal Entries.
M/M/S (Abramczak, Rosemeyer) to approve reports. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Police Department Monthly Report
None
 - c. Public Works/Utilities Monthly Report
None
 - d. Library Monthly Report
Library Director informed the Council of an event that will be held on October 19 at the High School.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Quarterly Odor Control Update-Holland Family Cheese.
Quarterly report was submitted. Alderperson Maslowski questioned the monitoring of complaints and felt it was a conflict of interest to have Holland Family Cheese taking the complaints

NEW BUSINESS

6. Discussion and possible action relating to Public Hearing regarding Waste Water Treatment facility plant upgrade and options for future treatment and costs associated with those options.
Public Works Director Wundrow explained that the plant is falling apart and it can't be ignored. Alderperson Maslowski questioned the cost and detailed figures. Jerry Doriott provided detailed figures with contingencies included. He explained that currently the plant is not equipped for bigger businesses such as Holland Family Cheese and cannot take on any additional haulers. M/M/S (Wnek, Lawcewicz) to submit plans to DNR.. Roll Call Vote all yes. Motion passed.
7. Presentation of FY2018 audit report by Jon Trautman of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP
Jon Trautman presented the FY2018 audit. No action taken.
8. Presentation and possible action on IT updates.
M/M/S (Rosemeyer,Wnek) to purchase equipment at \$22,208 with monthly fee of \$1,185. Motion carried.
9. 2020-2027 Capital Improvement Plans.
No action taken and will be presented at future meeting.
10. Discussion and possible action relating to Health Insurance Premium Rebate for year 2018
M/M/S (Wnek, Lawcewicz) to pay the 2018 Employees the insurance rebate. Motion passed 4-1 with Maslowski voting no.
11. Discussion and possible action relating to Conditional Use Permit for Swiderski Implement.
Building Inspector Bob Christianson felt that a meeting should be held with the owner and property owners near the business to see what would be acceptable for the vegetation around the property.
12. Resolution 2019-10-01: "Resolution Authorizing Clerk-Treasurer to sign and submit the Recycling Grants to Responsible Units"
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Abramczak) to approve. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Resolution 2019-10-02: "Resolution Approving Pay Application #3 from Springlake Contracting Inc for 2019 Well #9 WTP Improvement Project"
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Rosemeyer) to approve. Motion carried unanimously.
14. Discussion and possible approval of kennel license application
M/M/S (Wnek,) to approve license application with stipulation that Council can issue or not issue the kennel license. Motion passed 3 – 2.

15. Review first draft of 2020 General Fund Operating Budget and establish budget adoption timeline.
Draft budget was prepared and timeline was noted.

CLOSING BUSINESS

16. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens
None
17. Reports from Department Heads, Mayor, Council, Committees, and discussion of future agenda items
Aldersperson Maslowski noted that October 18, 2018 minutes were omitted from the City's Web Page and would like them added.
18. Adjournment
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Rosemeyer) to adjourn at 9:30p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Date of Publication

Ray Stroinski
Mayor

Michele Pogodzinski
Clerk-Treasurer