

**CITY OF THORP
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021 AT 6:30PM
AT THORP CITY HALL**

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Wnek. In attendance were Alderpersons Abramczak, Einhorn, Korn, Lawcewicz and Rosemeyer. Also in attendance were DPW Leech and Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

2. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

Roxy Copas from City Side Liquidators complimented the Public Works Dept for painting the light poles and also complimented the flower baskets. She questioned if the City helps new businesses locate to Thorp. Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski stated that currently a \$10,000 grant was available and CCEDC had a link she could furnish. Jeanne Frenette questioned if the dogs were gone from the Industrial Park. Mayor Wnek stated that two dogs were sold and six dogs remained. He also noted that two citations were issued.

- a. 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.
- b. Approval of minutes from July 12, 2021 Regular City Council meeting
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Korn) to approve consent agenda. Carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action relating to monthly reports.

- a. Clerk-Treasurer's Report, Vouchers, Payroll Register, and Journal Entries.
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Abramczak) to approve reports. Carried unanimously.
- b. Police Department Monthly Report
Chief Schneider was absent but report was submitted.
- c. Public Works/Utilities Monthly Report
Nothing to add.
- d. Library Monthly Report
No report submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

4. SEH project updates

David Schofield from SEH noted that the North Boardman Street and West Grant Street project was completed. The special assessments decreased from the preliminary assessment. Next step was to hold a public hearing for the special assessments at the next Council meeting. The lead service funding still has paperwork that needs to be finalized before the acceptance of the award. Regarding the East Cemetery survey project, an existing plat was found at the register of deeds during the research work for the plat. SEH will be working with city staff to outline some options for the council to consider moving forward with the survey.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Discussion and possible action regarding 2022 Street Project for W. School Street and N. Church Street.

The estimate submitted was for W. School Street from Wilson Street to Adams Street and Church Street from Stanley Street to Birch Street but could stop at the railroad tracks if desired. Alderperson Rosemeyer would like to see all of Church Street done to Birch Street. The cost estimate was \$2,044,000. The topographic survey was previously collected for a portion of this project. The scope of services was furnished. The next step was to gather information regarding funding. Brian Riley

from Ehlers will be contacted with options and financial opinion. It was noted that construction could occur in 2022 or 2023 depending on funding.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding SEH Design Agreement for 2022 Street Project on W. School Street and N. Church Street
This agenda item was tabled.
7. "Resolution 2021-08-01 "Resolution Authorizing Execution of the Department of Natural Resources Principal Forgiven Financial Assistance Agreement
M/M/S (Korn, Lawcewicz) to approve Resolution 2021-08-01. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Discussion and possible action to approve the following applications for licenses:
 - a. "Class B Liquor and Class "B" Beer licenses for Marieke Cheese Etc., LLC
 - b. "Class B Liquor and Class "B" Beer licenses for Dairy Bar.

Kristi Benzschawel owner of the Dairy Bar noted that the sale of the Dairy Bar was pending the liquor license. The interested buyer currently has a Mexican restaurant in Stanley and is looking at expanding his business to the City of Thorp. The business would be open six days a week and he would reside on site. Kim Rabuck from Marieke Cheese Etc. noted that a hard decision will have to be made by the City Council. She informed that they have an established business and felt this license would bring entertainment and music to the community. The hours they would be open are from 7am – 7pm. They would use the license for events which could lead to extended hours. Pam Endvick stated that they have wanted the license for the past six years. General consensus was to hold a special meeting for the final decision.
9. Discussion and possible action regarding Conditional Use Permit by Cherry Properties – Colton Schurter
The Planning Commission's recommendation was to deny the Conditional Use Permit for Cherry Properties. It was noted that several residents in this area were against the duplexes.
M/M/S (Korn, Einhorn) to uphold Planning Commission's recommendation and deny the Conditional Use Permit. Roll Call Vote: Abramczak – yes, Rosemeyer – yes, Einhorn – yes, Korn – yes, Lawcewicz -no. Motion passed 4 – 1.
10. Discussion and possible action regarding classes for water/wastewater certification
DPW Leech informed council that the water/wastewater certification would take approximately 1 – 2 years to complete and would cost around \$8,000 per employee. He noted that he was the only employee in the department that has the certification. It was requested to have the City Attorney draft a training contract which would state that if the employee resigns from the City of Thorp, the money for the training would have to be reimbursed.

CLOSING BUSINESS

11. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens
None
12. Reports from Department Heads, Mayor, Council, Committees, and discussion of future agenda items.
Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski stated that the City of Thorp will receive \$168,621.04 from the American Rescue Plan Act. She requested to establish a committee for ideas for the expenditure of the funds which would have special guidelines to follow. Dave Korn and Josh Rosemeyer volunteered along with the department heads.
13. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Date of Publication

Richard Wnek
Mayor

Michele Pogodzinski
Clerk-Treasurer