

**CITY OF THORP  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 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, Police Chief Schneider, Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski and Library Director Soderstrom.

**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 October 11, 2021 Regular City Council meeting
  - b. Approval of minutes from October 27, 2021 Special City Council meeting.
- M/M/S (Einhorn, Lawcewicz) to approve consent agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

4. 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 5-0.

b. Police Department Monthly Report

Chief Schneider requested received donations be used for squad equipment. He added that the new squad will be up and running this week.

c. Public Works/Utilities Monthly Report

Nothing to add.

d. Library Monthly Report

Library Director Soderstrom reviewed the library report. She thanked Alderperson Korn and DPW Leech for assistance with the water heater replacement.

**OLD BUSINESS**

5. SEH project updates

David Schofield from SEH stated that Grant Street and Boardman Street project were completed. Also, N. Church Street and W. School Street design was approved by the DNR. Katie Jo updated the plans for the sewage treatment plant and met with DPW Leech to review. She noted that bidding will be in February or March. She noted that Alderperson Korn met with her regarding a solar project at the site. The money credited for the project is more than selling back the electricity and would take longer than twenty years to payback and felt it wasn't worth it. She noted she will meet next month regarding the ultra violet project at the Sewage Treatment Plant. David Schofield explained the land use for the current three ponds at the sewer treatment plant. The pond farthest to the west will remain in service and the other two ponds will be no longer be feasible. The current plan is to breach the two ponds and fill the area with waste material from future street projects.

**NEW BUSINESS**

6. Discussion and possible action regarding Supplemental Letter Agreement with SEH for School and Church Street Income Survey

The CDBG public facilities program provides up to a million dollars of funding. To apply for this grant a door to door survey of thirty-five households will need to be completed at this area (W. School and N. Church Street) with results of 51% of residents at medium income or lower. If the survey is favorable, application for funding would be eligible for the Community Development Block Grant.

The application would be due in May and the cost for the Supplemental Letter Agreement with SEH is \$4,000.

M/M/S (Abramczak, Rosemeyer) to approve Supplemental Letter Agreement with SEH for W. School Street and N. Church Street Income Survey at a cost of \$4,000. Motion passed 5-0.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding the cemetery

DPW Leech updated the council regarding replotting the last section of the cemetery. SEH determined that the area was plotted in 1926 with a total of 49 plots. If the City decides to replot it, 1,287 plots could be created. The City Attorney informed that a court process would occur with an approximate cost of \$4,000. Alderperson Korn questioned if an additional cost for removal of the trees was considered. DPW Leech answered that it was not and the tree removal could be expensive. This agenda item was tabled until more costs could be presented.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding the Clark County Outdoor Recreation Plan  
Tabled.

9. Discussion and possible action relating to proposal for assessment service from Bowmar Appraisal.  
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Einhorn) to approve the proposal for assessment service from Bowmar Appraisal. Motion passed 5-0.

10. Discussion and Possible action for disposal of surplus (Crown Victoria Police Squad  
M/M/S (Abramczak, Lawcewicz) to approve the sale of the Crown Victoria Police Squad on Wisconsin Surplus Auction site. Motion passed 5-0.

11. Review updated draft of 2022 General Fund Operating Budget.  
Alderperson Einhorn felt that the natural gas expense should be increased. After further discussion it was decided to leave the gas expense as presented. The Budget Hearing will be November 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **CLOSING BUSINESS**

12. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens.  
None

13. Reports from Department Heads, Mayor, Council, Committees, and discussion of future agenda items.  
Mayor Wnek questioned the status of the music downtown. Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski noted that the Chamber is working on the outdoor music. Alderperson Korn researched solar panels at the sewage treatment plant and felt it was not economical but felt it was worth the time spent. He felt maybe something could develop in the future.

14. Adjournment  
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Richard Wnek  
Mayor

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Michele Pogodzinski  
Clerk-Treasurer