

**CITY OF THORP
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022 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, Korn, Lawcewicz and Rosemeyer. Also in attendance were DPW Leech, Police Chief Schneider, Library Director Soderstrom and Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski.

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 January 10, 2022 Regular City Council meeting
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Abramczak) to approve consent agenda. Motion passed 4-0.

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 4-0.
- b. Police Department Monthly Report
Discussion regarding IT concerns.
- c. Public Works/Utilities Monthly Report
Mayor Wnek requested a tree be removed on the northwest corner of the Library property.
DPW Leech will take care of the matter.
- d. Library Monthly Report
Library Director furnished her report.
- e. Reports from Various committees
None
- f. Reports from elected officials
None

OLD BUSINESS

5. Short Elliot Hendrickson Updates

David Schofield from SEH updated the Council on the W. School Street and N. Church Street Utility Improvement Project. They are proceeding with design of the roadways and are preparing a preliminary assessment report for the March meeting. The application for DNR Lead Service Line Replacement Program funds was submitted and the award of program funds is expected in mid-March. The PSC Water Loss Audit was completed and filed with the PSC as required.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Update Regarding CDBG-PF Income Survey for School Street and Church Street

David Schofield from SEH updated Council on the income survey for the CDBG application regarding W. School Street and N. Church Street. The income survey was completed and did not attain the required 51.0% Low to Moderate Income and is therefore not eligible for the WisDOA Community Development Block Grant for Public Facilities this cycle. Several options to move forward were presented to Council which were: Proceed with the project with local funding, apply for United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development funding, apply for DNR Safe Drinking Water Loan Program and/or DNR Clean Water Fund funding. A new income survey may be completed for CDBG-PF in 2023. All fundings could be combined or the project can be dropped entirely.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding USDA-RD funding for Wastewater Treatment Plant and Upcoming Street Projects
Clean Water funding has been accepted by the DNR. \$768,466 in principal forgiveness (grant) has been allocated to the WWTP project. The remaining costs could be funded with a low interest loan. Rural Development has potential for significantly more grant money (estimated around \$1.5 million) available for the WWTP through Rural Development. These funds cannot be combined with the grant from DNR or CWF program. There are increased costs associated with applying for this grant money, but based on preliminary numbers, still a large net gain. Combining the WWTP with the upcoming street projects was discussed.
M/M/S (Korn, Lawcewicz) to enter into an agreement with Short Elliott Hendrickson Tasks 1 – 4 of the agreement for \$60,000 for grant application for USDA Rural Development Funding Assistance.
Motion passed 4-0.
8. Discussion and possible action to renew the CCEDC (Clark County Economic Development Corporation) 2022 Annual Membership.
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Korn) to renew the 2022 Annual Membership with Clark County Economic Development. Motion passed 4-0.
9. Renewal of 1-Year Contract with Hydro Corp for Cross Connection for residential and commercial properties
Tabled
10. Discussion and possible action regarding agreement with Town of Thorp road construction on Tieman Avenue
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Abramczak) to approve agreement with Town of Thorp regarding expenses for the road construction on portion of Tieman Avenue owned by the City of Thorp. Motion passed 4-0.
11. Discussion and possible action regarding City of Thorp's Assets Policy
Tabled
12. Resolution 2022-02-01 "Resolution for Termination of Tax Increment District (TID) #5 and Authorization to Transfer All Remaining Debts to the Municipality"
M/M/S (Abramczak, Rosemeyer) to approve Resolution 2022-02-01 "Resolution for Termination of Tax Increment District (TID) #5 and Authorization to Transfer All Remaining Debts to the Municipality". Motion passed 4-0.

CLOSED SESSION.

13. Consider moving into closed session per Wis Stats 19.85(1)(e) and Wis Stats 19.85(1)(c) to the following:
 - a. Closed Session per WI Statutes Section 19.85(1)(c) consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.
 1. Discuss and possible action relation to Police Department
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Korn) to move into closed session. Motion passed 4-0.
14. Reconvene into open session and take any action necessary as the result of closed session
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Korn) to move into open session. Motion passed 4-0.

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Korn) to increase Police Officer Paul Korger's wages \$3 per hour after completion of six months of employment. Motion passed 4-0.

CLOSING BUSINESS

15. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens.

None

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

It was noted that the white Police squad sold for \$2,950 on the auction site.

17. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Date of Publication

Richard Wnek
Mayor

Michele Pogodzinski
Clerk-Treasurer