

**CITY OF THORP
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 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, Einhorn, Korn, 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 March 14, 2022, Regular City Council meeting
M/M/S (Einhorn, Rosemeyer) 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 (Abramczak, Rosemeyer) to approve the monthly reports. Carried 4-0.
- b. Police Department Monthly Report
Alderpersion Korn questioned junk ordinance violations. Police Chief Schneider stated that he issued 15 notices to residents all which were pertaining to yard clean up.
- c. Public Works/Utilities Monthly Report
DPW Leech met with DOT regarding signage in the city. Several signs will need to be taken down and replaced due to new restrictions. The weather sirens were tested, and one siren did not work and was repaired. DPW Leech was notified that diseased ash trees located in the city will need to be removed. He noted that this will be very costly but will need to be done soon. General consensus was to move ahead with the project's assessment.
- d. Library Monthly Report
Nothing to add.
- e. Reports from Various committees
None
- f. Reports from elected officials
None

OLD BUSINESS

5. Short Elliot Hendrickson Project Updates

SEH provided a project update. W. School and N. Church Street and Utility Improvements Project is on schedule. Fire flow tests were conducted, bidding is scheduled for May and construction starting in June. Construction will be substantially completed in October 2022 and finally completed in June 2023. Progress is continuing for the Wastewater Treatment Project. Preliminary updated effluent limits were received from the DNR with impacts continuing. An application for USDA Rural Development Funding for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project has been submitted. A public hearing will be held at the next Council meeting. The Lead Service Line Funding list was released by the DNR. The City of Thorp has been awarded \$72,500 for private Lead Service Lateral replacements for 2022. The E. Thorp Cemetery Survey is on hold and waiting for the old plat to be vacated. DNR Safe Drinking Water application will be submitted to DNR by June 30 for watermain portion of the project and Clean Water Fund application will be submitted to DNR by September 30 for sewer portion of the project.

6. Quarterly update on Odor Response Plan from Holland's Family Cheese

Handouts were provided by Holland's Family Cheese.

7. Discussion and possible action relating to requests for waivers to limits on the number of domesticated animals per Section 6-1-2(d) of the City of Thorp Code of Ordinances including:

- a. Ashley Zacharias at 306 W. Elm Street

Chief Schneider contacted the City Attorney and advised that three dog limits were sufficient and felt the waiver should be denied.

M/M/S (Korn, Einhorn) to deny the request for waiver. Motion passed 4-0. Chief Schneider allowed thirty days to rehome the dog.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Resolution 2022-04-01 "Initial Resolution Authorizing \$850,000 General Obligation Bonds for Street Improvement Projects"

Brian Riley from Ehlers and Associates presented a pre-sale report for Council. He noted that GO Bonds were ineligible for water/sewer projects. Alderperson Korn questioned if the City of Thorp had any way of increasing borrowing capacity. Riley explained that borrowing capacity is based on the City's equalized value which is determined by the State.

M/M/S (Korn, Rosemeyer) to approve Resolution 2022-04-01 "Initial Resolution Authorizing \$850,000 General Obligation Bonds for Street Improvement Projects." Roll call vote: Korn aye, Rosemeyer aye, Einhorn aye, Abramczak aye, Lawcewicz – absent. Motion passed 4 aye – 0 nay - 1 absent.

9. Resolution 2022-04-02 "Resolution Directing Publication of Notice to Electors Relating to Bond Issue"

M/M/S (Korn, Rosemeyer) to approve Resolution 2022-04-02 "Resolution Directing Publication of Notice to Electors Relating to Bond Issue." Roll call vote, Rosemeyer aye, Einhorn aye, Abramczak aye, Korn aye, Lawcewicz – absent. Motion passed 4 aye – 0 nay - 1 absent.

10. Resolution 2022-04-03 "Resolution Providing for the Sale of \$850,000 General Obligation Street Improvement Bonds"

M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Abramczak) to approve Resolution 2022-04-03 "Resolution Providing for the Sale of \$850,000 General Obligation Street Improvement Bonds". Motion passed 4 – 0.

11. Resolution 2022-04-04 "Resolution Providing for the Sale of Approximately \$753,000 Water System Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes"

M/M/S (Abramczak, Einhorn) to approve Resolution 2022-04-04 "Resolution Providing for the Sale of Approximately \$753,000 Water System Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes". Motion passed 4-0.

12. Resolution 2022-04-05 "Resolution Providing for the Sale of Approximately \$541,000 Sewerage System Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes"

M/M/S (Korn, Rosemeyer) to approve Resolution 2022-04-05 "Resolution Providing for the Sale of Approximately \$541,000 Sewerage System Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes". Motion passed 4-0.

13. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a Fraternal Order of Police Legal Defense Plan

Chief Schneider explained the plan is to protect an officer above and beyond our insurance.

M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Einhorn) to approve the Fraternal Order of Police Legal Defense Plan. Motion passed 4-0.

CLOSING BUSINESS

14. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens.

None

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

Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski informed Council that the April monthly garbage bill was increased due to added fuel surcharge. The next quarter utility bills will be adjusted due to increase. She reminded Council of the upcoming Board of Review and the Organizational meeting. She noted that different organizations are interested in funding the replacement or repairs of the Welcome to Thorp signs on Highway 29. She will schedule a tourism meeting and invite the organizations.

16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Date of Publication

Richard Wnek
Mayor

Michele Pogodzinski
Clerk-Treasurer