

CITY OF THORP
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 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, Lawcewicz and Rosemeyer. Also in attendance were DPW Leech, Police Chief Schneider, 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 July 11, 2022, Regular 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 Financial Report, Vouchers, Payroll Register, and Journal Entries.
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Abramczak) to approve the monthly reports. Carried 5-0.
- b. Police Department Monthly Report
Nothing to add.
- c. Public Works/Utilities Monthly Report
DPW Leech announced the resignation of employee Jered Danielson. The Public Works Dept was commended on the great job cleaning up after the recent storm. DPW Leech also complimented everyone that helped with the clean-up.
- d. Library Monthly Report
Report was submitted. Library Director was absent from the meeting. Alderperson Einhorn discussed the recent water issue in the basement at the library. He explained that both sump pumps malfunctioned which caused the water in the basement after the rainfall. Two new sump pumps will be installed which will hopefully solve the problem.
- e. Reports from Various committees
None
- f. Reports from elected officials
None

OLD BUSINESS

5. Short Elliot Hendrickson Project Updates

W. School/N. Church Street and utility improvement project preconstruction meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. Construction is expected to commence on or about August 15. The Wastewater Treatment Plant Project is waiting for the approval of the Right-of-Way map by Rural Development. Once it is approved, the bidding process will be coordinated with City staff.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Resolution 2022-08-01 "Resolution to Vacate a Portion of East Grant Street, Pursuant to SS.66.1003(4) Wis. Stats.

M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Abramczak) to approve the resolution. Motion passed 5 - 0.

7. Resolution 2022-08-02 "Resolution Use of Streets and Alleys.

M/M/S (Korn, Einhorn) to approve the resolution. Motion passed 5 – 0.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding ATV route on S. Washington Street

Chief Schneider received a request to open Highway 73/S. Washington Street from Maple Street to Liberty Drive for an additional ATV route. He stated that he had no issues with the request and added that signage would be needed for this area.

M/M/S (Korn, Abramczak) to extend the ATV Route on S. Washington Street from Maple Street to Liberty Drive. Motion passed 5-0.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding parking on S. Clark Street

Chief Schneider requested no parking on S. Clark Street from Maple Street to Krych Street for school safety. M/M/S (Abramczak, Lawcewicz) to approve no parking on the portion of S. Clark Street from Maple Street to Krych Street. Motion passed 5 – 0.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding parking on E. Lawrence Street

Syl Cieslek discussed the parking problems on E. Lawrence Street. She noted two problems which consisted of vehicles constantly parking in front of her house with yellow curbing and alternate winter parking. She requested installation of a visitor or limited parking sign in front of her house. She stated that the street is narrow and has no room for two-way traffic when vehicles are parked on both sides of the street and can't see oncoming traffic when backing out of her driveway. She felt that the residents of Morgan Plaza should park in their parking lot and not on the street. The mayor requested the Chief of Police get in contact with the director from Morgan Plaza regarding the parking issues with any ideas to resolve the problem. It was also decided that a sign be installed for no parking. This agenda item was tabled until next month.

11. Discussion and possible action regarding portable storage container ordinance

Chief Schneider attended the Planning Commission meeting regarding a new ordinance for portable storage containers. Alderperson Korn noted for thirteen years he has never heard of any problems until one person had complained. He questioned why more regulations should be created. The mayor felt that we would not be able to enforce without an ordinance. No action taken.

12. Discussion and possible action relating to blacktop bids

DPW Leech sent out requests for bids to five companies and received one bid back.

M/M/S (Abramczak/Korn) to approve Senn Blacktop for the blacktop bids at \$24,979.24. Motion passed 5 – 0.

13. Discussion and possible action relating to City server and additional computer updates

Tabled.

CLOSED SESSION

14. Consider moving into closed session per Wis Stats 19.85(1)(c) to the following:

- a. Closed Session per WI State Statute Section 18.85(1)(c) consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Einhorn) to move into closed session. Motion passed 5 – 0.

15. Reconvene into open session and take any action necessary as the result of closed session.

M/M/S (Einhorn, Rosemeyer) to move into open session. Motion passed 5 – 0.

M/M/S (Korn, Lawcewicz) to hire Brenna Manske for full-time Police Officer pending passing background check. Motion passed 5-0.

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.

None

18. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Date of Publication

Richard Wnek
Mayor

Michele Pogodzinski
Clerk-Treasurer