

**CITY OF THORP
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023, AT 6:30 PM
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, Chief of Police 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 December 12, 2022, Regular City Council meeting
M/M/S (Abramczak, Lawcewicz) to approve consent agenda. Motion passed 4 - 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 (Abramczak, Rosemeyer) to approve the monthly reports. Carried 4 - 0.
- b. Police Department Monthly Report
Chief Schneider requested feedback on recent issued parking tickets. Alderperson Rosemeyer and Mayor Wnek both noted that they received one complaint from the same resident. The mayor noted that the main objective of parking tickets is to maintain streets after snowstorms.
- c. Public Works/Utilities Monthly Report
Nothing to add.
- d. Library Monthly Report
No report available. Director Soderstrom updated the Council on the events at the library and informed of the lower funding received from the County.
- e. Reports from various committees
None
- f. Reports from elected officials
It was noted that the Fire/Ambulance District set up a sub-committee regarding combining area fire/ambulance departments.

OLD BUSINESS

5. SEH project updates

The Wastewater Treatment Plan Project is advertising for bids. Bid opening will be January 17th at 10am. Tax Increment Financing District #7 work has been completed. SEH suggests the City discuss possible incentives with potential developers in the near future. DNR Safe Drinking Water funding list has been posted by DNR in September. Project is eligible for up to \$363,644 in principal forgiveness (grant) for water main related costs. Documentation is being submitted to DNR for loan closing. DNR Clean Water Fund list has been posted by the DNR in November. Project is eligible for up to \$198,456 in principal forgiveness (grant) for sanitary sewer related costs. Documentation is being submitted to DNR for loan closing. Final plans and specs have been submitted to USDA RD Funding for the wastewater treatment plant for review.

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

Report was provided by Holland's Family Cheese regarding cow count.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Renewal contract with Hydro Corp for a 1-year contract

M/M/S (Korn, Lawcewicz) to approve 1-year contract with Hydro Corp for cross-connection control required by Public Service Commission. Motion passed 4 – 0.

8. Discussion and possible action on expenditure of ARPA money.

DPW Leech estimated the cost of an installed generator would approximately be between \$45,000 - \$50,000. He will obtain bids and present to Council at a future meeting. Chief of Police Schneider requested purchase of three tasers at a cost of \$3,600. The last request presented was from the Booster Club for the Northside ballpark renovation project. \$59,000 was requested from Josh Rosemeyer representing the Booster Club. M/M/S (Korn/Lawcewicz) to commit \$40,000 of ARPA money to the Northside ballpark upgrades. Motion passed 4 -0.

M/M/S (Lawcewicz/Korn) to purchase three tasers for \$3,600 for the Police Department from the ARPA fund. Motion passed 4 – 0.

CLOSING BUSINESS

9. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens.

None

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

Alderperson Korn researched an electric vehicle infrastructure plan. He felt that in the next two years, the City we will be approached for a site along Highway 29. He felt the newly formed TID would be an ideal location for the site. He noted that massive incentives will be given and hoped the City would be prepared for it.

Alderperson Abramczak informed Council of a Fire/Ambulance District meeting on December 12th to discuss combining departments with Stanley and Boyd.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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Richard Wnek
Mayor

Michele Pogodzinski
Clerk-Treasurer