

**CITY OF THORP
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 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 Einhorn, Lawcewicz and Rosemeyer. Also in attendance were DPW Leech, Chief of Police Schneider, Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski, Library Director Soderstrom, Thorp Courier reporter Ross Pattermann.

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 13, 2023, Special City Council meeting
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Rosemeyer) to approve consent agenda. Motion passed 3 - 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, Einhorn) to approve the monthly reports. Carried 3 - 0.
- b. Police Department Monthly Report
Nothing to add.
- c. Public Works/Utilities Monthly Report
Nothing to add.
- d. Library Monthly Report
Library Director Soderstrom noted that next week is Library week.
- e. Reports from various committees.
None
- f. Reports from elected officials.
None

OLD BUSINESS

5. SEH project updates

Paulette Hedrington updated the council on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. The contract was awarded to Staab Construction at the March Council meeting and the Notice of Award has been sent to Staab Construction. Preconstruction meeting was held April 3. Staab has draft contracts and is working on the required documentation. A Public Interest Waiver (for BABAA requirements) has been submitted to USDA National Office and is under review. An ITA/PERF has been approved by WDNR. This will allow for a Clean Water Fund application to cover additional costs, if the public interest waiver is not successful in a timely manner.

6. Quarterly update on Odor Response

A quarterly report was submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Discussion and possible action regarding construction of Wastewater Treatment Plant

At the recent preconstruction meeting it was noted that the City should authorize an individual to approve change orders and the authority to stop work.

- a. Authority to approve change orders.
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Einhorn) to authorize DPW Leech to have the authority to approve change orders up to \$10,000 with signature requirement. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- b. Authority to stop work.
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Rosemeyer) to authorize DPW Leech the authority to stop work at the Wastewater Treatment Plant if needed. Motion passed 3 – 0.

8. Discussion and possible action to consider engineering services agreement for Safe Drinking Water Loan
No action taken.

9. Discussion and possible action to consider engineering services agreement for Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant
No action taken.
10. Discussion and possible action regarding street sweeping contract.
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Rosemeyer) to approve Whirlwind Sweeping at a cost of \$14,350. \$6,600 for spring sweeping of the streets with curb and gutter and \$7,750 for leaf pickup. Motion passed 3 – 0.
11. Discussion and possible action regarding street deficit
Last December the Council approved to pay the street deficit from the TIF funds close out and the general fund balance. Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski was requesting amounts from each fund. She recommended \$92,253.53 from the balance of the TIF close out and the remaining \$43,658 from the unassigned fund balance. M/MS (Rosemeyer, Lawcewicz) to approve \$92,253.53 from the TIF close out and \$43,658 from the unassigned fund balance. Motion passed 3 – 0.
12. Resolution 2023-04-01 “Resolution Approving the Write-Off of Bad Debt”
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Rosemeyer) to approve Resolution 2023-04-01. The write off was from a 2018 invoice from Indianhead for the PILOT agreement with the City of Thorp. Motion passed 3-0.
13. Discussion and possible action to accept surrender of property.
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Lawcewicz) to surrender the Randy Linday property at 208 W. Franklin back to Clark County due to delinquent taxes. Motion passed 3-0.
14. Discussion and possible action on expenditure of ARPA money
M/M/S (Einhorn, Lawcewicz) to allocate up to \$7,500 for the following expenditures of the ARPA money. Police Department taser - \$3000, City Hall chairs - \$390, City Hall table - \$715 and hand blowers for the parks and pool - \$3,000. Motion passed 3 – 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.
None
17. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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Richard Wnek
Mayor

Michele Pogodzinski
Clerk-Treasurer