

**CITY OF THORP
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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, Einhorn, Korn, Lawcewicz and Rosemeyer. Also in attendance were DPW Leech, Police Chief Schneider, Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski, Library Director Soderstrom and Thorp Courier reporter Ross Pattermann.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

2. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

Jeanne Frenette requested a four-way stop at the corner of W. Franklin Street and N. Lincoln Street. She also felt that semis should not be driving on Franklin Street and should be using W. Birch Street. Holly Frenette felt that trucks using Lincoln Street should be using other routes and enforcement should be considered. Joy Doriven spoke on the Conditional Use Permit application for Colton Schurter and encouraged the conditions which her attorney presented previously to be considered. She would like to see everyone happy with guidelines imposed. Janet Heidtke agreed with Joy and felt Council should inform constituents of current happenings in their districts. Colton Schurter, Conditional Use Applicant stated that he was providing a service which will look nice and will be kept clean. He is decreasing the amount of lots from four to three in a new survey.

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 August 14, 2023, 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
Nothing to add.
- d. Library Monthly Report
Library Director Soderstrom gave an update on the summer reading program.
- e. Reports from various committees.
None
- f. Reports from elected officials.
None

OLD BUSINESS

5. SEH project updates

W. School and N. Church Street and Utility Improvements Project final closeout items will be completed in conjunction with the DNR and SDW closeout. DNR Safe Drinking Water and DNR Clean Water Funds documentation is under review and will be submitted to DNR for closing. The Wastewater Treatment Plant Project at the north site has the new pond construction continuing and polishing reactor leak testing has been completed. The south site has the preliminary treatment building wet well undergoing leak testing and the wet well ceiling is completed.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Discussion and possible action regarding Recommendation from Planning Commission regarding Conditional Use Permit for Cherry Properties – Colton Schurter

Alderperson Korn reviewed Ordinance 12-6-5(g) regarding the standards to be met for a Conditional Use Permit. He believes that all the conditions can be met. He reviewed each condition separately. (1) It will in no way endanger public health, safety, morals, comfort, and general welfare. He felt that none of these would be an issue and Chief Schneider agreed. (2) It will not be injurious to the enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity. Again, he did not feel this would be a problem. (3) The establishment of the conditional use

will not impede the orderly development and improvement of the nearby property for the uses permitted in the district. He stated with two other lots in this area, the development would not be impeded. (4) Adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary site improvements have been or are being provided. Alderperson Korn stated that the utilities are available, access roads exist, and the drainage will be monitored and corrected if need arises. DPW Leech is aware of the situation and will wait until a moderate amount of rain to monitor the situation. (5) Adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide ingress and egress so designed to minimize traffic congestion and traffic hazards on public streets. Chief Schneider felt currently, no traffic problems were known. Proper signage could be installed to remedy problems as need be. (6) It will conform to the applicable regulations of the district in which it is to be located. Alderperson Korn felt it could be achieved with monitoring by the Police Dept., Public Works Director, Building Inspector and Clerk-Treasurer. He informed that the duplexes will now be constructed on fewer lots, which will require a new survey. Prohibited parking was discussed. Korn asked Schurter if plantings could be a condition? Schurter agreed to plantings in the area. Korn also asked if a fence was a possibility and Schurter was against the installation of the fence. Korn also inquired about age restrictions for his tenants and Schurter did not feel he could restrict. Alderperson felt the six conditions could be achieved and that conditions could be added to the permit. Alderperson Lawcewicz felt one condition that should be added is no parking in the cul-de-sac. Alderperson Abramczak questioned if the rock center could be removed and was informed that it could not be due to a fire hydrant in the middle of the area. As one of the conditions, Alderperson Rosemeyer suggested no parking in the cul de sac. M/MS (Rosemeyer, Lawcewicz) to grant the Conditional Use Permit for Cherry Properties – Colton Schurter with one condition. That condition being no parking in the cul-de-sac. Roll Call vote: Lawcewicz – yes, Abramczak, - yes, Rosemeyer – yes, Korn – yes, Einhorn – yes. Motion passed 5 - 0.

7. Resolution 2023-09-01 "Resolution Approving Pay Application #5 from Staab Construction Corporation for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades Project"
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Rosemeyer) to approve Resolution 2023-09-01" Resolution Approving Pay Application #5 from Staab Construction Corporation for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades Project" for \$306,117.55. Motion passed 5 – 0.
8. Confirmation of appointments to fill vacancies.
Appointments to fill vacancies on City Boards or Committees are: Cemetery Board – Jane Hollister, Library Board – Andrew Nowak. Planning Commission – Rodney Enkers.
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Abramczak) to approve recommendations. Motion passed 5 – 0.
9. Discussion and possible action on expenditure on ARPA money
Clerk-Treasurer gave an update on remaining money in ARPA fund. No expenditure requests presented.
10. Discussion and possible action regarding Golf Cart Ordinance
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Lawcewicz) to adopt 2023 Operating Budget for Fund 200. Motion passed 5 – 0.

CLOSING BUSINESS

11. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens.
None
12. Reports from Department Heads, Mayor, Council, Committees, and discussion of future agenda items.
None
13. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Date of Publication

Richard Wnek
Mayor

Michele Pogodzinski
Clerk-Treasurer