

MINUTES  
CITY OF THORP REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009 AT 7:00PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm. In attendance were Mayor Wnek; Alderpersons Geissler, Skibbie, Abramczak, Stroinski, and Teclaw; DPW McCredden; Police Chief Verges; and City Administrator Reeg.

2. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

Bob Hmielak (406 E. School St., Thorp) spoke on three topics. First he questioned the city's ability to regulate the recent rate increase from Centurytel that he reported at 25%. Second, he suggested the city mount wall lights rather than ground lights on the welcome signs on Hwy. 29 to counteract damage and vandalism. Third he noted that there was a flag still flying at Northside Park and that the light illuminating it had been out for 2 months.

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 8, 2008 Regular City Council meeting
- b. Approval of minutes from December 23, 2008 Special City Council meeting
- c. Approval of Operator's License – Nancy L. Struensee (Ace Oil Express)

Alderperson Geissler requested that item b be considered separately.

M/M/S (Geissler, Skibbie) to approve items a&c. Carried unanimously.

M/M/S (Abramczak, Stroinski) to approve item b. Carried unanimously with Geissler abstaining.

4. Discussion and possible action relating to monthly reports:

- a. (Police Department) Monthly activity summary  
M/M/S (Teclaw, Skibbie) to approve. Carried unanimously.
- b. (Public Works/Utilities) Monthly activity summary  
M/M/S (Geissler, Stroinski) to approve. Carried unanimously.
- c. (Administration) Administrator's Report, Financial Report, Vouchers, Payroll Register & Journal Entries  
Since the Finance & Personnel Committee had not had time to review the Payroll Registers and Journal Entries, M/M/S (Skibbie, Geissler) to approve the Administrator's Report, Financial Report & Vouchers only. Carried unanimously.

**CLOSED SESSION**

5. Consider moving into closed session per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) & (e) to discuss the following:

- a. Interview finalists for vacant police officer position
- b. Final review of 2009-2010 Teamsters & WPPA labor agreements
- c. 2009 pay rates for regular part-time employees

M/M/S (Teclaw, Stroinski) to move into closed session. Carried unanimously.

6. Reconvene into open session for any action required as the result of closed session

M/M/S (Stroinski, Teclaw) to reconvene into open session. Carried unanimously.

M/M/S (Abramczak, Stroinski) to offer the vacant police officer position to Cameron McChesney, subject to him passing the required screening tests. Carried unanimously.

M/M/S (Geissler, Stroinski) to approve the Teamsters & WPPA labor contracts for 2009-2010. Carried unanimously.

M/M/S (Stroinski, Abramczak) to approve 3% wage increases for Voelker & Bielecki, and to raise Scott Koltis' hourly wage to \$12.00. Carried unanimously.

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

Alderpersons Abramczak and Stroinski reported some complaints they had received on recent traffic control during 2 separate traffic events.

8. Adjournment

M/M/S (Abramczak, Skibbie) to adjourn at 9:25pm. Carried unanimously.