

MINUTES
CITY OF THORP REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2009 AT 7:00PM

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. In attendance were Mayor Wnek; Alderpersons Geissler, Skibbie, Abramczak, Stroinski, and Teclaw; DPW McCredden; Police Chief Verges, and City Administrator Reeg.
2. Public Hearing on proposed ordinance changes regarding fences and signs
 - a. Open Public Hearing
Mayor Wnek opened the public hearing at 7:01pm.
 - b. Public Commentary
Mayor Wnek and Reeg provided a brief summary of the proposed ordinances for the members of the public in the audience. There was no commentary from the public.
 - c. Close Public Hearing
M/M/S (Teclaw, Stroinski) to close the public hearing. Carried unanimously.
3. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens
Robert Christensen of CSC Services, whose company had just received a two-year contract with the state for UDC building inspection services in Clark County, was on hand to introduce himself and outline the services he would be performing. One item of note was a new inspection requirement for late model mobile homes. It was suggested that Jim Melvin of Park Properties be contacted to make sure he knew of the requirement. No action taken.
4. 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 January 12, 2009 Regular City Council meeting
 - b. Approval of Operator’s License – Brenda M. Eichelt (Ace Oil Express)
 - c. Approval of Operator’s License – Trudy A. Pierce (Ace Oil Express)M/M/S (Stroinski, Teclaw) to approve. Carried unanimously.
5. 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 (Stroinski, Abramczak) to approve. Carried unanimously.
 - c. (Administration) Administrator’s Report, Financial Report, Vouchers, Payroll Register & Journal Entries
M/M/S (Geissler, Skibbie) to approve all, along with the payroll register and journal entries from the previous month. Carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

6. Consider Ordinance 2009-02-1 “An Ordinance Amending Section 12-2-10 of the City of Thorp Code of Ordinances Relating to Fences”
M/M/S (Geissler, Abramczak) to enact Ord. 2009-02-1. Carried unanimously.
7. Consider Ordinance 2009-02-2 “An Ordinance Amending Section 12-5-1 of the City of Thorp Code of Ordinances Relating to Signs”
M/M/S (Stroinski, Teclaw) to enact Ord. 2009-02-2. Carried unanimously.
8. Consider lease for city-owned farmland
M/M/S (Teclaw, Abramczak) to authorize the execution of the lease pending final review by City Attorney. Carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Discussion and possible action relating to presentation from Ehlers & Associates regarding refunding bonds for TID #5 & TID #6 projects
10. Presentation from Ehlers & Associates regarding bonding for capital projects
Items 9 & 10 were covered concurrently during a presentation from Brian Reilly of Ehlers & Associates. He gave an overview of bonding/borrowing for capital projects. He also suggested delaying the refunding of the interim financing

note for the 2008 TIDs 5 & 6 projects until after new manufacturing assessments from the state come out in August so exact numbers were available. No action taken.

11. Consider Resolution 2009-02-3 “Resolution Authorizing a Loan in the Amount of \$31,766.00 from the General Fund to TID #4”
M/M/S (Skibbie, Abramczak) to adopt Res. 2009-02-3. Carried unanimously.
12. Consider 2009-2013 5-year Capital Plan
M/M/S (Geissler, Stroinski) to approve. Carried unanimously.
13. Consider 2009 Operating Budgets for Funds 110 (Cemetery), 115 (CDBG), 200 (Water & Sewer Utilities), 300 (Debt Service), 404 (TID#4), 405 (TID#5), and 406 (TID#6)
M/M/S (Skibbie, Geissler) to approve. Carried unanimously.
14. Consider allocation of funds to purchase DPW dump truck with plowing accessories
Reeg explained that no actual allocation was being requested at this time. Instead, McCredden was looking for approval to solicit bids for a new dump truck and/or plowing accessories. It was agreed by general consensus to solicit bids.
15. Consider requesting engineering RFP’s for 2009 street/utility projects
Due to time constraints to have this project ready to bid concurrently with the sewer project, Reeg and McCredden were looking for authorization to request RFP’s for engineering services and for Reeg, McCredden, and Mayor Wnek to select and hire the firm prior to the next council meeting. M/M/S (Stroinski, Abramczak) to approve. Carried unanimously.
16. Consider Thorp Area Chamber of Commerce’s request for financial assistance for fireworks
M/M/S (Skibbie, Teclaw) to make an \$800 contribution towards the TACC fireworks display. Carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

17. Consider moving into closed session per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) & (e) to discuss the following:
 - a. Police officer recruitment
 - b. Shire Crest Addition
 - c. Sale of land in West-side Industrial Park
 - d. Possible donation of property to the cityM/M/S (Geissler, Stroinski) to move into closed session. Carried unanimously.
18. Reconvene into open session for any action required as the result of closed session
M/M/S (Geissler, Skibbie) to reconvene into open session. Carried unanimously.
M/M/S (Geissler, Skibbie) to offer the vacant police officer position to Brian LeCloux pending successful completion of the standard screenings. Carried unanimously.
19. Reports from Department Heads, Mayor, Council, Committees, and discussion of future agenda items
None.
20. Adjournment
M/M/S (Stroinski, Abramczak) to adjourn at 10:42pm. Carried unanimously.

Date of Publication

Richard J. Wnek
Mayor

Randall D. Reeg
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer