

MINUTES  
CITY OF THORP REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2009 AT 7:00PM

1. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. In attendance were Mayor Wnek; Alderpersons Blume, Abramczak, Stroinski and Teclaw; Police Chief Verges; and City Administrator Reeg. Alderperson Skibbie and DPW McCredden were absent (excused).
2. Public Hearing on proposed special assessment for water & sewer main replacement on N. Boardman St.
  - a. Open Public Hearing  
Mayor Wnek opened the public hearing at 7:00pm.
  - b. Public Commentary  
No citizens were present for the public hearing.
  - c. Close Public Hearing  
M/M/S (Teclaw, Stroinski) to close the public hearing at 7:03pm. Carried unanimously. Mayor Wnek noted that if anyone showed up later during the meeting that the public hearing could be re-opened.
3. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens  
Tom Smasal (owner of 303 E. Stanley St., Thorp) was present to inquire as to why the driveway apron in Yellowstone Trail Park across the street from his business had been replaced with curb. Mayor Wnek and Reeg noted that during a recent park inspection tour it had been determined that this driveway entrance was being used for vehicle access to the park that was prohibited and that significant debris was being left in the park. Since the sidewalks were being replaced in that area anyway, curb was added to eliminate vehicle access. Smasal claimed that the driveway had been put there as a storm-water drainage-way, and that his business and adjacent homes would now have renewed flooding hazards. Reeg noted that the catch basin at that location had been replaced and was now about double the size that was there previously. Smasal also claimed that the height of the sidewalk had been increased and that the curb itself may not be as drastic of an impediment to water flow as the sidewalk. Reeg noted that he did not believe the sidewalk had been raised, since it was level with the adjoining sidewalk, but he would confer with McCredden. Reeg was directed to further investigate, along with McCredden, the origin of the driveway entrance since no known records existed at the City indicating it had anything to do with storm-water. 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 July 13, 2009 Regular City Council meeting
  - b. Approval of Temporary Class “B” Beer License – Thorp Area Chamber of Commerce
  - c. Approval of Operator’s License – Hannah Lingen (Z’s Cardinal Bowl)
  - d. Approval of Operator’s License – Sabrina London (Thorp Supervalu)M/M/S (Stroinski, Blume) to approve the consent agenda. Carried unanimously.
5. Discussion and possible action relating to monthly reports:
  - a. (Police Department) Monthly activity summary  
M/M/S (Teclaw, Abramczak) to approve. Carried unanimously.
  - b. (Public Works/Utilities) Monthly activity summary  
M/M/S (Stroinski, Blume) to approve. Carried unanimously.
  - c. (Administration) Administrator’s Report, Financial Report, Vouchers, Payroll Register & Journal Entries  
M/M/S (Teclaw, Stroinski) to approve the Administrator’s Report. Carried unanimously.  
M/M/S (Blume, Abramczak) to approve the Financial Report, Vouchers, Payroll Register & Journal Entries.  
Carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

6. Resolution 2009-08-1 “Resolution Amending Final Resolution 2009-04-1 Regarding Special Assessments for Water & Sewer Replacements on North Boardman”  
M/M/S (Stroinski, Teclaw) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.
7. Resolution 2009-08-2 “Resolution Approving Pay Application #1 from Haas Sons Inc. for Boardman Street Project”  
M/M/S (Stroinski, Blume) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.

8. Consider Capital Budget allocation from Park Reserves Fund for Conway Park Trail Extensions  
Reeg noted that the extension on the Conway Park Trail was a 2009 project in the 5-year Capital Plan. McCredden felt the coming weeks would be a good time to complete the project before the DPW summer help leaves, so Reeg was requesting the fund allocation from the Park Reserve Fund. Alderperson Teclaw asked if ruts that had been left by the endloader had been repaired in Conway Park. Reeg was unaware that any had been there and would ask McCredden. Alderperson Blume felt this was an unnecessary expense at this time due to the economy; asking if the funds could be used for anything else. Reeg explained that the money in the Park Reserve had been set aside specifically for park projects—but that with specific council action it could be taken from the Park Reserve and allocated elsewhere. M/M/S (Blume, Teclaw) to table this item. Carried unanimously.
9. Discussion and possible action relating to parking citations and vehicle registration suspensions  
Verges was interested in enabling the City of Thorp to suspend vehicle registrations for unpaid parking citations. Some council members felt it was perhaps too drastic for the number of parking citations we issue and the total number of unpaid tickets outstanding. Verges explained that it was unfair to those who paid their parking tickets for there to be no repercussion for those who don't. Council members agreed. Alderperson Teclaw made a motion to table the item until September. The motion died due to the lack of a second. M/M/S (Blume, Stroinski) to bring back draft language enabling suspension of vehicle registrations. Carried unanimously.
10. Discussion and possible action declaring retired dump truck as surplus property and directing its disposal  
M/M/S (Stroinski, Abramczak) to put the truck out for bids, reserving the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Carried unanimously.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

11. Consider moving into closed session per Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(e) to discuss the following:
  - a. Projects in TID#4 and TID#6  
M/M/S (Stroinski, Abramczak) to move into closes session. Carried unanimously.
12. Reconvene into open session for any action required as the result of closed session  
No action required as the result of closed session. The meeting adjourned directly from closed session. See item 14 below.
13. Reports from Department Heads, Mayor, Council, Committees, and discussion of future agenda items  
*Item 13 was taken out of order after Item #10 before moving into Closed Session. Its record is kept here in numerical order for record-keeping purposes.*

Sue Klapatauskas from the Thorp Historical Society had arrived during the meeting. Mayor Wnek allowed her a few minutes to address the council. Sue discussed the Society's efforts to locate a new site. She noted that a Building Committee had been formed, and had recently toured some other regional historical society buildings. She requested some assistance from the City on locating a site. Reeg was asked to meet with Sue and/or the Building Committee to look at options. No action taken.

Reeg reminded the Mayor and City Council that the annual City appreciation Picnic was scheduled for Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup>. Additional help from the council may be needed as McCredden was still out on medical leave.

14. Adjournment  
M/M/S (Teclaw, Stroinski) to adjourn from closed session at 8:30pm. Carried unanimously.

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Richard J. Wnek  
Mayor

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Randall D. Reeg  
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer