

AGENDA
CITY OF THORP REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010 AT 7:00PM

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. In attendance were Mayor Wnek; Alderpersons Blume, Skibbie, Abramczak, Stroinski, and Teclaw; DPW McCredden; Police Chief Verges; and City Administrator Reeg.
2. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens
Bob Hmielak (206 E. School St., Thorp) addressed the council regarding Neighborhood Electric Vehicles. He was not impressed with the demo model that was here early last year. He wondered how it could be driven in winter without heat. He also felt it wouldn't go very far on a charge. McCredden noted that the demo model that had been here did have heat. No action taken.
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 14, 2009 Regular City Council meeting
M/M/S (Blume, Stroinski) to approve. Carried unanimously.
4. 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, Teclaw) to approve. Carried unanimously.
 - c. (Administration) Administrator's Report, Financial Report, Vouchers, Payroll Register & Journal Entries
M/M/S (Blume, Skibbie) to approve. Carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Discussion and possible action relating to changes to UDC building inspections (Bob Christensen of CSC Building Inspections invited to attend)
Bob Christensen was unable to attend. Reeg gave a brief overview of the concerns that had arisen with all UDC inspections now being done through the state Dept. of Commerce. He touched on a few of the pros and cons of adopting UDC codes locally and hiring a state certified inspector. It was decided by general consensus to table this item until next month. Christensen was scheduled to come to that meeting.
6. Discussion and possible action relating to request to not construct a portion of W. Maple St. in Shire Crest subdivision
G&C Country Developments and Haas Sons Inc. had asked Reeg and McCredden about the possibility of not constructing a portion of W. Maple Street in the Shire Crest subdivision. They would instead provide lot access on the remaining streets encircling the lots. Reeg and McCredden had discussed and felt this would be fine for now, but that they felt the street should not be vacated, so that it could be built in the future if needed. M/M/S (Teclaw, Blume) to approve not building W. Maple Street between S. Wilson and S. Church street at this time. Carried unanimously.
7. Discussion and possible action relating to 2010 Public Works & Utilities and Parks projects including:
 - a. 2010 Street & Utility Projects
McCredden's plan for 2010 included reconstruction and utility replacement for the first two blocks of W. Main Street, double chip sealing W. Prospect Street from S. Washington Street to where the road was resurfaced 2 years ago near Oakbrook, reconstruction of W. Prospect Street from S. Adams westwards to where W. Prospect was recently upgraded as part of the Shire Crest development, and installation of curb and gutter on both W. Prospect and W. Lawrence Streets between S. Adams and S. Wilson Streets. Other trouble areas were discussed, particularly N. Lincoln St. between W. Grant and W. Franklin Streets. M/M/S (Stroinski, Blume) to approve the planned projects and to add resurfacing of the one block of N. Lincoln if the budget allowed. Carried unanimously.
 - b. Bike Trail
Reeg reviewed the Phase I component of the Biking & Walking Trail that was in the Capital Plan for 2010. Alderperson Teclaw felt the money shouldn't be wasted, and that the trail would cause more biking accidents. Alderperson Blume liked seeing the green area adjacent to McGrogan Creek near the pool unused except for some occasional kids catching frogs. Reeg noted that the Park & Recreation Board was 100% on board with

this project, and that the Tourism Commission had been saving money for this project. M/M/S (Teclaw, Blume) to table the topic pending further review and consideration. Carried unanimously.

8. Discussion and possible action relating to 2010 Public Works equipment purchases including:

a. Neighborhood Electric Vehicle

Though still a controversial issue for the council, it was agreed by general consensus to consider this again next month with a current price quote and some vehicle specifications. M/M/S (Blume, Stroinski) to table pending the additional requested information. Carried unanimously.

b. Roller

Reeg noted that the purchase of a roller was not in the 5-year capital plan for this year, but that \$60,000 for a new end loader that was added to the capital plan in hopes of getting a 55% grant match would not be spent due to no grant money being available. Therefore, this roller that McCredden was interested in could be added and still have less debt issued at the end of the year than originally planned. McCredden noted that the roller currently being used for street maintenance projects was running into maintenance issues since it was nearly 40 years old. M/M/S (Teclaw, Blume) to approve getting price quotes. Carried unanimously.

c. Lawnmower

McCredden was requesting council approval to get price quotes for a new lawnmower, which was included in the capital plan for 2010. Alderperson Teclaw inquired about getting bids from contractors for mowing services. Reeg noted that he and McCredden had discussed this at one point. McCredden was concerned because the seasonal staff he hires for mowing also performs other vital duties, and he would still need to hire some summer help. M/M/S (Stroinski, Abramczak) to get price quotes for lawnmowers. Carried unanimously.

9. Discussion and possible action relating to proposal for new security system to prevent vandalism in parks

Due to recent acts of vandalism, Reeg had researched various options for park surveillance. The option Reeg had brought forward for consideration was a proposal from Tru-Lock in Eau Claire (the same company that had done the police interrogation room and city hall camera). This \$5529 proposal was for a camera system that would cover Yellowstone Trail Park where the bulk of the park vandalism has occurred. Alderperson Teclaw felt this was a waste of money and that the City could fund rewards to catch vandal after incidents. Reeg felt that it had reached a point where we needed to try to stop the events before they occurred or at least to hopefully have hard evidence with which to apprehend and convict the culprits. Other Alders had questions on camera size, shape, and conspicuousness. There were also questions on image clarity. It was agreed by general consensus to table the subject and to ask a Tru-Lock representative to attend the next meeting.

10. Discussion and possible action relating to draft policies for employee use of city credit cards

Reeg presented sample policies from a couple other communities. It was generally agreed that the local policies should include a low credit limit, no cash advance privileges, and that the cards should be locked up in city hall and checked out for use as needed. M/M/S (Blume, Skibbie) to begin acquisition of credit cards for department heads, but that they should not be used until the policies were finalized and adopted. Carried unanimously with Alderperson Teclaw abstaining.

11. Discussion and possible action relating to waiver request(s) for domesticated animal restrictions

Travis Eichelt (203 W. Main St.) had submitted a waiver request for 2 dogs and 4 cats. Reeg noted that the applicant had decent indoor and outdoor facilities for these animals. Verges noted no significant history of animal complaints. Reeg abstained from voting due to this being his neighbor.

Verges voted to allow the waiver.

M/M/S (Blume, Stroinski) to approve the waiver for these six animals contingent upon the owner maintaining current vaccines and licensure at all times. Carried on a 4-1 vote with Alderperson Teclaw voting no.

12. Discussion of results of City of Thorp Citizen Survey

Reeg presented the results of the survey (copy attached). No action taken.

CLOSED SESSION

13. Consider moving into closed session per Wis Stat(s) 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of a probationary employee
M/M/S (Stroinski, Teclaw) to move into closed session. Carried unanimously.
14. Reconvene into open session for any action required as the result of closed session in determining the probationary status of employee
M/M/S (Stroinski, Blume) to reconvene into open session. Carried unanimously.
M/M/S (Stroinski, Blume) to terminate Brian LeCloux from his probationary period without cause, effective immediately. Carried unanimously by roll-call vote with Alderpersons Blume, Skibbie, Abramczak, Stroinski, and Teclaw voting aye.
15. Reports from Department Heads, Mayor, Council, Committees, and discussion of future agenda items
Aldersperson Abramczak presented some information on an Emergency Operation Center (EOC) training session being held February 22 at 8pm in Loyal. No action taken.
16. Adjournment

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