

MINUTES
CITY OF THORP REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2009 AT 7:00PM

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. In attendance were Alderpersons Blume, Skibbie, Abramczak, and Teclaw; Mayor Wnek; DPW McCredden; Police chief Verges; and City Administrator Reeg.
2. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens
None.
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 April 13, 2009 Regular City Council meeting
 - b. Approval of minutes from April 21, 2009 Special City Council meetingM/M/S (Skibbie, Abramczak) to amend the April 13, 2009 minutes to correct the public appearances section, as it was Jeff Juzwiak rather than Jeff Meeker who appeared and to approve the consent agenda as amended. Carried unanimously.
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 (Abramczak, Teclaw) to approve. Carried unanimously.
Item #13 was taken out of order at this time, but is documented below.
 - c. (Administration) Administrator's Report, Financial Report, Vouchers, Payroll Register & Journal Entries
M/M/S (Skibbie, Blume) to approve. Carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Consider Resolution 2009-05-1 "Resolution Modifying Employee Travel Policy"
M/M/S (Teclaw, Skibbie) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.
6. Consider Resolution 2009-05-2 "Resolution Modifying Policy for Dealing with Delinquencies to the City"
M/M/S (Abramczak, Skibbie) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.
7. Consider Ordinance 2009-05-3 "An Ordinance Revising Section 6-2-4(e), Regarding the Regulation of "Class B" Liquor Licenses"
M/M/S (Blume, Skibbie) to enact the ordinance. Carried by a 3-1 vote with Alderperson Teclaw voting no.
8. Consider Resolution 2009-05-4 "Resolution Increasing the Fee for "Class B" Liquor Licenses"
M/M/S (Abramczak, Teclaw) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.
9. Consider Ordinance 2009-05-5 "An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 6-9, Regarding the Issuance and Regulation of Dance and Live Music Licenses"
M/M/S (Teclaw, Abramczak) to enact the ordinance. Carried unanimously.
10. Consider Ordinance 2009-05-6 "An Ordinance Enacting Sections 6-2-15(e) and (f), Regarding the Regulation of Music and Dance Noise on Licensed Premises"
M/M/S (Skibbie, Blume) to enact the ordinance. Carried unanimously.
11. Discussion and possible action relating to limiting parking times in downtown business district
Reeg reported that the Thorp Area Chamber of Commerce had conducted a downtown parking survey. Of the responses received, only 1 business was adamantly opposed, a few were indifferent, and several were very in favor of limiting downtown parking to 2 hours (M-F 8am-5pm). Several businesses did not participate in the survey. Alderpersons Blume and Teclaw felt this would drive business away from Thorp and make the downtown look like a ghost town. M/M/S (Teclaw, Blume) to table the subject. Carried unanimously.

12. Discussion and possible action relating to the Old School/Thorp Historical Society

Sue Klapatauskas and Anne Huls from the Thorp Historical Society were on hand to discuss the Society's need for a new home, and to inquire if the City could or would assist them in acquiring and relocating to the old school on N. Jackson St.. There was significant discussion on the topic including building costs, projected operating costs, Historical Society income streams, back taxes and special assessments on the property, and state building codes. Alderperson Skibbie asked the Historical Society to come back with a projected operating budget. Reeg was asked to get a more accurate breakdown of back taxes and special assessments. Additional discussions would be held at the next city council meeting. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

13. Discussion and possible action relating to bridge and railing repair on S. Adams St.

Randy Sanford from SEH was on hand to discuss bridge railing repair options. His firm had earlier completed an estimate for full bridge replacement with some needed approach upgrades. This came in at \$363,920. McCredden had also gotten two quotes for railing replacement by different firms. Chippewa County Highway Dept. quoted \$2000 using used parts, and Mattison Contractors Inc. quoted \$2691.06 with all new parts. After lengthy discussion on the merits and/or problems with paying for full bridge replacement without incorporating it as part of a broader storm water management plan, and discussing that bridge railing replacement costs would be passed on to the motorist who damaged the railing and costs the city nothing, M/M/S (Skibbie, Blume) to have Mattison Contractors replace the railing for \$2691.06. Carried unanimously.

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

Alderperson Teclaw requested that the city place an ad in the paper notifying residents that the city would begin a sweep of enforcement for public nuisance violations.

15. Adjournment

M/M/S (Skibbie, Teclaw) to adjourn at 9:12pm. Carried unanimously.

Date of Publication

Richard J. Wnek
Mayor

Randall D. Reeg
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer