

MINUTES
CITY OF THORP REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009 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, and Teclaw; DPW McCredden; Police Chief Verges and City Administrator Reeg. Alderperson Stroinski was absent.

2. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

Bob Hmielak (406 E. School St., Thorp) registered to speak on two subjects. First, based upon the reduced tax levy and mil rate for next year, he felt that the bonding for capital projects was a good idea this time—but he felt it could be problematic in the future. Second he questioned if the city had an available liquor license when it recently issued one to the AmericInn. Reeg confirmed that it did.

Item 5 was taken out of order at this time, but its record shall be kept in numeric order for ease of record keeping.

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 November 9, 2009 Regular City Council meeting
- b. Approval of minutes from November 16, 2009 Special City Council meeting
- c. Approval of minutes from December 1, 2009 Special City Council meeting
- d. Approval of Operator's License — Kimberly S. LaFlex (AmericInn)
- e. Approval of "Class B" Liquor and Class "B" Beer Licenses — Virginia T. Langiewicz (d/b/a Mesquite Grill & Pub, 205 W. Hill St.)

M/M/S (Teclaw, Blume) to approve the consent agenda. Carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action relating to monthly reports:

- a. (Police Department) Monthly activity summary
M/M/S (Skibbie, Abramczak) to approve. Carried unanimously.
- b. (Public Works/Utilities) Monthly activity summary
M/M/S (Blume, Teclaw) to approve. Carried unanimously.
- c. (Administration) Administrator's Report, Financial Report, Vouchers, Payroll Register & Journal Entries
M/M/S (Skibbie, Blume) to approve. Carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Discussion and possible action relating to G&C Country Developments request for an extension for substantial completion of Phase 2 Shire Crest Subdivision Improvements

Reeg explained that the development agreement recently entered into with G & C Country Developments required "substantial completion" of some specified Shire Crest improvements to be made by 12-31-09. Despite best efforts, winter weather was now coming too quickly and the improvements would not be completed, despite Reeg and McCredden previously approving the delay of blacktopping and curb and gutter until spring to allow adequate settling time of the newly constructed roads. Reeg noted that offering a reasonable extension into 2010 would not affect the financial position of TID#4 since no new homes would be built and assessable by 1-1-10 either way. The overriding purpose for the deadline in the first place was to ensure completion in a timely manner. Reeg and McCredden had originally proposed a new deadline of 5-31-10. However, to account for unknown spring weather conditions, they were now suggesting 7-1-10. M/M/S (Teclaw, Skibbie) to approve an extension for substantial completion until 7-1-10. Carried unanimously.

6. Resolution 2009-12-1 "Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$830,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2010A"

M/M/S (Skibbie, Abramczak) to adopt the resolution. Carried by roll-call vote with ayes by Alderpersons Blume, Skibbie, Abramczak, and Teclaw. There were no nays and Alderperson Stroinski was absent.

7. Consider appointment of election staff for 2010-2011

Reeg presented a list of appointees (a copy is attached to these minutes). M/M/S (Blume, Abramczak) to approve the list as presented. Carried unanimously.

8. Consider write-off of 2 aged, uncollectable utility bills
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski was requesting the write-off of two aged, uncollectable utility bills. M/M/S (Blume, Skibbie) to write of one for Shirey for \$44.99 and one for Charnas for \$250.13. Carried unanimously.
9. Discussion and possible action relating to Snowmobile Trails and Routes in City Limits
Two representative of the local snowmobile club appeared to inquire about getting a route established by which snowmobilers could access downtown businesses. Reeg noted that the recently approved snowmobile and ATV routes already afforded access. He also noted the 10mph speed limit on these routes. McCredden agreed to work with the snowmobile club to temporarily place signs for this winter, and to find a permanent place in the spring if the club paid for the signs. No action taken.
10. Consider 2010 Operating Budgets for alternate funds:
- a. Fund 110—Cemetery Fund
 - b. Fund 115—CDBG Housing Fund
 - c. Fund 200—Water & Sewer Utilities
 - d. Fund 300—Debt Service Fund
 - e. Fund 404—TID#4
 - f. Fund 405—TID#5
 - g. Fund 406—TID#6
- M/M/S (Blume, Teclaw) to approve the alternate fund budgets as presented. Carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

11. Consider moving into closed session per Wis Stat(s) 19.85(1)(c) to discuss the following topic(s):
- a. 2010 Wage Rates for non-represented employees
M/M/S (Blume, Abramczak) to move into closed session. Carried unanimously.
12. Reconvene into open session for any action required as the result of closed session
M/M/S (Skibbie, Blume) to reconvene into open session. Carried unanimously.
Motion made by Teclaw to approve 1% raises for the non-represented employees. The motion died due to the lack of a second.
M/M/S (Skibbie, Blume) to approve 2% raises for the non-represented employees—setting Reeg’s salary at \$57,120, McCredden and Verges’ salaries at \$53,550, Pogodzinski’s hourly rate at \$16.83, Voelker’s hourly rate at \$11.90, and Bielecki’s hourly rate at \$8.49. Carried by a 3-1 vote with Alderperson Blume, Skibbie, and Abramczak voting aye and Alderperson Teclaw voting no.
13. Reports from Department Heads, Mayor, Council, Committees, and discussion of future agenda items
Alderperson Teclaw requested that the recent decision regarding the streetlights on W. Prospect Street be reconsidered. McCredden noted that Xcel Energy would not be willing to bury the power lines for these street lights (which was part of the recent motion), so the whole topic would need to be re-debated at a future meeting. No action taken.
14. Adjournment
M/M/S (Blume, Skibbie) to adjourn at 8:52pm. Carried unanimously

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Mayor

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Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer