

MINUTES  
CITY OF THORP  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2009 AT 5:15 P.M.

1. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm. 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 (406 E. School St., Thorp) spoke on the possible Public Works garage renovations. He noted that the proposed cost per square foot seems high, feeling he felt it could be built for around \$50 per square foot. He hoped the city would only borrow the money needed to build the building and not the whole estimated amount.
3. Approval of “Class B” Liquor and Class “B” Beer License — LL&R Properties LLC (AmericInn)  
M/M/S (Stroinski, Teclaw) to approve. Carried unanimously.
4. Approval of Operator’s License — Betty J. Dallas (AmericInn)  
M/M/S (Skibbie, Blume) to approve. Carried unanimously.
5. Resolution 2009-10-4 “Resolution Authorizing \$285,000 Loan from the Board of Commissioners of Public Land”  
M/M/S (Teclaw, Stroinski) to adopt. Carried unanimously by roll call vote.
6. Discussion and possible action relating to request from Chief of Police authorizing additional hours for a part-time police officer in excess of the WRS 600 hour threshold  
Reeg had discussed union ramification with City Attorney Salm. He felt wages and uniforms would not be an issue, since they were already accounted for. Reeg then had the same conversation with Al Bitz of the WPPA. He said pro-rated sick, vacation, and holiday time would be required. Reeg estimated that if the officer worked 800 hours per year, 40% paid leave equivalent would be around 100 hours, or about \$1300-\$1400, this coupled with an estimated \$1100 for retirement would be approximately \$2500 per year. However, since the exact number of hours worked would be unknown until after 2010 would be completed, Reeg felt confident that the union would agree to allow the paid leave accrual to be made in 2011, so there would only be retirement expense in 2010. M/M/S (Blume, Skibbie) to approve the excess hours for Officer Schneider. Carried by unanimous voice vote.
7. Discussion and possible action relating to Public Works Garage renovations  
Reeg and McCredden had reevaluated space needs and configuration and felt they could trim square footage down to about 1000 square feet, approximately 20% less than the original plan. Stroinski felt this was a needed project, and felt that it should indeed be coupled with library project to maximize efficiency. M/M/S (Stroinski, Skibbie) to move forward with the planning process. Carried by unanimous vote.
8. Discussion and possible action relating to Police Chief’s office renovations  
Reeg reported that he had met with Verges per City Council direction to determine if appropriate furniture could be obtained from Sam’s Club for less than the EBI quote. Reeg had pieced together a functional set quite similar to the EBI layout that with a chair would cost about \$1362.33 for the materials—about \$800 cheaper. Verges had selected a few different pieces and came up with a price of about \$1800 or \$300 less. This did not include installation, which was included in the EBI quote, so material costs alone were similar. Alderperson Abramczak, who had not been at the previous meeting where the Hanks’ Furniture quote was discussed, asked what this price difference would be to buy locally. Verges noted it would be about \$800 more than EBI to go with Hanks. Abramczak said he would rather spend a little more and buy locally. M/M/S (Teclaw, Skibbie) to authorize an allocation of \$2174.91 from the City Hall Remodeling Reserve to purchase from EBI. Motion carried on a 3-1 vote with Blume, Skibbie, and Teclaw voting aye, and Abramczak and Stroinski voting no.
9. Consider moving into a Committee of the Whole to discuss 2010 Operating Budget  
M/M/S (Skibbie, Stroinski) to move into a Committee of the Whole. Carried unanimously.  
The first draft of the budget was discussed and the final draft for publication was finalized. The Budget summary as published for the public hearing on November 16<sup>th</sup> is attached. Reeg noted that there would be time to discuss the budget at the November 9<sup>th</sup> Regular City Council meeting, but because of publication requirements, amendments could not be made until after the public hearing on November 16<sup>th</sup>. No action taken.

10. Reports from Department Heads, Mayor, Council, Committees, and discussion of future agenda items  
McCredden noted that due to the weather and atypical leaf shedding patterns, the curbside leaf collection schedule would be altered slightly depending upon circumstances.
11. Adjournment  
M/M/S (Abramczak, Stroinski) to adjourn at 7:08pm. Carried unanimously.

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Date of Publication

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Richard J. Wnek  
Mayor

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Randall D. Reeg  
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer