

MINUTES
CITY OF THORP REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011 AT 7:00PM

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. In attendance were Mayor Stroinski; Alderpersons Blume, Skibbie, Abramczak, Lawcewicz, and Teclaw; DPW McCredden, Police Chief Verges, and City Administrator Reeg.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

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 November 15, 2011 Regular City Council meeting

b. Appointment of Election Officials for 2012-2013

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 report

The monthly report was reviewed. No other discussion.

b. Public Works/Utilities monthly report

McCredden added that the skating rink was not open due to the weather and it didn't look good heading into the Christmas break from school.

c. Administrator's Report, Financial Report, Vouchers, Payroll Register & Journal Entries

M/M/S (Blume, Skibbie) to approve all as presented. Carried unanimously.

d. Alderson Ward Reports

None.

Items 10 and 12 were taken out of order at this time. They will be kept in numerical order here for record-keeping purposes.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Discussion and possible action on commercial vehicle parking in residential areas

At the request of Alderson Abramczak, and with the consent of Mayor Stroinski, this item was brought back for further discussion. Alderson Abramczak felt that enforcement of the existing ordinances would be punitive to truck drivers who had been parking near their homes for years, all due to one dispute. There was lengthy debate on the pros and cons of allowing trucks to park in residential areas—both on and off the street. One area on consensus was that if parking was allowed, that idling trucks and running reefer units should not be allowed.

Alderson Teclaw made a motion declaring that the current ordinances were adequate and in place for a reason and to make no changes to the ordinances to allow parking in residential areas. The motion died due to the lack of a second.

M/M/S (Blume, Lawcewicz) to establish a commercial vehicle parking permitting system for residential areas that allowed neighbors to comment, did not allow idling engines or running of reefer units, and required trailers to be attached to tractors at all times if the permits were for on-street parking. Motion carried with Aldersons Blume, Lawcewicz and Skibbie voting aye, Alderson Teclaw voting no, and Alderson Abramczak abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Resolution 2011-12-1 "Resolution Amending Official Traffic Map for the City of Thorp"

M/M/S (Blume, Lawcewicz) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.

7. Resolution 2011-12-2 "Resolution Approving Credit to Residential Utility Bill"

M/M/S (Teclaw, Abramczak) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.

8. Resolution 2011-12-3 “Resolution Establishing Fund Balance Policy in Accordance with GASB #54”
M/M/S (Skibbie, Abramczak) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.
9. Resolution 2011-12-4 “Resolution Approving Final Pay Application from Haas Sons Inc. for 2011 Street & Utility Project”
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Blume) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.
10. Resolution 2011-12-5 “Resolution Declaring the Property at 102 N. Lincoln Street a Threat to Public Health and Safety and Directing an Order to Raze”
Building Inspector Bob Christensen was on hand and briefly gave a verbal reiteration of his written inspection report. M/M/S (Blume, Lawcewicz) to adopt the resolution. Carried by a unanimous roll call vote with Alderpersons Skibbie, Abramczak, Lawcewicz, Teclaw, and Blume all voting aye.
11. Discussion and possible action relating to possible switch of health insurance carriers
Reeg reported that three alternate health insurance bids had been received, two of which would produce significant savings to the City—more than enough to enable the City Council to fulfill their desire to offer some raises to employees to offset their new retirement contributions and still reduce overall expenditures. Reeg has held a meeting with employees to go over the plans. It was agreed that the best plan was Anthem Blue Preferred. There could be additional out-of-pocket expenses for employees, so to ensure adherence to union contract provisions, a \$500 health incentive paid to employees the first payroll each December would make the transition go smoothly. M/M/S (Teclaw, Lawcewicz) to authorize the City Administrator to complete the switch with the \$500 health incentive. Carried unanimously.
12. Discussion and possible action relating to hiring of a Zoning Administrator
M/M/S (Abramczak, Blume) to hire Bob Christensen as the Zoning Administrator at a salary of \$300/month. Carried unanimously.
13. Discussion and possible action approving new carpeting for City Hall
Mayor Stroinski had asked Reeg to get quotes for new carpeting in City Hall. There were three options presented. Reeg noted that only Option 1, the cheapest, was feasible with funds on hand. M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Teclaw) to approve Option 1 (Standard Commercial Carpeting at \$2118.62 installed). Carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

14. Consider moving into closed session per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) to discuss the following:
 - a. Further discussion on finalists for full-time police officer position
M/M/S (Teclaw, Abramczak) to move into closed session. Carried unanimously.
15. Reconvene into open session for any action needed as the result of closed session including possible selection of new police officer
M/M/S (Blume, Lawcewicz) to reconvene into open session. Carried unanimously.
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Blume) to offer the police officer position first to Bryant Bohacek and second to Glenn Nettesheim, subject to satisfactory completion of background screenings. Carried on a 4-1 roll call vote with Alderpersons Abramczak, Lawcewicz, Teclaw, and Blume voting aye and Alderperson Skibbie voting no.

CLOSING BUSINESS

16. Reports from Department Heads, Mayor, Council, Committees, and discussion of future agenda items
None.
17. Adjournment
M/M/S (Teclaw, Abramczak) to adjourn. Carried unanimously.

Date of Publication

Ray Stroinski
Mayor

Randall D. Reeg
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer