

MINUTES  
CITY OF THORP REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2011 AT 7:00PM

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

2. Consider moving into Closed Session per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with the City Attorney

M/M/S (Teclaw, Skibbie) to move into closed session. Carried unanimously. (Closed session attendees: Stroinski, Blume, Skibbie, Abramczak, Teclaw, Salm, Reeg)

3. Reconvene into open session

M/M/S (Blume, Teclaw) to reconvene into open session. Carried unanimously.  
No action as the result of closed session.

**ROUTINE BUSINESS**

4. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

None.

5. 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 13, 2010 Regular City Council meeting
- b. Approval of Operator's License—Katelyn M. Leonard
- c. Approval of Operator's License—Katie L. Romag
- d. Approval of Cigarette License—Jina Bergeman

Alderperson Teclaw asked that item d. be considered separately.

M/M/S (Teclaw, Skibbie) to approve items a. thru c. Carried unanimously.

Alderperson Teclaw inquired briefly on the nature of the business associated with item d. and its relationship to the statewide smoking ban.

M/M/S (Teclaw, Blume) to approve item d. Carried unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action relating to monthly reports:

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

7. Discussion and possible action on pay status for Mayor while on leave of absence

Reeg noted that while handling a media inquiry during the month of December, he was asked if Mayor Jiskra would be paid while on his leave of absence. Reeg's media response was that he assumed he would not be, but ultimately the decision fell with the City Council.

M/M/S (Skibbie, Teclaw) to make Mayor Jiskra's leave of absence one without pay. Carried unanimously.

8. Discussion and possible action on policy for use of Holiday Paid Leave

Reeg noted via a memo to the council that there had been recurring issues with some employees' use of holiday time, and was asking for City Council direction on use of holiday time to ensure it is used consistently and as intended. He noted that strict adherence to the language in the employee handbook was not always possible when holidays fell on specific days of the week such as Christmas Eve and Christmas and New Year's Eve and New Year's just had. It was agreed by general consensus that, except for the provisions for union police officers contained in the union contract, all employees were expected to take holiday time on scheduled days of observance. Specifically requested and pre-approved exceptions can be authorized by the City Administrator when they make operational sense, but only if the

holiday time is then observed on a different day falling within the same pay period as the regularly-scheduled day of observance.

9. Discussion and possible action relating to application for exemption from domesticated animal limits—Brent Mathison 405 W. Stanley St.  
Although there was discussion that these particular pet owners seemed responsible and there would be no anticipated issues with these animals, discussion centered on the problems of allowing exceptions to the ordinance for pets acquired after the limitation went into effect.  
M/M/S (Teclaw, Skibbie) to deny the request for a waiver. Alderpersons Skibbie and Teclaw voted aye. Alderpersons Abramczak and Blume voted no. Acting Mayor Stroinski broke the tie by voting aye. Motion carried to deny the waiver.
10. Discussion and possible action relating to proceed from sale of 1978 Ford Flatbed  
Reeg reported that the 1978 Ford Flatbed had brought in \$1200 from bids. McCredden was requesting that these funds be earmarked to offset the cost of a new trailer for the public works department.  
M/M/S (Blume, Abramczak) to approve the request. Carried unanimously.
11. Review of proposed job descriptions for Chief of Police, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, and Director of Public Works  
At the suggestion of Stroinski, it was agreed by general consensus to defer discussion of the job descriptions for a month to allow time for a more comprehensive review by City Council members.
12. Resolution 2011-01-1 “Resolution Approving Pay Application #5 from Milcon Inc. for Library Project”  
M/M/S (Abramczak, Teclaw) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

13. Resolution 2010-12-3 “Resolution Approving Pay Application #2 from Dell Construction for Public Works Project”  
M/M/S (Skibbie, Abramczak) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.
14. Review of Planning Commission recommendation of zoning ordinance language regarding sign setback in C2 zones: establishment of timeline for potential adoption  
The Planning Commission had recommended allowing signs in a C2 zone to be of less than normal setback by Conditional Use Permit. Reeg noted that with an aggressive timeline the process could feasibly be done by the March City Council meeting. M/M/S (Skibbie, Abramczak) to move forward making the recommended changes.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

15. Consider moving into Closed Session per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) to discuss the following:
  - a. Negotiations with Teamsters Local 662
  - b. Negotiations with Wisconsin Professional Police AssociationM/M/S (Abramczak, Teclaw) to move into closed session. Carried unanimously.

16. Reconvene into open session for any action required as the result of closed session  
M/M/S (Blume, Abramczak) to reconvene into open session.  
No action as the result of closed session.

#### **CLOSING BUSINESS**

17. Reports from Department Heads, Mayor, Council, Committees, and discussion of future agenda items  
Reeg gave an update on the snowmobile races the following weekend.  
Aldersperson Teclaw noted his objections to outdoor wood-burning furnaces and noted he intended to push for a ban. No action taken.
18. Adjournment  
M/M/S (Blume, Teclaw) to adjourn at 9:21pm. Carried unanimously.

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Date of Publication

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Ray Stroinski  
Acting Mayor

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Randall D. Reeg  
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer