

MINUTES
CITY OF THORP REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 11, 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; DPW McCredden; Police Chief Verges; and City Administrator Reeg.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

2. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

Bob Hmielak (406 E. School St., Thorp) spoke on the topic of semi parking in town. He suggested the idea of a coop parking lot in the industrial park near Birchwood where perhaps semi could park and citizens could park boats, campers, and trailers. He said Thorp didn't seem to be a friendly town for truck drivers. No action taken.

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 June 13, 2011 Regular City Council meeting
- b. Approval of Operator's Licenses—Michelle Maier, Marlayna Luebstorf, Sarah Riihinen, Nicolette Person, Kimberly Laflex, Bonnie Ehlert, Jayd Bacha, and Tracy Halenka
- c. Approval of Cigarette and Tobacco License—Jina Bergeman

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

Item #8 was taken out of order at this time, but its record will be kept in numerical order here for record keeping purposes.

4. Discussion and possible action relating to monthly reports:

a. Police Department monthly report

Verges noted that part-time Officer Johnson had resigned as he got full-time employment elsewhere. She inquired about replacing him with the second applicant who had previously been approved when Officer Youngman was hired. Acting Mayor Stroinski asked her to wait on hiring until after the pending election. Verges reported on the AG's conference she was recently at. She also noted that she got a small agency grant of \$7952 with which she would be acquiring a squad camera and LIDAR. She also noted again that she would be traveling with Det. Kern from Clark County to Texas on an investigation.

M/M/S (Blume, Skibbie) to approve the report. Carried unanimously.

b. Public Works/Utilities monthly report

McCredden presented his report.

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

Reeg was asked if individual businesses were going to be able to prohibit concealed carry in their establishments. He noted that he would look into it.

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

d. Library monthly report

None presented.

e. Alderperson Ward Reports

Alderperson Abramczak noted that the railroad crossing on Church Street needs attention. He also inquired about public works staff members being allowed to give out keys to the dump on weekends.

Alderperson Teclaw noted that the weeds on the back side of the compost bin needed to be trimmed.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Discussion and possible action relating to adjusting ward boundaries including:

a. Resolution 2011-07-1 "Resolution Adjusting Ward Boundaries Within the City of Thorp"

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

b. Ordinance 2011-07-2 "An Ordinance Amending Section 2-1-3 of the City of Thorp Code of Ordinances regarding Aldermanic Districts"

M/M/S (Abramczak, Skibbie) to enact the ordinance. Carried unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action on request for removal of sidewalk on N. Lincoln St.
The property owner at 302 N. Lincoln had agreed to manage the restoration if the sidewalk north of his home was removed and black dirt provided.
M/M/S (Skibbie, Abramczak) to remove the sidewalk slabs and provide the needed black dirt. Carried unanimously.
7. Discussion and possible action relating to parking of boats/campers/trailers on streets
Reeg had checked with neighboring communities, most of which reported few problems with this. It was agreed by general consensus that perhaps this wasn't as big of an issue as thought.
M/M/S (Teclaw, Blume) to not create any new regulations at this time. Carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Presentation of FY2010 Audit Report by Jon Trautman of Schenck Business Solutions
Jon Trautman of Schenck was on hand to present their audit report. In short he said the city continued to be in excellent financial condition and that internal financial reporting and record-keeping continued to improve. He noted that the only issues of note were those that most small communities with limited staff encounter with an incomplete separation of duties. He noted that the City Council and Finance & Personnel Committee were doing a good job of reviewing financial records and transactions which is important. No action taken.
9. Resolution 2011-07-3 "Resolution Approving Pay Application #1 from Haas Sons Inc. for 2011 Street & Utilities Project"
M/M/S (Blume, Skibbie) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.
10. Resolution 2011-07-4 "Resolution Approving Conditional Use Permit as Recommended by Planning Commission"
M/M/S (Abramczak, Blume) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.
11. Request by post office to renumber duplexes owned by Indianhead Community Action Agency on W. Prospect St.
It was agreed by general consensus to leave the addresses as is. No action taken.
12. Discussion and possible action relating to quotes for restriping lines on city streets
McCredden received two quotes for striping—one from Interstate for \$3300 and one from Seal-It & Striping for \$2875.
M/M/S (Teclaw, Blume) to go with the low bidder. Carried unanimously.
13. Discussion and possible action relating to contracting out for storm sewer repairs
It had come to light at a recent staff meeting that due to the number of storm sewer repairs needed, the city crew would be unable to complete them all this year. Acting Mayor Stroinski wanted to discuss the idea of using funds in the storm sewer reserve to contract out for some of the repairs. McCredden noted that contractors would buy precast units rather than hand-build them. If he bought precast the materials would cost more but labor would be reduced and he could get about twice as many done.
M/M/S (Teclaw, Blume) to buy precast units with the funds coming out of the storm sewer reserve and to self-install them. Carried unanimously.
14. Resolution 2011-07-5 "Resolution Authorizing Installation of Additional Little League Baseball Field at Northside Park"
M/M/S (Skibbie, Blume) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.
15. Discussion and possible action relating to entryway improvements at Thorp Aquatic Facility as recommended by Park & Recreation Board
The Park & Recreation Board was recommending a few improvements including some extra concrete and some benches. There was some debate on the validity and necessity of the projects.
M/M/S (Skibbie, Blume) to approve the concrete work only at this time. Carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

16. Consider moving into closed session per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(b) and (e) to discuss the following:
 - a. Possible development in TID#5
 - b. Operator's License Application—Julienne Unertl
 - c. Operator's License Application—Scott UnertlM/M/S (Teclaw, Skibbie) to move into closed session. Carried unanimously.

17. Reconvene into open session for any action needed as the result of closed session
M/M/S (Blume, Skibbie) to reconvene into open session. Carried unanimously.
M/M/S (Blume, Skibbie) to deny both Operator's Licenses. Carried unanimously.

CLOSING BUSINESS

18. Reports from Department Heads, Mayor, Council, Committees, and discussion of future agenda items
Reeg noted that Deb from Rustic Resale had asked him to mention the idea of a new Chamber of Commerce initiative she was researching for 2012. She was interested in organizing a Flea Market each Friday afternoon between Memorial Day and Labor Day to be held down town. She wondered if the City Council was open to the concept. General consensus was that weekly might be too aggressive, but the City Council was open to the concept with details to be worked out later. No action taken.
19. Adjournment
M/M/S (Blume, Abramczak) to adjourn at 9:52pm. Carried unanimously.

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Mayor

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Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer