

MINUTES
CITY OF THORP REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2011 AT 7:00PM

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. In attendance were Alderpersons Blume, Skibbie, Abramczak, Stroinski, and Teclaw; DPW McCredden, Police chief Verges, and City Administrator Reeg. Mayor Jiskra was absent, so City Council President Stroinski served as Acting Mayor.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. Public Hearing on 2010 CDBG-PF grant for library improvements

a. Open Public Hearing

Acting Mayor Stroinski opened the public hearing at 7:01pm.

b. Public commentary on project implementation and review of program performance

Bob Hmielak (406 E. School St., Thorp) spoke. He noted that he doesn't use the library much, and hadn't been there since its reopening, but he had been told that patrons could barely tell any difference in the library since the remodeling and expansion project. He felt that nearly \$400 thousand had been wasted.

Library Director Beloungy spoke, thanking Hmielak for bringing alternate viewpoints forward, but noted that she had received many compliments on the improved facility, and that patronage was way up, even beyond the initial curiosity phase.

c. Close Public Hearing

M/M/S (Teclaw, Blume) to close the public hearing. Carried unanimously.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

3. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

None.

4. 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 February 14, 2011 Regular City Council meeting

b. Approval of Operator's License—Monica J. Straka

c. Approval of Operator's License—Astrid M. Mellor

d. Approval of 2011 Membership in CCEDC

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

5. Discussion and possible action relating to monthly reports:

a. (Police Department) Monthly activity summary

Verges reported that 2011 was shaping up to be very busy. Through the end of February the PD had handled 180 cases versus 90 in the same period in 2010.

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

b. (Public Works/Utilities) Monthly activity summary

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

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

6. Discussion and possible action relating to establishing scope of and bidding strategies for 2011 Street & Utilities project

M/M/S (Skibbie, Abramczak) to set the 2 ½ blocks of W. Main St. as the based bid, but to shift it 140 feet westward to begin at approximately the alley between Lincoln St. and N. Washington St., and to set the 1 block of N. Lincoln St. between W. Main St. and the railroad tracks as an alternate bid. Carried unanimously.

7. Discussion and possible action relating to the hiring of an additional part-time police officer

Verges indicated that she wanted to begin recruiting for an additional part-time officer. One of the current two on staff had been hired as a reserve deputy and would have reduced availability, and there had historically been three part-time slots. After brief debate on how the exact final appointment process would be carried out, it was agreed by general consensus that the recruitment process should begin. M/M/S (Teclaw, Blume) for Verges to begin taking applications for another part-time officer. Carried unanimously.

8. Resolution 2011-03-1 “Resolution Urging Repair of STH 73 and CTH X in the City of Thorp”
M/M/S (Teclaw, Blume) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.
9. Resolution 2011-03-2 “Resolution Implementing Revised Fee Schedule for Thorp Aquatic Center”
M/M/S (Blume, Abramczak) to adopt the resolution. Carried unanimously.

CLOSING BUSINESS

10. Reports from Department Heads, Mayor, Council, Committees, and discussion of future agenda items
Reeg distributed the pertinent section of state statutes regarding closed session for City Council reference.
Stroinski noted that it might be time for a round of parking warnings since violations seemed to be prevalent—including some semi parking in residential districts. He also noted that consistent enforcement needed to be ensured.
Reeg noted that this reopened a discussion that had been held over several months last year regarding boats, campers, 48 hour parking rules, and the like that would likely need to be readdressed soon.
No action taken.
11. Adjournment
M/M/S (Blume, Teclaw) to adjourn at 8:02pm. Carried unanimously.

Date of Publication

Craig Jiskra
Mayor

Randall D. Reeg
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer