

AGENDA
CITY OF THORP REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2011 AT 5:15PM
IN THORP CITY HALL

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm. In attendance were Mayor Stroinski; Alderpersons Blume, Skibbie, Abramczak, Lawcewicz, and Teclaw; DPW McCredden; Police Chief Verges; and City Administrator Reeg.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. Public Hearing on 2012 General Fund Operating Budget

a. Open Public Hearing

Mayor Stroinski opened the public hearing at 5:15pm.

b. Public commentary

Bob Hmielak (406 E. School St., Thorp) spoke. He inquired as to the total debt of the City. He also inquired as to why Tourism didn't contribute money towards the operation of the pool.

c. Close Public Hearing

M/M/S (Abramczak, Skibbie) to close the public hearing at 5:26pm. Carried unanimously.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

3. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

Bob Hmielak (406 E. School St., Thorp) spoke on the PD cold case investigation. He wondered why both the County and City were working on it, noting that neither of the current primary investigators were here at the time and are relying on old reports. He felt either one or the other could do this, but both was wasteful.

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 October 10, 2011 Regular City Council meeting

b. Approval of minutes from October 18, 2011 Special City Council meeting

c. Approval of minutes from November 1, 2011 Special City Council meeting

d. Approval of Operator's License—Clarence C. Gollhardt Jr.

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 report

Verges also reported that the radar trailer was in Neillsville and needed 2 new batteries (~\$250) that were not planned for installation until spring. We could get it and use it now if we wanted to pay for the batteries. It was agreed to wait until spring. She also mentioned that she had acquired signs businesses could post to prohibit concealed carry if they wished. She would be visiting local businesses to let them know.

b. Public Works/Utilities monthly report

McCredden noted that the recent DNR water system inspection went well. He noted that requirements 1-3 in the report were completed and suggestions 1-2 were pending.

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

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

d. Library monthly report

No further discussion.

e. Alderson Ward Reports

None.

OLD BUSINESS

6. Resolution 2011-09-1 "Resolution Establishing Employee Grievance Procedure for Inclusion in Employee Handbook"

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

7. Discussion and possible action relating to resource allocations for continued work on cold case
There were no results from the County's recent trip to Alabama, and no specifically pending plans for another trip to Texas. Alderperson Blume noted her concern of the effect that this case would have on local staffing. It was agreed by general consensus to wait on any decision until more information was available and specific travel plans needed.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Approval of 2012 General Fund Operating Budget
Verges made a last minute argument that her departmental budget was too tight, and that budgeted part-time hours would be eaten up by training alone if a new PT officers was hired. She also argued that not enough overtime was going to be available.
Reeg noted that the proposed budget was already at the legal levy limit and that any changes now could only be made by shuffling monies between departments, and most departments had already taken cuts.
M/M/S (Skibbie, Lawcewicz) to adopt the proposed summary budget as presented. Carried by a unanimous roll-call vote with Alderpersons Teclaw, Lawcewicz, Abramczak, Skibbie, and Blume voting aye.
9. Discussion and possible action relating to responding to Draft WPDES Permit from DNR
Reeg and McCredden gave a report on the meetings they had with SEH and Strand, and the response strategy the City would be using in their comments back to the DNR.
No action taken.
10. Ordinance 2011-11-2 "Ordinance Amending Section 5-2-6 of the City of Thorp Code of Ordinances Relating to Snow and Ice Removal"
M/M/S (Abramczak, Teclaw) to enact the ordinance. Carried unanimously.
11. Discussion and possible action on a truck parking permitting system in residential areas
Brief discussion was held on a possible permitting system that the Planning Commission had recommend be developed. The City Attorney advised against it for two reasons—once a permit is issued the holder gets some level of property rights to it, and because running trucks and reefer units still should not be allowed. It was greeed by general consensus that no changes be made, and to send letters to know truck drivers to let them know that NS Park parking is an option and that enforcement will be pending.

CLOSING BUSINESS

12. Reports from Department Heads, Mayor, Council, Committees, and discussion of future agenda items
None.
13. Adjournment
M/M/S (Skibbie, Lawcewicz) to adjourn at 6:18pm. Carried unanimously.

Date of Publication

Ray Stroinski
Mayor

Randall D. Reeg
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer