

CITY OF THORNTON – APRIL 4, 2011 – 7:00 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Thornton City Council met on the above date and time with Mayor Joy Baker calling the meeting to order. Council members present: Barbara Hopkey, Michael Younge, Larry Stadlander, Barry Groh, and Brian Crowell. Also present: Travis Fischer, Billy Stark and Sue Ann Nelson.

Groh made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of the Small City Workshop, Nettleton Excavating jobs and Tornado Siren Test date. Crowell seconded, motion carried.

Younge made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Hopkey seconded, motion carried.

Stadlander made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Groh seconded, motion carried.

City Attorney, John Sorensen and Tom Janeka present at 7:05 p.m.

The Clerk handed out information gathered for the lagoon soil testing from Tom Madden with Yaggy Colby Associates. Five firms returned proposals with their fees. One of the firms, Chosen Valley also suggested extra work that would provide additional information on the leakage and repairs needed. Groh made a motion to accept the bid from Chosen Valley in the amount of \$3615. Stadlander seconded, motion carried.

Illegal dumpster use was discussed. The first reading of the amendment to the Ordinance will be read at the May 2011 City Council meeting.

The Clerk reported that she contacted Public Health regarding the property at 216 S 1st Street. A family member has contacted the City and is in the process of cleaning up the property.

Sue Ann Nelson was present to request permission to sell a variety of in home gifts from her property at 113 N 9th Street. A special conditional use permit application will have to be filed and a Public Hearing will have to be held with the Board of Adjustment. Nelson stated that she would file the application. A Public Hearing has been set for Monday, May 2, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. with the Board of Adjustment.

Nelson left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

A request for a 1-day premise update from the Pleasant Valley Golf Club was received on their liquor license. The request has been submitted into the Iowa Beverage Division. The update is needed in order for the Meservey Quas Committee to have a wine vendor at their April 16th fundraiser. Stadlander made a motion to approve the request, Groh seconded. Hopkey aye, Younge aye, Crowell abstained, motion carried.

A request was received from the Meservey Quas Committee to post signs in Thornton on the day of their vendor fair at the golf course. Stadlander made a motion to approve the request, Groh seconded, motion carried.

Signage at the lagoon was discussed. Hopkey made a motion to replace the current signs. Younge seconded, motion carried.

Janeka reported that the water meters that the City is currently using are being phased out and will longer be available. Brown Supply has a few cases available for sale. Groh made a motion to purchase \$1,000 - \$1,200 in meters from Brown Supply for the City's inventory. Hopkey seconded, motion carried.

Janeka reported the need for additional dumpsters due to the age of some of the dumpsters and the high demand of rentals. Hopkey made a motion to purchase 4 dumpsters. Stadlander seconded, motion carried.

The south portion of 2nd Street SE was discussed. Estimates for asphalt work will be available for the May City Council meeting.

The Clerk requested permission to attend Data Technologies Spring User meeting in Des Moines on April 13, 2011. Stadlander made a motion to approve. Crowell seconded, motion carried.

A request was received from Greg Meier to attend the Waste water operator class at NIACC on April 14, 2011. The cost of the class is \$40. Swaledale paid for the last continuing education class in Iowa Falls. Groh made a motion to approve. Hopkey seconded, motion carried.

The beer and Sunday Sales renewal application from Classic Stop was reviewed. Hopkey made a motion to approve. Younge seconded, Stadlander aye, Groh aye, Crowell abstained, motion carried.

Notice was received from IDED regarding the housing rehab program. The City did not receive the funds for 2011. The City will be working with NIACOG in completing the application for next year's funding.

The library's furnace gas leak was mentioned and has been repaired.

A building permit application from 508 Maple Street was denied due to non-conformance with the City's Zoning Ordinance. The applicant is requesting a Public Hearing with the Board of Adjustment. The date for the hearing will be May 2, 2011 following the other scheduled hearing that evening.

A building permit application from 213 N 6th Street was reviewed and approved by the City Clerk.

The Landfill of North tour will not be scheduled due to lack of interest.

The upcoming Small City Workshops were discussed. The Clerk will contact the League of Cities for sites that are in the North Iowa area.

Janeka reported that Brian Nettleton came and measured the water main on Larch Street, assessed the sink hole at 213 N 6th Street on the north side of the property and the abandoned fountain at the City Park. Cost estimates will be available at the May meeting.

The tornado siren test for the City will be on Monday, April 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Younge made a motion to adjourn. Stadlander seconded, motion carried.

Michelle Duff

City Clerk