

**CITY OF THORNTON – AUGUST 1, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.**

The Thornton City Council met on the above date and time in City Hall 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: Ed & Arlene Anderson, Mike Dillon, Travis Fischer, and Tom Janeka.

Younge made a motion to approve the agenda. Stadlander seconded, motion carried.

Groh made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Hopkey seconded, motion carried.

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

The Board of Adjustment held a Public Hearing earlier in the evening. The Board's recommendation to the City Council was to deny approval of the variance application filed by Mike Dillon of 112 Walnut Street to construct a 24'x42 garage for tree service equipment and storage on the property. Stadlander made a motion to deny the application. Hopkey seconded, motion carried.

The Clerk reported receiving approximately 70% of the income surveys which were distributed to residents last week. A minimum of 80% are required to be returned to City Hall in order for the City to submit these on to NIACOG to possibly qualify for a CDBG application for lagoon repairs.

Bids from Dillon Tree Service, Hamilton Tree Service and Nettleton Excavating, Inc. were reviewed by the City Council for removal of the poles and lights at the former football/baseball complex. Groh made a motion to accept the bid from Hamilton Tree Service in the amount of \$200 per pole, with the Sheffield Little League receiving the working lights and splitting the expense for the light removal. Younge seconded, motion carried.

The Clerk reported that the City's attorney has communicated with the previous owner of the dangerous building located at 104 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and that they have continuing responsibility relating to the building. Mr. Sorensen is also working with Franklin County Sheriff's office in efforts to serve papers to the current owner of the building.

Mayor Baker reported Mike Dorenkamp accepted a position on the Housing Rehab Committee. Baker reported that she is still working to get someone on the committee with a financial background and was in need of a Council person to step forward. Brian Crowell volunteered to be on the Committee.

The Housing Rehabilitation documents for the City's 2011 Housing Rehabilitation Program were explained by the City Clerk. Groh made a motion to adopt and approve the documents. Crowell seconded, motion carried, therefore Resolution #11-11 adopted.

The Clerk reported that she has been working with the County Engineer and County Conservation for an agreed location for the "West Fork" school sign.

Ed Anderson spoke to the Council regarding property taxes on the former school building.

No building permit applications were received.

Recommendations from the Public Water Supply Inspection were discussed.

The Council agreed to continue with necessary lawn care at 216 S 1<sup>st</sup> Street, with the charges assessed to the taxes and submitted to the County Treasurer's office.

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the September City Council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

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

Michelle Duff

Thornton City Clerk