

## **CITY OF THORNTON – DECEMBER 7, 2009 – 7:00 P.M. – CITY HALL**

The Thornton City Council met on the above date and time with Mayor Phillip McLaughlin calling the meeting to order. Council members present: Barbara Hopkey, Michael Younge, Larry Stadlander, Barry Groh, and Joy Baker. Also present: Travis Fischer, Brian Crowell, Tom Janeka and City Attorney John Sorensen.

Stadlander made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion of City monies for the Quasquicentennial celebration requested by Younge. Hopkey seconded, motion carried.

Groh made a motion to approve the minutes of the November City Council meeting and the Public Hearing. Younge seconded, motion carried.

After discussion, Groh made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Baker seconded, motion carried.

Sorensen reported that the paperwork for the real estate closings of the two parcels of property should be ready at the end of the week.

The Clerk reported that there has been correspondence with Mike Danburg of Yaggy Colby Associates regarding the drainage issue along 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Maple Street.

Janeka reported that the control panel was replaced at the pump house located on 8<sup>th</sup> Street and is working fine.

Janeka reported that IRWA brought back a camera for viewing the sewer line along N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Weather permitting; Janeka and Greg Meier will look into this.

Janeka reported that Greg Meier took 5 water samples in town for chlorine and they all tested within normal limits.

Sorensen presented a rough draft of an ordinance amendment for banning animals at City events. The first reading of the amendment will be at the January meeting.

A bill for replacing a 2” curb stop on the south side of the Thornton school building from Nettleton Excavating was discussed. Stadlander will present the bill to the SCMT School Board for a request to share in the expense.

Tyler Nelson did not attend the meeting in the matter of pet licensing.

The Clerk reported that one of the ovens at the Community Center has an element that is not working. The Council discussed the matter and asked Janeka to try to replace the element if possible.

A letter of resignation from Joyce Cox was received, effective December 1, 2009. The seasonal mowing position will be offered to part time employee, Heath Johnson.

The library budget for fiscal year 2010-11 was presented. The library is asking for \$22,500 for operational expenses, this includes payroll of library employees through the City.

Employee wages were discussed for fiscal year 2010-11. The Council requested figures of 2% and 4% for review at the January City Council meeting.

Dollar figures were discussed by the Council on an amount the City will be able to budget in fiscal year 2010-11 for the Quasquicentennial in 2010. Estimated costs for utilities will be compiled.

Michelle Duff  
City Clerk