

CITY OF THORNTON – FEBRUARY 1, 2010 – 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: Michael Younge, Larry Stadtlander, Barry Groh, and Brian Crowell. Absent: Barbara Hopkey. Also present: Tom Janeka, Mike Danburg with Yaggy Colby Associates, Travis Fischer, Bruce Smit and Shelby Steenhard.

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

Stadtlander made a motion to approve the minutes from January meeting and the budget workshop. Groh seconded, motion carried.

Stadtlander made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Younge seconded, motion carried.

City Attorney John Sorensen present at 7:05 p.m.

Sorensen reported that the buyers' attorney for Parcels 2 & 3 has requested complete details of the history of the track property. An affidavit will have to be received from the SCMT School Board for the details of the ownership.

Mike Danburg with Yaggy Colby Associates presented 3 concept cost option plans for the development plan improvements of the town. The plans included ditching along the new development for drainage, sanitary & storm sewer & water main work. This work would tie in with phase 3 & 4 of the original improvement plan that was drawn up for the water tower project.

Danburg mentioned that the larger project may qualify for I-Jobs funding which is close to 50% of the project cost. The deadline for I-Jobs grant is March 1, 2010 if the Council is interested in applying, Tom Madden would be able to meet with the Clerk to complete the application. It was agreed to have Madden meet with the Clerk to obtain information.

Mike Danburg, Shelby Steenhard, and Bruce Smit left at 8:15 p.m.

Janeka reported that he again attempted to camera the sewer line on N 2nd Street, but there were issues with the camera. Brian Nettleton is reviewing an old video tape of the line, item tabled until May.

The Clerk reported that she received a reimbursement for half of the Nettleton bill from the SCMT School District for the water shut-off repair at the Thornton school building. The Council discussed and agreed to accept the amount.

City employee wages were discussed. Groh made a motion to approve a 2% increase for City employees. This does not include the library employees that are under the library board's discretion. Younge seconded, motion carried.

Council Committees for 2010 were discussed. Stadtlander made a motion to accept the committees as presented with the exception of the Zoning Board & Board of Adjustment. These committees will be further evaluated. Crowell seconded, motion carried.

Groh made a motion to approve the liquor license application renewal for the Pleasant Valley Golf Course. Stadtlander seconded. Younge – aye, Crowell – abstained, motion carried.

Janeka reported that the water line on the south side of the bank was eliminated when Nettleton Excavating was here for the water main leak in January.

Garbage rates were discussed and tabled until the March meeting.

Discussion on how the City's Emergency Operations Plan during last week's storm worked. Revisions need to be completed in the plan and the Red Cross involvement was discussed.

A building permit at 105 S 5th Street was approved on January 13, 2010.

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

Michelle Duff
City Clerk