

CITY OF THORNTON – JANUARY 3, 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: Greg Meier, Mary Schlichting, Tom Janeka and City Attorney John Sorensen.

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

Groh made a motion to approve the minutes. Crowell seconded, motion carried.

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

Travis Fischer present at 7:10 p.m.

Mary Schlichting representing the Thornton Quas Committee reported that items have been collected for the two small vaults that will be used as the time capsules. The vaults were donated to the City by Fred Retz. Instead of burying the vaults, the committee has decided that they will display them at the City Hall and Public Library. Mayor Baker, Janeka and Schlichting sealed one of the vaults with the other one to be sealed at a later time. Schlichting suggested maybe opening the vaults in 10 years instead of 25.

Schlichting left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Sorensen reported that the owner of the dangerous building along 3rd Street is in the planning stage for demolition according to the owner's attorney. Mayor Baker and the Council requested Sorensen to obtain a timeline from attorney Cady.

There was discussion on City employee wages for F/Y 2011-12. The Council asked the Clerk to budget for a 3% increase to see if this will be feasible for the new budget. The library's employee wages are at the discretion of the library board.

Younge made a motion to designate the Pioneer Enterprise as the official newspaper of the City for 2011. Groh seconded, motion carried.

The budget workshop for F/Y 2011-12 was set for January 24, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Greg Meier presented the Waste Water Treatment Facility Report to the Council. The report noted a wet area along the lagoon berm on the western edge. The City is required to have a licensed, professional engineer submit a report addressing the leaking area no later than July 1, 2011. The Clerk will contact an engineer.

The Clerk reported that Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors has contracted with NIACOG to complete their Multi-Jurisdictional Hazardous Mitigation Plan. A meeting will be held on January 13, 2011 at 6:30 in the Courthouse.

Occasional help with snow removal was discussed. Council members are covered under the City's policy for this, but are not covered under workman's comp policy unless on payroll. Groh made a motion to pay Larry Stadlander \$10/hour for occasional snow removal help. Hopkey seconded. Younge aye, Crowell aye, Stadlander abstained. Motion carried.

Mayor Baker noted that a memorial for former City Councilman Franklin Nielsen will be given.

The Clerk reported that a representative from Good Shepherd, Inc delivered brochures for their Telephone Reassurance program. This is a free community service program for senior citizens who live alone. More information may be obtained at City Hall or on the City's website.

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

Michelle Duff
City Clerk