

**CITY OF THORNTON – JANUARY 4, 2012 – 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: Betty Jensen, Michael Younge, Larry Stadtlander, Barry Groh, and Brian Crowell. Also present: Tom Janeka and City Attorney John Sorensen.

Mayor Baker appointed Larry Stadtlander as Mayor Pro tem.

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

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

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

Sorensen reported on the upcoming court dates with the magistrate in regards to the citations filed against both the past and current owners of the dangerous building located at 104 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

City employee wages were discussed for the F/Y 2012-13. Groh suggested budgeting 2%. These numbers will be evaluated at the upcoming budget workshop and will be discussed further.

Younge made a motion to designate the Pioneer Enterprise as the official newspaper of the City for 2012. Stadtlander seconded, motion carried.

The budget workshop for F/Y 2012-13 was set for January 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Younge obtained and presented price quotes from Brakke Implement and Kanawha Equipment for a John Deere 6330 tractor to replace the City's John Deere 6320 tractor which was purchased in 2006. It was decided to see how the budget numbers look for F/Y 2012-13 prior to making a decision.

Groh made a motion to approve the building permit application for 217 S 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Younge seconded, motion carried.

Correspondence was received from the property owners at 313 S 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The owners were requesting to have a pine tree taken down that is on City property. Council members all agreed that the tree is not diseased or dying and City policy in the past has been to remove a tree if it is related to disease or is dead or in other special circumstances. Stadtlander made a motion to give permission to the property owners to have the tree removed, but at their expense. Crowell seconded, motion carried.

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

Michelle Duff

Thornton City Clerk