

CITY OF THORNTON – JUNE 7, 2011 – 6:30 P.M.

The Thornton City Council met on the above date and time with Mayor Joy Baker calling the meeting to order. Council members present: Larry Stadlander, Barry Groh, and Brian Crowell. Also present: Tom Madden with Yaggy Colby Associates and Billy Stark.

Michael Younge present at 6:31 p.m.

Groh made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of mosquito spraying. Stadlander seconded, motion carried.

Younge made a motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting as presented. Crowell seconded, motion carried.

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

Mayor Baker reported on the recent landfill meeting.

Michelle Duff present at 6:36 p.m.

City Attorney, John Sorensen present at 6:40 p.m.

Tom Madden with Yaggy Colby Associates presented the lagoon leakage report. Based on the geotechnical investigation it appears that the west berm of the south cell near the apparent leak is saturated. In addition, moist soils and wetland type plants were found on the west berm of the north lagoon. This is reasonable indication of leakage.

Tom Janeka and Barbara Hopkey present at 6:45 p.m.

Duane Mabb present at 6:48 p.m.

Ed & Arlene Anderson present at 6:50 p.m.

Methods of corrective action were discussed. #1 localized berm repair, #2 new earthen liner and #3 new synthetic liner. Option #1 had the lowest Capital Costs, but had the potential for leakage to migrate to unknown weak areas. Option #2 would meet current standards and extend the life of the lagoon 20-30 years or more & no potential for leaks to migrate, but is very costly. Option #3 a very reliable seal & easy to repair, but UV rays from the sun eventually degrade the material.

Due to the high cost of this type of project, the Clerk will contact NIACOG for potential grants. Sewer rates will be re-evaluated and increased based on the cost of the project and any funding received.

The Council agreed to meet on June 27, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. with Madden to approve the final report to send to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Madden left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Representing the Thornton Lion's Club, Duane Mabb told the Council that the Lion's would like to give the deed to the former skating rink to the City. Younge made a motion to accept the appropriate deed, with any costs paid by the City. Hopkey seconded, motion carried.

Mabb left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Janeka reported that Nettleton Excavating has completed the final stages of the 2010 Utilities Improvement project, the area has been leveled off and seeded.

Crowell made a motion to accept the cost estimate from Nettleton Excavating, not to exceed \$750 to cap the drinking fountain line at the City Park. Stadlander seconded, motion carried.

Groh made a motion to accept the cost estimate from Nettleton Excavating, not to exceed \$950 to repair the sink hole on the north side of 213 N 6th Street. Stadlander seconded, motion carried.

The cost estimate for the water main replacement from 5th Street to 8th Street along Larch Street was discussed. This project will be placed on hold.

A cost estimate from Nettleton Excavating to remove light poles from the former football/baseball complex was received. After some discussion, Younge volunteered to look into other options.

The dangerous building at 104 N 3rd Street was discussed. The owner has signed a quit claim deed to another party. Correspondence has been sent from Sorensen to the owner's attorney.

The fire department tabled the request from the City to use the meeting room as a new polling site. Younge reported that a majority of the firemen did not want the room to be used for the site. After discussion, the Clerk requested to have this issue dropped.

The "Thornton" lettering from the school building was tabled.

Estimated costs for the City to extend water and sewer to the property lines at the former baseball/football complex were discussed.

Stadtlander made a motion to approve the cigarette permit application at Classic Stop. Groh seconded, Hopkey – aye, Younge – aye, Crowell abstained, motion carried.

The Clerk reported Earl Hill with North Iowa Spin would like permission again this year for the Bicycle, Blues, and BBQ Festival on July 9th and 10th. Stadtlander made a motion to grant permission to the club to hold their competitive race through Thornton on 1st Street and Larch Street on Sunday, the 10th. Crowell seconded, motion carried, therefore Resolution #11-06 adopted.

The Clerk reported that the Cerro Gordo County Public Health Department would like to utilize the Community Center as a point of dispensing site in the midst of emergency. Groh made a motion to accept the agreement with the Health Department. Crowell seconded, motion carried.

Effective July 1, 2011, City water and sewer service rates will increase by 2.7% according to the City' Code of Ordinances.

Stadtlander made a motion to approve changing the pay schedule breakdown to cost center percentages for the City Clerk each pay period. Crowell seconded, motion carried, therefore Resolution #11-07 adopted.

Building permit applications that were approved prior to the meeting were 712 Larch Street, 708 Main Street, and 504 Larch Street.

The Clerk reported that she had several citizen complaints on the infestation of mosquitoes over the weekend and she notified Mosquito Control of Iowa. The first spraying of the season is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 2011, weather permitting. The Mayor and Clerk each reported a citizen contacted them about not wanting to be sprayed. They are both on the Pre-notification/no spray registry.

The July City Council meeting was moved to Monday, July 11, 2011 due to the Independence Day holiday.

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

Michelle Duff

City Clerk