

CITY OF THORNTON – MARCH 18, 2010 – 6:00 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Thornton City Council met in special session 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: Pam Wonsmos, Shelby & Alana Steenhard, and Bruce & Melanie Smit.

Younge made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the alley between 3rd & 4th Street, between Main and Larch Streets. Crowell seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Baker opened the Public Hearing for the proposed sale of City property, formally known as the school track located on north of 7th Street. There were no written or oral objections regarding the sale. Groh made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Younge seconded, motion carried.

Groh made a motion to approve the sale of the above property. Younge seconded. Roll call vote: Younge – aye, Stadtlander – aye, Groh – aye, Crowell – aye. Therefore Resolution #10-03 adopted.

Smits', Steenhard's', and Wonsmos left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

The fencing on City property along Elm Street from 5th to 6th Street and along N 5th Street was discussed. Crowell made a motion to approve removing the fence from this area and installing it at the City Park ball field, the work to be completed by volunteers. Groh seconded, motion carried.

The Clerk reported that through correspondence, the County Auditor's Office has removed the tax levy for support of the public library for the 2010-11 fiscal year budget. In order for the City to have this levy, it will need to go to a public vote at the general election in November.

The Clerk reported that the City received correspondence from the County Engineer, Mary Kelly regarding the Transfer of Jurisdiction for Farm-to Market roads. When the State transferred Old Hwy 107 to the County, it excluded the towns of Meservey and Thornton. An error was found this year when the County submitted their annual report to the IDOT. Section 4 of the agreement was never acted upon, therefore the County has continued to maintain the route through town, but has not received the Road Use Tax money for this. At this time, the County is asking if the City is interested in completing the transaction now. With the completion of the transfer the County would continue to maintain the route and receive the appropriate share of the Road Use Tax money. Stadtlander made a motion to complete the transfer to the County. Groh seconded, motion carried.

There was discussion of pot holes in the alley between 3rd & 4th Street, between Main and Larch Streets.

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

Michelle Duff
City Clerk