

**CITY OF THORNTON – MAY 3, 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: Barbara Hopkey, Michael Younge, Larry Stadlander, Barry Groh and Brian Crowell. Also present: Travis Fischer, Mike Danburg with Yaggy Colby Associates, Ed & Arlene Anderson and Bob Welper with the I.D.O.T.

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

Mayor Baker opened the Public Hearing for the Budget Amendment for fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. There were no written or oral objections. Hopkey made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Crowell seconded, motion carried. Stadlander made a motion to adopt by resolution the budget amendment for fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. Groh seconded, motion carried, therefore Resolution #10-04 adopted.

Stadlander made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Younge seconded, motion carried.

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

Jim Doeden & John Sorensen present at 7:05 p.m.

Mike Danburg with Yaggy Colby Associates presented the Professional Services Proposal for Option 1 of the 2010 Utilities Improvement Project to the Council along with the consideration of Option 3 pending notification of an I-JOBS award.

Tom Janeka present at 7:10 p.m.

Younge made a motion to accept the proposal from Yaggy Colby and to proceed with the scope of services described in the agreement for Option 1. Crowell seconded, motion carried.

Don Dorenkamp and John Ingebretson present at 7:15 p.m.

Mike Danburg left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Bruce Smit present at 7:20 p.m.

Bob Welper with the I.D.O.T. was present to explain the history of old hwy 107 through Thornton. Welper explained that there were different options for the City to consider, with one of them signing a transfer of jurisdiction agreement with the County in which a portion of the City's Road Use Tax would go to the County for continued maintenance to the road. Another option would to continue with the current situation in which the County maintains the road, but doesn't receive monies from the City's Road Use Tax. The Council discussed the matter and will invite Bob Amosson and Mary Kelly from the County to attend the June meeting for more information.

Welper and Smit left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Younge and Stadlander recommended the Council approve street patching from the proposal from Heartland Asphalt, with the exception of item 16. An arrangement to split the invoice over fiscal year 2010 and fiscal year 2011 was approved by Dave Ricken with Heartland. Groh made a motion to accept the recommendation. Hopkey seconded, motion carried.

On behalf of the library board, Hopkey requested that the library board terms be reduced from 6 years to 3. There was no objection from the Council on the request; therefore Sorensen will prepare an amendment for the June meeting. Hopkey reported that Elaine Kjar resigned from the board due to moving from the community and she wanted to extend a thank you to Elaine for her service of 50+ years on the library board.

Crowell and Groh reported on the Emergency Management meeting that they attended in April presented by Steve O'Neil.

The Clerk gave an update on the activities of the "Quas" volunteers and contracts for the celebration in July. Anyone wishing to donate their time to help spruce up the town can meet at the fire station on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m., with the rain date set for June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Don Dorenkamp and John Ingebretson asked if the Council would consider opening the Community Center for their card group to play cards in the afternoons during the week along with anyone else wishing to play cards. Dorenkamp stressed that it would not be a place for gambling and anytime the City rented the building out, they would understand. The group generates funds each month that would be given to the City for extra expenses that the City would incur from their use.

Dorenkamp and Ingebretson left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

The Council unanimously approved to open the Community Center for those that wished to participate in social card playing.

Approval was given to repair a culvert located at 608 Maple Street.

There was discussion of services provided by the City to the County at no cost to the County.

The Mayor reported that she received a complaint from a citizen on the amount of times the siren sounds each day and the noise level. The Council discussed that they elected these features when the new siren was purchased and the feedback has been very positive from citizens. No changes will be made at this time.

Estimates from Nuehring's Lawn & Tree Service and Outdoor Services, Inc were reviewed for weed control on City property. Younge made a motion to accept the estimate from Outdoor Services, Inc. Hopkey seconded, motion carried.

It was noted that the franchise agreement between the City and Rockwell Cooperative Telephone needs to be renewed for cable television.

The Clerk presented a price list of items to be charged to citizens for misc. items taken to the landfill by the City, along with merchandise items for sale. Crowell made a motion to accept the list as presented. Stadlander seconded, therefore Resolution #10-05 adopted.

Nuisance properties within the City limits were discussed. Letters will be sent to property owners that are in violation of the City Code.

Building permit applications at 113 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 405 N 1<sup>st</sup> Street, and 305 Willow Street were approved.

A building permit application for 501 N 4<sup>th</sup> Street was reviewed. Stadlander made a motion to approve the application. Hopkey seconded, Younge – aye, Crowell – aye, Groh – abstained. Motion carried.

A building permit application for 413 N 7<sup>th</sup> Street was reviewed. Younge made a motion to approve the application. Crowell seconded, motion carried.

Younge noted that the poles and fencing were removed from the old football/baseball complex and installation has begun at the City Park, except for the back stop.

Jim Doeden complimented the Council on the condition of the City streets and the new ordinance for the collection of garbage. Doeden expressed concerns over animal control in town and would like this addressed at the next meeting.

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

Michelle Duff

City Clerk

