

CITY OF THORNTON – MAY 2, 2011 – 7:00 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: Barbara Hopkey, Barry Groh, and Brian Crowell. Absent: Michael Younge and Larry Stadlander. Also present: Mary Schlichting and Tom Janeka.

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

Mayor Baker opened the Public Hearing for the Budget Amendment for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. There were no written or oral objections. Crowell made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Hopkey seconded, motion carried. Hopkey made a motion to adopt by resolution the budget amendment for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. Groh seconded, motion carried, therefore Resolution #11-03 adopted.

Travis Fischer and City Attorney John Sorensen present at 7:05 p.m.

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

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

The Board of Adjustment held Public Hearings earlier in the evening. The Board recommended approving the building permit application at 508 Maple Street and the conditional use permit application at 113 N 9th Street. Groh made a motion to accept by Resolution, the Board of Adjustment's approval for the building permit application at 508 Maple Street. Hopkey seconded, motion carried, therefore Resolution #11-04 adopted. Hopkey made a motion to accept by Resolution, the Board of Adjustment's approval for the "Conditional Use" permit application. Crowell seconded, motion carried, therefore Resolution #11-05 adopted.

The Clerk reported that weather permitting; Chosen Valley will be performing the borings at the lagoon this week.

The first reading to amend the Ordinance for prohibited dumpster use was read. Crowell made a motion to approve the first reading and to waive the 2nd and final readings. Groh seconded, motion carried. Ordinance amendment approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 1026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VI PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT, CHAPTER 5 UTILITIES – BILLING CHARGES of the City Code of Ordinances of Thornton, Iowa by amending Section 6-5-9.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THORNTON, IOWA:

SECTION I. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Ordinance TITLE VI PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT, CHAPTER 5 UTILITIES – BILLING CHARGES and, specifically, Section 6-5-9 thereof by adding 6-5-9(3).

SECTION II. AMENDMENT. TITLE VI PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT, CHAPTER 5 UTILITIES – BILLING CHARGES and Section 6-5-9 of the City Code of Thornton, Iowa which provides for the water rates and sewer rates charged by the City, is hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 6-5-9 is hereby amended to include the following provision:

6-5-9 REFUSE COLLECTION RATES.

2. **PROHIBITED USE/ENFORCEMENT.** No person shall use in any manner facilities or dumpsters other than those specifically rented to or by such person through the City or as may be otherwise authorized by the City. Such use shall include but not limited to the unauthorized placing of items in dumpsters serviced by the City. Such unauthorized use shall be a misdemeanor hereunder or otherwise pursued as a municipal infraction.

Bids from Heartland Asphalt, Blacktop Service Co, and North Iowa Sand & Gravel were reviewed. Crowell made a motion to accept Heartland Asphalt's bid of \$4,329 for item no.1 –

Larch Street patch, E. of 8th Street intersection and item no. 2 – 2nd Street SE from Walnut Street to S. end for asphalt mat and overlay. Hopkey seconded, motion carried.

The Clerk reported that the sites for the Small City Workshops are rotated annually by the League of Cities.

The cost estimate from Nettleton Excavating to replace the water main from 5th Street to 8th was tabled until the June meeting. Estimates for the City park fountain and sink hole at 213 N 6th Street will be prepared for the June meeting.

Sorensen reported that there has been no response from the owner's attorney regarding the dangerous building located at 104 N 3rd Street.

The City's polling site was discussed.

Mary Schlichting was present to ask if the City would have property available to place the "Thornton" lettering from the school building prior to demolition. Tabled until the June meeting.

The future of Parcel 1, the 2.78 acres of City property located along 5th Street and Elm Street was discussed. Tabled until the June meeting.

Disturbance of the alley between 3rd & 4th Streets and Main and Larch Streets was discussed. The City Attorney will send correspondence to the property owner.

The Clerk reported that the Quas Committee has decided to use some of their remaining funds to purchase holiday pole decorations for the City. Approximately \$5000.00 of the committee's money will be used.

The Mayor announced that the Quas Committee is hosting a community appreciation supper on Sunday, July 10th from 5-7 p.m. in the fire barn to thank the community for their support of the Quas celebration last summer.

A bid from Outdoor Services was received for weed control. Crowell made a motion to accept the bid. Hopkey seconded, motion carried.

The Clerk reported that Mosquito Control of Iowa has increased their price by 4% for the 2011 season. Groh made a motion to accept the proposal. Crowell seconded, motion carried. People wanting to be notified can come to the City Hall and sign a pre-notification/no spray register prior to May 15, 2011.

Building permits at 308 N 6th Street and 200 Willow Street were approved earlier by the Clerk.

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

Michelle Duff

City Clerk