

CITY OF THORNTON – OCTOBER 4, 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, Larry Stadlander, Barry Groh, and Brian Crowell. Absent: Michael Younge. Also present: Travis Fischer, Ed & Arlene Anderson, Tom Janeka, and Dana Heimbuch & Steve Wendt of NIACOG.

Groh made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of “blue bags”. Stadlander seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Baker opened the Public Hearing for the Housing Fund grant Application. Minutes of the hearing are in Resolution #10-13.

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

Steve Wendt presented NIACOG’s agenda item #2, selecting a Technical Services Provider for the City of Thornton for the 2011 Housing Fund owner-occupied rehabilitation program. Hopkey moved to select the North Iowa Council of Governments to be the technical services provider for the City, contingent on the award of grant funds by IDED. Stadlander seconded. All ayes, therefore Resolution #10-14 adopted.

Discussion and updates to the City’s Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment were reviewed. Stadlander made a motion to approve the final draft of the assessment. Hopkey seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Baker announced at 7:20 p.m. that this was the time and place for a Public Hearing, as per published notice, regarding the authorization of the issuance of a Municipal loan in a principal amount not to exceed \$50,000. There were no written objections and no oral objectors at the hearing. Stadlander made a motion to close the hearing. Crowell seconded, motion carried. Hearing closed at 7:25 p.m. Motion by Groh and seconded by Stadlander to adopt by Resolution approving the issuance of a municipal loan in the principal amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. Roll call vote was taken, all ayes, therefore Resolution #10-15 adopted.

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

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

Janeka gave an update of the 2010 Utilities Project.

Mr. Sorensen reported that no further correspondence has been received from the owner or attorney of the dangerous building. Sorensen would like estimated costs for demolition.

Mr. Sorensen stated he would follow up on the junk vehicle and issue a citation.

The Mayor reported that Billy Stark has been hired for the temporary part time position to help Tom with City garbage pickup.

The alley between 3rd/ 4th Streets and Main/Larch Streets was discussed. Mr. Sorensen felt that the City has addressed the problem with work performed by Nettleton Excavation and input from Heartland asphalt.

An oral proposal was presented from Nielsen Plumbing & Heating for the sale of a heater, hanger, thermostat and vent pipe for \$750.00. No action was taken.

Mosquito Control – tabled.

The Clerk presented information that she gathered from other communities on how brush pickup is handled. Several communities do not offer this service, some charge a monthly fee on customers utility bills, and others only pickup brush after a major storm. After much discussion,

it was decided to continue with small brush pickup, but the City will not load and haul entire trees away. If a citizen has a large amount of brush, it will be the owner's responsibility to contact the City for the use of the City truck. The owner will be responsible for loading the truck and a fee of \$50 per load will be charged.

Janeka reported that another hole has been found 6 feet east of the previous site located on the north side of the property located at 213 N 6th Street. The hole has been filled with rock until Nettleton Excavating can assess the problem.

Mayor Baker gave a report on the meetings that NIACOG and the Landfill of North Iowa held in September.

The Mayor declared to set Trick-or-Treat hours from 5-7 p.m. on October 31, 2010.

Several new ideas were discussed for the City's website.

The Drug & Alcohol policy that is in the City's handbook was discussed.

The Clerk reported that the Data Technologies Fall User meeting is Wednesday, October 20, 2010 in Des Moines.

Stadtlander had a citizen inquire about selling the blue garbage bags at a business in town. It was decided to continue to sell bags only from the City Hall.

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

Michelle Duff

City Clerk