

## **CITY OF THORNTON – SEPTEMBER 7, 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: Ed & Arlene Anderson, Bruce Smit and Travis Fischer.

Stadlander made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of the alley between 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Main & Larch Street and a heater offer. Younge seconded, motion carried.

Groh made a motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting and special meeting after an amendment to the August 2, 2010 minutes, in which the Clerk had omitted the following, Stadlander made a motion to move forward with the Housing Rehab Grant Application and Groh seconded, motion carried. Crowell seconded the amended minutes and special meeting minutes, motion carried.

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

Bruce Smit was present to inquire about rock at the building site on N 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Smit had more rock delivered to the site and requested rock from the City to be available during construction. Per direction of Mike Danburg, Yaggy Colby Associates, no more rock should be hauled in, as it may disrupt the design of the project. Smit agreed to this. A preconference with Brian Nettleton, the contractor for the project, Yaggy Colby Associates, and Alliant Energy will be held on Monday, September 13, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in City Hall.

The Clerk notified the Council that public notice is required for a municipal loan for the 2010 Utilities Improvement Project. It will be published as required by Iowa Code prior to the October City Council meeting.

Groh made a motion to authorize the transfer or liquidation of funds from specific general & sewer fund CD's for the payment of construction costs attributable to the 2010 Utilities Improvement Project. Hopkey seconded, all ayes, therefore Resolution #10-11 adopted.

The Clerk reported that the owner of the dangerous building on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street received mail from the City by certified mail, but has not responded to the letter. Estimates for demolition will be obtained and will be passed on to the owner's attorney.

Tom Janeka present at 7:20 p.m.

The junk vehicle nuisance on Larch Street was tabled.

The Clerk reported that the application process has started on the Housing Rehabilitation Program for 2011 funding. A survey is required for owner-occupied residents in order to find out what residents are eligible. The Council set the date to hand out surveys for Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. The survey must be returned to the Clerk in City Hall by October 1, 2010.

The need of a temporary part time sanitation employee was discussed. The Clerk will contact IMWCA regarding this issue.

The Clerk presented the Annual Street Finance Report for F/Y ending June 30, 2010. Stadlander made a motion to approve the report. Crowell seconded, all ayes, therefore Resolution #10-12 adopted.

The Clerk reported that the Iowa Department of Agriculture received a complaint regarding mosquito spraying by Mosquito Control of Iowa. An investigation is under way regarding if the sprayer is being shut off at a no spray residence. A witness reported that the sprayer is being shut off and gave a written statement to the department. Correspondence will be made with Mosquito Control of Iowa.

Janeka reported that the Iowa DNR was here last week to investigate the fish kill located in Bailey Creek south of the City's lagoon. The DNR found that the kill had nothing to do with the City's lagoon system. During the DNR's investigation a leak around the bank of the lagoon was found. A formal investigation will be performed within the next quarter by the DNR.

The Clerk reported the results of the IMWCA payroll audit showed a credit of \$355 for F/Y ending June 30, 2010.

WHKS 2010 bridge inspection report for the new 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge showed no deficiencies.

Notice was given of the date change for plastic, glass, and tin recycling. The pickup date will be on Tuesday, September 21, 2010, along with regular garbage pickup.

Building permits at 312 N 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 300 Maple Street were approved by the Clerk.

Brush pickup was discussed. The number of large piles of brush is increasing and is becoming quite costly and time consuming to the City. The Clerk will gather information on how this is handled in other communities and report to the Council at the October meeting.

Groh reported that the owner of the garage in the alley between 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Main & Larch Street is unhappy with what the City has done to alleviate the drainage issues. The owner hasn't had any issues since the grading of the alley, but feels there will be an issue in the spring. This matter will be discussed at the October meeting.

Mayor Baker informed the Council that Nielsen Plumbing & Heating has offered to sell the slightly used heater, hanger, thermostat and vent pipe that he purchased from the SCMT School District. The asking price is \$750.00. This will be placed on the October agenda.

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

Michelle Duff

City Clerk