CITY OF THORNTON – JANUARY 3, 2022 – 6:30 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Thornton City Council met on the above date and time with Mayor Jensen calling the meeting to order. Council members present: Joe Colman, Randy Bohman, Larry Stadtlander, Roger Engebretson, and Michael Hopkey. Also present: City Attorney Mike Moeller, Tom Janeka, Bill Ries, Mary Schlichting, Betty Jensen, Tara Lilliberg, Amanda Crowell, Kourtney Willman, and Nan Jurgens.

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

Jensen opened the public hearing for thenotice of ordinance the code of ordinances of the City of Thornton, Iowa, by adding a new section allowing residential use of a conditional basis in the commercial district. There were no written, oral, or public objections. Bohman made a motion to close the public hearing. Hopkey seconded, unanimous roll call vote, motion carried. Colman made a motion to accept the addition to the code. Stadtlander seconded, unanimous roll call vote, motion carried. Bohman made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings. Colman seconded, unanimous roll call vote, motion carried. Engebretson made a motion to make a final approval on the addition to the code. Hopkey seconded, unanimous roll call vote, motion carried.

Crowell discussed the quote for the zipline in the park. Mission Thornton is asking the city to help with funding. Stadtlander made a motion to have the city help out with the minimal funding needed. Colman seconded, motion carried.

Crowell, Lilliberg, Jensen, Schlichting, Willman, and Jurgens left at 6:40 p.m.

Ries updated the council on the water main project. Things are moving along. Discussion about the mud on Larch Street was heard. Stadtlander made a motion to pay the 2nd pay estimate. Engebretson seconded, unanimous roll call vote, motion carried.

Salaries for City employees was discussed for F/Y 2022-23 budgeting purposes. The discussion for a percentage increase was held at length, going back and forth from 8% to 4% to 5%. Engebretson made a motion for a 4.9% increase across the board. Stadtlander seconded, not a unanimous roll call vote, motion carried. City employees are very grateful to the City Council for the increase.

Mayor Jensen appointed the following for 2022. City Clerk – Megan Hobscheidt, Public Works – Tom Janeka and Charles Malotte, Public Utilities – Trev Murphy, Tom Janeka, and Megan Hobscheidt, City Attorney – Sorenson/Moeller Law Office (Mike Moeller & John Sorenson), Official Newspaper – Pioneer Enterprise. Stadtlander made a motion to approve the appointments. Hopkey seconded, motion carried.

Budget proposals have been distributed to the departments.

Stadtlander made a motion to hold the public hearing for the maximum property tax levy at the February 7th meeting. Bohman seconded, motion carried.

Discussion was held on making changes or adjustments to the employee handbook. Stadtlander made a motion to disapprove this request. Engebretson seconded, not a unanimous roll call vote, motion carried.

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

Megan Hobscheidt

Thornton City Clerk

Mike Jensen

City of Thornton Mayor