**CITY OF THORNTON – AUGUST 7, 2017 – 7:00 P.M. – CITY HALL**

The Thornton City Council met on the above date and time with Mayor Crowell calling the meeting to order. Council members present: Betty Jensen, Michael Younge, Randall Bohman and Rob Duff. Absent: Shelby Steenhard. Also, present: Hunter Shever, reporter with the Pioneer Enterprise, City Attorney, Mike Moeller and Mike Jensen.

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

Duff made a motion to approve the minutes. Jensen seconded, motion carried.

Younge made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Bohman seconded, motion carried.

The Clerk gave an update on Well #1. Cahoy Pump & Well Service returned to the site to reassemble the well piping and pump. Workers noticed the pump wasn’t running correctly and felt it was electrical. Alliant Energy was contacted and found a hole in one of three transformers. They reported it was caused by lightning. All three transformers were replaced by Alliant. Cahoy will be returning to complete the work.

The Clerk reported that the City Park Shelter House roof and the Library’s gutter guards have been replaced from the May 15th hail claim.

Attorney Moeller reported he sent correspondence to 308 N 2nd Street regarding unlicensed vehicles and neighborhood complaints regarding the motorhome. The vehicles are now in compliance with City Code.

Younge made a motion to table the review of potential additions/changes to the City Code due to the amount of literature sent from Chris Diggins with NIACOG. Duff seconded, motion carried.

The Clerk presented a proposal from Culligan Water Conditioning for a water softener for the Community Center, along with an estimate from Sam’s Club for a Bunn Commercial Brewer with 3 warmers. The Council requested a couple of more proposals for a softener. These will be presented at the September meeting.

Duff reported that he was approached by property owner Jack Colburn, 337 Main Street to see if the City would be interested in purchasing the property, the building would require repairs. Mayor Crowell asked that the fire department and Emt’s discuss this at their meetings to see if there is interest to pursue.

The Clerk reported that the properties at 312, 316, and 320 Main Street are in poor condition. Photos displaying this were reviewed by the Council. Attorney Moeller felt that the City should contact Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health to confirm the City’s findings and proceed thereafter.

Duff asked if there was Council interest in pursuing the creation of City Storm Sewer Maps. The maps would aid the City in future projects. The Council agreed to get a proposal from Tom Madden, with SEH Engineering.

The Clerk reported the source to the excess water in the south ditch along Maple Street was due to a water meter break at 213 N 7th Street. Water has been disconnected until repairs are made and the ditch has since dried up.

Building Permit Applications for roof repairs from 113 N 3rd Street and 113 Walnut Street were approved prior to the meeting by the Clerk.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the September meeting has been moved to Monday, September 11th.

Bohman made a motion to adopt by Resolution, 2016-17 fiscal year-end transfers. Jensen seconded, all ayes, therefore Resolution #17-11 adopted.

Jensen requested a spreadsheet of expense/revenues for the City’s clean-up day and Ragbrai.

Younge made a motion to adjourn. Jensen seconded, motion carried.

Michelle Duff, Thornton City Clerk Brian Crowell, Mayor City of Thornton