**CITY OF THORNTON – JULY 10, 2017 – 7:00 P.M. – CITY HALL**

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

Duff made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the property at 308 N 2nd Street. Bohman seconded, motion carried.

Steenhard made a motion to approve the minutes from the June meeting. Jensen seconded, motion carried.

Duff made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Steenhard seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Crowell opened the Public Hearing for the proposed sale & disposition of the real property located at 412 N 4th Street. There were no written or oral objections. Steenhard made a motion to close the public hearing. Younge seconded, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Bohman made a motion to approve the sale & disposition of 412 N 4th Street to Marshal & Oksana Polsdofer for the purchase price of $1,000.00. Steenhard seconded, roll call vote, all ayes, therefore Resolution #17-10 adopted.

Mayor Crowell gave a brief synopsis of the drainage tile repair work done on Sunnyside. As stated in past meetings, Crowell told the Council that the City has 3 options if a bill is presented to them. To pay the bill in full, to share in the cost of the repairs or to pay nothing. Crowell asked if a bill had been received. Mike Jensen presented a bill from Lambertson Excavating, billed to Betty Jensen in the amount of $1,290.40. Council member Jensen stated that since the work wasn’t done on her property, and that it was on Engebretson property, she would make a motion for the City to pay the bill. Motion died for lack of a second. Discussion again was made on who hired the contractor for the work to be done, no City employee, Council members or Mayor authorized the work to be done. Younge questioned why the City should be responsible and how the tile failed. According to Mike Jensen, the tile was full of tree roots. City sewer and water lines run above and below the tile. After much discussion, Bohman made a motion to have the bill removed from Betty Jensen’s name and put into the City’s and for the City to pay 25% of the total bill for the drainage tile repair done on Scott Engebretson’s land, with the remaining balance divided equally by all property owners in the entire Sunnyside subdivision, including property owners on the west side of S 1st Street since all of these properties benefit from the tile for drainage. Steenhard seconded. Younge aye, Bohman aye, Duff aye, Steenhard aye, Jensen abstained, motion carried.

Mike Jensen, president of the PVGC board asked what the City would do for the golf course for the great Iowa bike ride that is coming through Thornton on Wednesday, July 26th. Jensen commented that if the City was to charge for dumpsters that the golf course couldn’t afford the expense and he felt the City should work with the golf course. He also wanted hydrant access for a water bottle fill station. Bohman made a motion to provide 3 dumpsters and hydrant access to the golf course for this one-day event at no charge. Council member Jensen seconded, motion carried.

Mike Jensen and Scott Engebretson left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

The Clerk reported that Cahoy Pump inquired if the City wanted the televising option at a cost of $1,650.00, when pulling well #1 on N 8th Street. Younge made a motion to decline this option. Steenhard seconded, motion carried.

Janeka reported that the “Clean up our Community Day” on June 26th was a success. Close to 70 tv’s and appliances and over 6 tons of garbage and miscellaneous items were hauled away. The Landfill of North Iowa also held their hazardous waste collection on this day, which also had great participation. Special thanks to resident Jerry Thomas for organizing and helping with the clean-up.

Janeka reported that the insurance adjuster from the May 15th hail storm found roof damage at the City’s shelter house and damage to the gutter-guards and down spouts at the library. The City is waiting for estimates for the repairs.

Mayor Crowell made the following board appointments: Library Board - Julie Bell and Barbara Hopkey, 3-year terms. Board of Adjustment – Carrie Andersen, 5-year term. Zoning Board – Alana Steenhard, 5-year term.

The Clerk reported the City was a grant recipient of the Cerro Gordo County Community Foundation. The amount of $2,025.00 was received to update lighting & outlets in the Community Center.

Steenhard made a motion to accept the estimate of $150.00 from LeDoux Signs to replace the address numbers at the Community Center. Duff seconded, motion carried.

The Clerk reported Goodwill is having a Donation Drive in Thornton from Friday, August 18th to Friday, August 25th. The trailer will be located at K & H Co-op, 100 Larch Street. The flyer will be posted on the City’s website and FACEBOOK page with the details.

Building permit applications at 505 N 5th Street and 205 2nd Street SE were approved.

Neighboring property owners of 308 N 2nd Street reported multiple issues with the tenants. A report of an unlicensed vehicle, one of the tenants living on the property in a motorhome and the number of times the sheriff’s deputies have been called to the property. The Council agreed to have Attorney Moeller correspond with the tenants.

Due to the Iowa Bike Ride that is coming through Thornton on Wednesday, July 26th, both garbage and plastic, glass & tin recycling will be picked up on Monday, July 24th. There will be no pick up on the 25th or 27th.

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

Michelle Duff

Thornton City Clerk

Brian Crowell

Mayor, City of Thornton