**CITY OF THORNTON – JUNE 4, 2018 – 6:30 P.M. – CITY HALL**

The Thornton City Council met on the above date and time with Mayor Mike Jensen calling the meeting to order. Council members present: Betty Jensen, Michael Younge, Randall Bohman, Rob Duff, and Roger Engebretson. Also, present: City Attorney Mike Moeller, Tom Janeka and Earl Hill with the North Iowa Spin.

Duff made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of citizens pools and meeting dates. Younge seconded, motion carried.

Duff made a motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting. Bohman seconded, motion carried.

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

Earl Hill with the North Iowa Spin requested permission to use the roads within City limits for the road race on Sunday, July 8th. Duff made a motion to allow the North Iowa Spin and Clear Lake Parks and Recreation Department permission to use the roads within City limits for the competitive cycling road race on Sunday, July 8th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Younge seconded. Roll call vote: Jensen aye, Younge aye, Bohman aye, Duff aye, Engebretson aye, therefore Resolution # 18-09 adopted.

Hill left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Written proposals for water meter replacements were presented from Metering & Technology Solutions in the amount of $61,600 + City software expenses and Ferguson Waterworks/Meter & Automation in the amount of $53,875. The proposals were based on 225 – ¾” meters. There will also be the expense of a handful of larger meters. After some discussion, the Council was in agreement to invite Brad Klein of Ferguson Waterworks/Meter & Automation to a future meeting for a demonstration.

Bohman left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Younge made a motion to table tree removal estimates. Duff seconded, motion carried.

Janeka reported a security camera system has been purchased for the City park restrooms and will be installed.

The Clerk reported the City Clean-up Day flyers for June have been sent out to Thornton residents.

Attorney Moeller went over the final draft of the 28E Agreement between the Thornton & Meservey EMT’s. Engebretson made a motion to adopt by Resolution the agreement. Duff seconded. Roll call vote: Jensen aye, Younge aye, Duff aye, Engebretson aye, therefore Resolution #18-10 adopted.

Mayor Jensen read the first reading to amend provisions in Title VI, Physical Environment, Chapter 5, Utilities, Subsections 8, 9, & 10 pertaining to water, refuse and sewer charges. Duff made a motion to approve the first reading. Engebretson seconded, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Younge made a motion to waive the second and final readings. Jensen seconded, roll call vote, all ayes, therefore Ordinance #1049 adopted.

**ORDINANCE #1049**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF THORNTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING 6-5-8, 6-5-9 AND 6-5-10 PERTAINING TO RATES AND AUTOMATIC INCREASES**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THORNTON, IOWA

By amended to the following:

6-5-8 WATER RATES. Water shall be furnished at the following monthly rates per property serviced within the City limits:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84(1))

Water Service Fee $15.91 per month.

$ 3.99 per 1,000 gallons.

Bulk Water Fee $17.46 per 1,000 gallons.

The minimum charge shall be $15.91 per household or business building per month.

The minimum charge shall be $15.91 per household or business building per month. Further, on each successive July 1 thereafter, the monthly billing for the base minimum charge and the consumption charge for water used and the bulk water fee shall be increased automatically by 3%. Said increase shall be automatic unless the Clerk is directed to not make such annual increase by action of the City Council prior to said July 1 date.

6-5-9 REFUSE COLLECTION RATES. There shall be collected by the City for its services in collecting garbage and rubbish, the following mandatory fees:

1. Residence Rate. For each resident with alley or curb pickup, $16.39 per month for one garbage or rubbish collection each week. The base fee of $16.39 shall be for one bag up to 33 gallons and less than 40 pounds in weight. Additional bags of garbage will require a bag or sticker purchased at City Hall. Bags (15 gallon) and stickers may be purchased in rolls/sheets of ten (10) for $12.00 and $15.00 respectively. In the event that alley or curb pickup for any residence is not feasible, the City Clerk is hereby empowered to enter into an agreement with such resident for any additional charge to be paid by such resident for any other location of pickup that may be agreed upon.

2. Commercial Rate. $30.00 per dumpster, per month, plus a monthly $16.39 garbage fee per business. For those businesses without a monthly dumpster rental, each collection shall include one bag up to 33 gallons (less than 40 pounds in weight) with additional bags requiring a bag or sticker purchased at City Hall in the same manner as relates to residential customers.

1. Dumpsters. The City will make available for occasional use dumpsters which may be rented for commercial or residential use at the sole discretion of the City for a period of up to two weeks at such rates and under such terms and conditions as the City, from time to time, adopt by Resolution which terms and conditions may specifically include the authority of the City to remove the dumpster from the property where the same is located.

3. Automatic Rate Increase. The rates established herein for refuse collection shall be effective on July 1. Further, on each successive July 1 thereafter, the monthly billing for the base minimum charge shall be increased automatically by 3%. Said increase shall be automatic unless the Clerk is directed to not make such annual increase by action of the City Council prior to said, July 1 date.

4. Prohibited Use/Enforcement. No person shall use in any manner facilities or dumpsters other than those specifically rented to or by such person through the City or as may be otherwise authorized by the City. Such use shall include but not be limited to the unauthorized placing of items in dumpsters serviced by the City. Such unauthorized use shall be a misdemeanor or otherwise pursued as a municipal infraction.

6-5-10 RATE OF SEWER RENT AND MANNER OF PAYMENT.

The rate of sewer rent for each premise shall be as follows:

Sewer Service Fee $30.14 minimum per month

$ 3.42 per 1,000 gallons per month.

The minimum charge shall be $30.14 per household or business building per month. Further, on each successive July 1 thereafter, the monthly billing for the base minimum charge and the consumption charge for sewer used shall be increased automatically by 3%. Said increase shall be automatic unless the Clerk is directed to not make such annual increase by action of the City Council prior to said July 1 date.

The rent shall be paid with the water bill at the same time as payment of the water bill is due and under the same condition as to penalty for late payment, at the office of the City Clerk, beginning with the next payment after the enactment of this Ordinance, or, if connection has not been made, after the connection to the sewer system is made.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect following publication as required by law.

Duff made a motion to approve the cigarette/tobacco permit renewal at K & H, Classic Stop. Younge seconded, motion carried.

Younge made a motion to adopt by Resolution City employee wages for fiscal year 2018-19. Engebretson seconded. Roll call vote, Jensen aye, Younge aye, Engebretson aye. Duff abstained due to conflict of interest. Resolution #18-11 adopted.

Younge made a motion to approve by Resolution, the City fee schedule, effective July 1. Duff seconded. Roll call vote, all ayes, therefore Resolution #18-12 adopted.

Mayor Jensen appointed Jeff Tudor to an additional 5-year term to the Board of Adjustment and Amanda Crowell to an additional 5-year term to the Zoning Board. The library board appointments were tabled until the July meeting.

Building permit applications from 805 Main Street and 313 N 4th Street were approved by the Clerk prior to the meeting. A driveway permit application was submitted by 113 Walnut Street. Younge made a motion to approve the permit. Engebretson seconded, motion carried.

Due to conflicts, the July, August and September City Council meetings have been moved to the 2nd Monday.

The Council concurred that sewer charges are not to be waived when filling swimming pools.

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

Michelle Duff

Thornton City Clerk

Mike Jensen

Mayor of Thornton