CITY OF THORNTON – MARCH 4, 2019 – 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, Randy Bohman, Larry Stadtlander, Roger Engebretson, and Michael Hopkey. Also present: City Attorney Mike Moeller, Tom Janeka, Travis Fischer, Mike Neuhring, and Tom Madden.

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

Stadtlander made a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Engebretson seconded, motion carried.

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

Pleasant Valley Golf Course was approved for their liquor license renewal.

Jensen made a motion for the City Clerk to attend the Spring Conference in April. Bohman seconded, motion carried.

Discussion was made about the Mayor receiving compensation for snow removal while Janeka was on vacation had no objections.

Mike Neuhring discussed his bid for spring and fall lawn spray. Hopkey made a motion to accept the bid. Engebretson seconded, motion carried.

Tom Madden discussed the storm sewer project and gave ideas on how to make the storm sewer better.

The discussion on the ordinance #1049 continued from the February meeting. Stadtlander made a motion to not raise the garbage rates. Bohman seconded. All ayes. Motion made to waive final reading and seconded. All ayes, therefore Ordinance #1050 adopted.

ORDINANCE #1050

**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 $16.39 per month.

 $ 4.11 per 1,000 gallons.

 Bulk Water Fee $18.52 per 1,000 gallons.

The minimum charge shall be $16.39 per household or business building per month.

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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 $31.05 minimum per month

 $ 3.53 per 1,000 gallons per month.

The minimum charge shall be $31.05 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.

Engebretson made a motion to accept the bid from Heartland Asphalt for repairing the 400 block of Main Street. Stadtlander seconded, motion carried.

The sewer repairs from Visu-Sewer were discussed.

Vehicles and backyards was also discussed and will be tabled until Spring.

The proposed budget amendment for fiscal year 2018-19 was presented. Stadtlander made a motion to set the Public Hearing date for Monday, April 1, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Jensen seconded, roll call vote, motion carried.

Jensen mentioned the purchasing of new floor mats at the Community Center to keep the new carpet and flooring looking nice.

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

Megan Hobscheidt, Thornton City Clerk

Mike Jensen, Mayor, City of Thornton