

**CITY OF THORP
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, AT 6:30 PM
AT THORP CITY HALL**

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Wnek. In attendance were Alderpersons Abramczak, Enkers, Einhorn, Lawcewicz and Rosemeyer. Also in attendance were Clerk/Treasurer Pogodzinski, DPW Shackleton, Police Chief Pries, Library Director Soderstrom, Thorp Courier Reporter Pattermann and other visitors.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

2. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens

Roxy Copas requested any new information or progress regarding the noise coming from Wisconsin Bench in the Industrial Park. Mayor Wnek informed that currently we have no enforceable ordinance dealing with decibel levels. Chief Pries had talked to Nate Smith from Wisconsin Bench, and he indicated that they redirected the ventilation to the sky which will hopefully alleviate the noise. Barb Pyle noted that this noise pollution is affecting everyone. Chief Pries will follow up with Nate Smith at Wisconsin Bench and see if a solution can be made.

3. Consent Agenda – The City Council, with a single vote and without debate, may act upon the following items. Any council member wishing to debate an individual item may request that it be considered separately.

- a. Approval of minutes from October 13, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting, October 22, 2025, Special City Council Meeting and November 5, 2025, Special City Council Meeting.
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Einhorn) to approve the minutes from October 13, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting, the minutes from October 22, 2025, Special City Council Meeting and minutes from November 5, 2025, Special City Council meeting. Motion passed 5 - 0.

4. Discussion and possible action relating to monthly reports.

- a. Clerk-Treasurer's Financial Report, Vouchers, Payroll Register, and Journal Entries.
M/M/S (Abramczak, Rosemeyer) to approve the monthly reports. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- b. Police Department Monthly Report
Chief Pries reported that 98 calls were received for the month of October. He also stated that Officer Manke is attending training in Green Bay.
- c. Public Works/Utilities Monthly Report
DPW Shackleton noted that the loader was in for repair and the estimated cost is \$9,200.
- d. Library Monthly Report
Report submitted.
- e. Reports from various committees.
None
- f. Reports from elected officials.
None

OLD BUSINESS

5. SEH project updates

Jeff Nusbaum from Short Elliott Hendrickson noted that the site restoration, including seeding, addition of erosion control mats, and rock removal, has been completed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Seeding was completed outside of allowable contract dates and grass growth will need to be confirmed in 2026. David Walter from SEH updated the Council regarding the DNR Safe drinking water fund loan application and he informed the City was awarded 40% principal forgiveness. The LRIP application was submitted for the 2026 Street project. Alderperson Rosemeyer inquired if the alley near the post office could be included in the 2026 Street project. It was decided to include the alley in the project for additional work.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding City Hall Project.

The SEH staff met with city employees regarding the City Hall Project to review project details and measurements.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Resolution 2025-11-01 "Resolution Approving Pay Application #29 from Staab Construction Corporation for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades Project".

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Abramczak) to approve Resolution 2025-11-01 in the amount of \$17,000. Motion passed 5 – 0.

8. Resolution 2025-11-02 "Resolution Approving Change Order #14 for 2023 Wastewater Treatment Plant from Staab Construction."
This change order involved an extension to the completion date, to offset the City's lost farm lease revenues in the amount of \$14,200 and offset the City's fertilizer cost of \$3,500.
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Enkers) to approve Resolution 2025-11-02 with the change of the completion date and the deductions of the rent and fertilizer amounting to \$17,700. Motion passed 5 – 0.
9. Discussion and possible action regarding IT Quotes
Joseph Smoczyk from Yellowstone Computing indicated that he currently has an IT contract with the City which meets software compliance for governments. He noted that he has a vest interest in seeing the city succeed and if changes need to be made to the contract, he is willing to do this. He also stated that he will honor to stop the contract at any time. This agenda item was tabled.
10. Discussion and possible action regarding Class "A" Beer and Class "A" Liquor license for La Weracruzana LLC.
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Lawcewicz) to approve the license pending a background check. Motion passed 5 – 0.
11. Discussion and possible action regarding replacement of police squad.
Chief Pries went to Gross Motors in Neillsville to inquire about the new squad. He informed council that the final price was lowered to \$41,000.
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Lawcewicz) to approve purchasing the Dodge Durango from Gross Motors for \$41,000 and to make payment in 2026. Motion passed 5 – 0.
12. Resolution 2025-11-03 "Resolution to Carry Forward 2025 Budget Appropriations for all Reserves"
M/M/S (Enkers, Einhorn) to approve Resolution 2025-11-03 "Resolution Authorizing the Carry Forward 2025 Budget Appropriations for all Reserves. Motion passed 5 – 0.
13. Resolution 2025-11-04 "Resolution Approving Pay Application #30 from Staab Construction Corporation for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades Project".
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Enkers) to approved Resolution 2025-11-04 in the amount of \$22,533.60. Motion passed 5 – 0. The balance of the pay application is \$19,766.40 which will be brought back in spring of 2026.
14. Discussion and possible action regarding adjustments to utility bill at 203 W. Stanley Street.
The utility committee recommended a credit of 19,000 gallons of sewer charge because the water did not go into the sewer system and drained into the customer's yard.
M/M/S (Abramczak, Einhorn) to credit the residential customer with 19,000 gallons of sewer charge in the amount of \$188.48. Motion passed 5 – 0.
15. Discussion and possible action regarding repairs at the municipal pool
Neuman Pools Inc. presented a contract for repairs to the pool which included expansion joint and finish repairs. This contract was initially presented at the October Council meeting which included removal and installation of up to 350' of expansion joint caulk, removal of pool interior finish from two damaged areas, applying a modified cement base and finish of up to 90 square feet. The pool will be washed with diluted acid for color enhancement. This work will be done next fall or the spring of 2027. To secure this price, half the total price, which is \$13,079, will need to be paid.
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Enkers) to approve the contract for \$13,079 with half of the payment made this year. Motion passed 5 – 0.
16. Update with Booster Club regarding Northside Ball Park
Alderperson Rosemeyer updated the Northside Ball Park project being done by the Booster Club. He informed council that this project will be done in the Spring of 2026. Forward Bank will release \$75,000 towards this project when all contractors and work are scheduled.
17. Review updated draft of 2026 General Fund Operating Budget
No changes were made to the operating budget.

CLOSED SESSION

18. Consider moving into closed session per Wis Stat 19.85(1)(c) to the following:
 - a. Potential hiring of Public Works
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Rosemeyer) to move into closed session. Motion passed 5 – 0.
19. Reconvene into opens session and take any action necessary as the result of closed session
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Rosemeyer) to move into open session. Motion passed 5 – 0.

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Enkers) to offer the Public Works position to Jordan Dieck after passing completed background check with an hourly rate of \$22.50. Motion passed 5 – 0.

CLOSING BUSINESS

20. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens.

None

21. Reports from Department Heads, Mayor, Council, Committees, and discussion of future agenda items.

None

22. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Date of Publication

Richard Wnek
Mayor

Michele Pogodzinski
Clerk-Treasurer