

CITY OF THORP
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025, 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, Library Director Soderstrom, Thorp Courier Reporter Pattermann and other visitors.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

2. **Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens**

Roxy Copas requested any updates regarding the noise coming from Wisconsin Bench in the Industrial Park. Clerk/Treasurer Pogodzinski was contacted by Nate Smith from Wisconsin Bench who plans on attending the next council meeting. Mayor Wnek informed that currently we have no enforceable ordinance dealing with decibel levels. Alderperson Lawcewicz stated that it takes time to correct the problem. Barb Pyle requested to move forward with a noise ordinance.

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 November 10, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of minutes from November 20, 2025, Special City Council Meeting.
- c. Appointment of Election Officials for 2026-2027.

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Einhorn) to approve the minutes from November 10, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting, November 20, 2025, Special City Council Meeting and appointment of Election Officials for 2026-2027. 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 (Rosemeyer, Abramczak) to approve the monthly reports. Motion carried 5 – 0.

- b. Police Department Monthly Report

Handouts were provided to Council and Mayor from Chief Pries regarding a grant which was received for a Preliminary Breath Test FST device for use in roadside testing of subject's breath for the presence and/or absence of alcohol. Chief Pries also submitted documents from his recent Leadership Institute.

- c. Public Works/Utilities Monthly Report

DPW Shackleton noted that the ice-skating rink is delayed due to weather conditions.

- d. Library Monthly Report

Library Director Soderstrom provided information regarding the upcoming Christmas activities.

- 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 amount of the contract for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project is \$19,766.40 which is retainable to cover 200% of the contractor's cost for seeding the south site. This amount will be paid once the restoration is verified in the spring. An air release valve at the influent lift station failed last month. The contractor is working on repairs to the affected equipment under warranty. City staff have requested changes to this vent pipe configuration, and SEH is working with the Contractor to develop a change order proposal for this work. The DNR issued a Notice of Non-Compliance for effluent limit violations earlier this year, due in part to sludge removal operations at the south site, and possible loads from hauled waste. SEH is working with City staff to provide a response to DNR and develop steps to mitigate the exceedances. Mayor Wnek addressed the ponds at the previous Wastewater Treatment Plant and the cost of filling them in. Nusbaum estimated a cost of \$422,000.

6. **Discussion and possible action regarding City Hall Project.**

The SEH staff will be presenting two options for the remodeling of City Hall. They will have the cost estimates ready for the January council meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2025-12-01 "Preliminary Resolution declaring intent to levy special assessments under police powers pursuant to Sec. 66.0703 Wis Stats for water and sanitary sewer utility improvements on the 2026 Street and Utility Reconstruction project".

David Walter from Short Elliott Hendrickson noted this is the first step in the process declaring intent. M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Lawcewicz) to approve Resolution 2025-12-01. Motion passed 5 – 0.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding IT quotes.

M/M/S (Abramczak, Enkers) to approve the IT contract with Yellowstone Computing for \$8,280 for one year. Motion passed 5 – 0.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding police department purchase of body cameras

Chief Pries presented a quote from Motorola Solutions regarding the purchase of body cameras due to a new records management system in 2026 with the Clark County Sheriff's Department. This system allows information to be shared within the county, allowing officers from all agencies to view other agency records. The body worn cameras will integrate directly with the new software once full transition is made. Two options were presented with Option 1 – full payment of \$12,388.75 or Option 2 – multi-year payments for five years. The current quote reflects a 32% discount and is valid until December 15, 2025.

M/M/S (Enkers, Rosemeyer) to purchase body cameras under option 1. Full payment of \$12,388.75 by the end of the year. Motion passed 5 – 0.

10. Discussion and possible action to approve terms of a three-year labor agreement with the City of Thorp Professional Police Officers Association and WPPA

The main change in the contract is a new wage scale and also changes made in the City of Thorp Handbook. M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Enkers) to approve the three-year labor agreement with the Professional Police Officers Association. Motion passed 5 – 0.

CLOSING BUSINESS

11. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens.

None

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

Alderson Lawcewicz questioned the current odd/even parking regulations. He would like to make changes to the current ordinance. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Date of Publication

Richard Wnek
Mayor

Michele Pogodzinski
Clerk-Treasurer