

**CITY OF THORP  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026, 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, Rosemeyer and Einhorn. Also in attendance were DPW Shackleton, Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski, Thorp Courier Reporter Patterman, and other visitors.

**ROUTINE BUSINESS**

2. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens  
None
3. Consent Agenda – The City Council, with a single vote and without debate, may act upon the following item. Any council member wishing to debate an individual item may request that it be considered separately.
  - a. Approval of minutes from March 9, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting.  
M/M/S (Einhorn, Rosemeyer) to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting.  
Motion passed 4 – 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 4 – 0.  
Alderson Lawcewicz arrived at the meeting.
  - b. Police Department Monthly Report  
Report submitted
  - c. Public Works/Utilities Monthly report  
Report submitted
  - d. Library Monthly Report  
Report submitted.
  - e. Reports from various committees  
None
  - f. Reports from elected officials  
None

**OLD BUSINESS**

5. SEH project updates  
SEH engineer Jeffrey Nusbuam was present and reviewed project updates. Funding results for the Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP) have been released and unfortunately the City was not selected for funding in the 2026-2027 program cycle. The Advertisement for Bids is scheduled for the week of April 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> with bid opening the week of May 4<sup>th</sup>. Bid results for the 2026 Street & Utility reconstruction project will be presented at the May 11<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.
6. Quarterly update on Odor Response Plan from Holland’s Family Cheese  
Report submitted

**NEW BUSINESS**

7. Discussion and possible action regarding Farmer’s Market  
Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski informed that the Farmer’s Market was no longer looking at holding the event at Yellowstone Park.
8. Discussion and possible action regarding Dairy Days’ use of Northside Park  
Jeanette Kodl representing Thorp Dairy Days Committee gave a brief presentation on the events this year for Dairy Days which will be held June 4<sup>th</sup> – June 7<sup>th</sup>. She is requesting usage of the Northside ball field for Friday night to host a family night movie.  
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Enkers) to allow Dairy Days Committee to use the ballfield at Northside Park to hold their event. Motion passed 5 - 0.
9. Discussion and possible action regarding garage door installation for the police department  
Chief Pries was requesting installation of a garage door on the north side of City Hall for police vehicles entrance. It was noted that the gas lines enter this area and the ventilation ductwork would have to be moved. Graphics on the squad were mentioned and council felt this was a priority. Consensus from the council was to get estimates for the graphics and present them at the next meeting. The garage door installation was tabled with request for more information.

10. Resolution 2026-04-01 "Resolution Approving the Write-Off of Bad Debt".  
A resolution was presented to write off delinquent personal property from 2019 – 2023 totaling \$1,082.81. It was noted that many of the businesses on the delinquent list were no longer in existence and could no longer be contacted.  
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Abramczak) to adopt the resolution to write off the delinquent personal property amount of \$1,082.81. Motion passed 5 – 0.
11. Discussion and possible action regarding parking on W. Prospect Street  
After a lengthy discussion on parking on W. Prospect Street with no decision being made, it was decided to invite the owners of the properties in the area receiving parking complaints to meet with City Council at the next meeting.
12. Discussion and possible action to change financing for dump truck.  
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Enkers) to rescind previous motion on the financing for the dump truck. Motion passed 5 – 0. After talking with Brian Riley from Ehlers & Associates, the best option for financing would be with a General Obligation Note. This note will include the street project, equipment purchase, and possibly City Hall renovations. The auditor suggested using funds from the equipment reserve account (\$25,981.74) and the balance (\$214,126.76) from the unreserved fund at Northwestern Bank. Once the loan is processed, \$140,108.50 will be added back into the unreserved fund at Northwestern Bank and the remainder \$74,018.26 will be the amount taken out of the unreserved fund at Northwestern Bank.
13. Discussion and possible action regarding cluster box units for mail delivery.  
Cluster box units were discussed for zoned areas in the city. Council would like to see an ordinance drafted not allowing them in the city.
14. Discussion and possible action regarding temporary tank for upcoming water tower project.  
Due to the water tower being painted, which will cause it to be down for approximately a month this summer, DPW Shackleton noted that a temporary tank will be needed for continuous pumping. He presented two price estimates for the temporary tank. One was from CTW Well & Pump for \$6,400 and another was received from Municipal Well and Pump for \$15,9001.  
M/M/S (Enkers, Abramczak) to rent the temporary tank from CTW Well & Pump for \$6,400. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Alderson Lawcewicz left the meeting.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

15. Consider moving into closed session per Wis Stats 19.85(1)(c) to the following:  
a. Pay rate increase for Russell Malecki after 1 year of employment  
b. Potential hiring of Police Officer  
M/M/S (Enkers, Einhorn) to move into closed session. Motion passed 4 – 0.
16. Reconvene into open session and take any action as the result of closed session.  
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Einhorn) to move into open session. Motion passed 4 - 0.  
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Einhorn) to increase Russell Malecki's wage by 50 cents per hour effective May 5, 2026, and be eligible for another raise in 2027. Motion passed 4 – 0.  
M/M/S (Abramczak, Enkers) to hire Andrew Nemitz pending passing background checks and all appropriate qualifications. Motion passed 4 - 0.

### **CLOSING BUSINESS**

17. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens  
None
18. Reports from Department Heads, Mayor, Council, Committees, and discussion of future agenda items  
None
19. Adjournment  
The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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Richard Wnek  
Mayor

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Michele Pogodzinski  
Clerk-Treasurer