

**CITY OF THORP  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 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, Lawcewicz and Rosemeyer. Also in attendance were DPW Shackleton, Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski, Chief Pries, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Davison, Thorp Courier Reporter Patterman, and other visitors.

**ROUTINE BUSINESS**

2. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens  
Diane Lesniewski spoke on the street project and felt a lack of communication between the city and residents.
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 July 13, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting
  - b. Approval of minutes from August 5, 2026, Special City Council Meeting.  
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Abramczak) to approve the minutes of July 13, 2026, and August 5, 2026, Special 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.
  - b. Police Department Monthly Report  
Police Chief Pries reported 92 calls for the past two months. He reported the new officer has started and is doing well.
  - c. Public Works/Utilities Monthly report  
Report presented. DPW Shackleton noted that the street project was progressing with expected paving to start the end of next week.
  - d. Library Monthly Report  
Report presented.
  - e. Reports from various committees  
None
  - f. Reports from elected officials  
None

**OLD BUSINESS**

5. SEH project updates  
SEH engineer David Walter was present and reviewed street project completions up to date. Council expressed concerns about the new Wastewater Treatment Plant. They would like to set up a meeting with Short Elliott Hendrickson staff regarding the matter.

**NEW BUSINESS**

6. Resolution 2026-08-01 "Resolution Approving Pay Application #2 from Haas Sons, Inc, for 2026 Street and Utility Project on portion of W. School Street, E. School Street, N. Thorp Street and N. Clark Street"  
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Rosemeyer) to approve Resolution 2026-08-01 in the amount of \$707,997.03. Motion passed 4 – 0.
7. Resolution 2026-08-02 "Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of up to \$531,750 Water System Revenue Related Financial Assistance Agreement"  
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Abramczak) to approve Resolution 2026-08-02. Motion passed 4 – 0.
8. Resolution 2026-08-03 "Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of up to \$45,765 Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026B, and Providing for Other Details and Covenants with Respect Thereto, and Approval of Related Financial Assistance Agreement"  
M/M/A (Abramczak, Lawcewicz) to approve Resolution 2026-08-03. Motion passed 4 - 0.
9. Presentation regarding Thorp School District's Referendum  
Adrian Foster, Superintendent of the Thorp School District, gave a presentation regarding the proposed upcoming referendum. He explained the referendum would be primarily for facility upkeep and maintenance and provided three dates regarding informational meetings.

10. Discussion and possible action relating to requests from residents to reduce speed limit in certain areas and address traffic concerns.  
Chief Pries noted that speed boards were installed and the cameras will be arriving soon. He contacted the Highway Commissioner who installed a data collector near E. Wilson Street. The data collector was up for three days. The speed study showed 5,500 vehicles drove through this area. After reviewing the data, the suggested speed limit was 35 miles per hour. The current speed limit is 30 mph. The mayor suggested installing a speed flashing sign and requested the portable sign be placed in this area. The chief will contact the Sheriff's Dept to see if the portable sign is available and if possible, set it up in the area.
11. Discussion and possible action to move forward for solicitation of proposals for Garbage and Recycling Collection  
The garbage contract is up on 1-1-27. It was suggested to solicit proposals for garbage and recycling. M/M/S (Enkers, Rosemeyer) to move forward with garbage and recycling collection proposals. Motion passed 4 – 0.
12. Discussion and possible action regarding amendments to current liquor license for one day  
Dennis Helfert owner of the Early Bird's Pub and Grub located at 220 N. Washington Street, is requesting an amendment to his liquor license. A one-year anniversary event is scheduled for September 26. He plans to have a band outside and requests patrons to walk outside with drinks. He noted that they will not be serving outside just listening and dancing to the music. He would be adding a barrier to keep the patrons on his property in the parking lot area.  
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Lawcewicz) to allow Dennis Helfert an amendment to his liquor license for a one-day event to be held on September 26, 2026. Motion passed 4 – 0.
13. Discussion and possible action relating to reimburse monthly phone charge for Deputy Clerk-Treasurer  
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Rosemeyer) to reimburse Deputy Clerk-Treasurer \$40 per month for phone use. Motion passed 4 – 0.
14. Discussion and possible action regarding improving security access to City Hall  
The request was to add key fab to doors at City Hall, Police Department, Clerk's Office and Public Works area. Two quotes were provided with a third one not returned. It was decided to table due until the third quote was provided.
15. Discussion and possible action for Chief of Police to attend the FBI LEEDA Trilogy Leadership Courses.  
Chief of Police Pries was requesting permission to attend the third course for the FBI LEEDA Training at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. He supplied his expense report which totaled \$915. He received a scholarship for the conference, and he will be paying for partial air fares, hotel and car rental.  
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Rosemeyer) to approve the Chief of Police to attend the third course for the FBI LEEDA Training. Motion passed 4 – 0.
- CLOSING BUSINESS
16. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens  
None
17. Reports from Department Heads, Mayor, Council, Committees, and discussion of future agenda items  
Clerk Treasurer Pogodzinski requested dates for an upcoming Personnel Committee Meeting. It was requested that an ordinance for electric bikes and scooters be drafted.
18. Adjournment  
The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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Date of Publication

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Richard Wnek  
Mayor

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Michele Pogodzinski  
Clerk-Treasurer