

**CITY OF THORP
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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, Einhorn, Enkers, Lawcewicz and Rosemeyer. Also in attendance were DPW Shackleton, Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski, Chief Pries, 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 August 10, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting

M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Rosemeyer) to approve the minutes of August 10, 2026, Regular 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 (Rosemeyer, Abramczak) to approve the monthly reports. Motion carried 5 – 0.

b. Police Department Monthly Report

Police Chief Pries reported 81 calls for the month of August.

c. Public Works/Utilities Monthly report

Report presented.

d. Library Monthly Report

Andrew Nowak introduced himself as the new Library Director and presented his report.

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. The initial layer of asphalt and concrete work is complete on N. Clark, and on E. School from N. Clark to the east end. Curb and gutter is complete on E. School from N. Thorp to N. Clark. Haas Sons will continue concrete work for the remaining areas beginning the week of September 14.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Resolution 2026-09-01 "Resolution Approving Pay Application #3 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 (Rosemeyer, Einhorn) to approve Resolution 2026-09-01 in the amount of \$769,442.68.

Motion passed 5 – 0.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding chemical addition to help BOD at Wastewater Treatment Plant

DPW Shackleton noted that the Wastewater Treatment Plant is having issues with BOD's (biochemical oxygen demand) testing high. He suggested adding a different bacteria chemical to help break down the waste materials. The new bacteria will also regenerate itself, making this a one-time cost. DPW Shackleton added that the cost of the bacteria chemical is \$5,500. Alderperson Lawcewicz expressed his concern with the engineering for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and felt that the city was on its own to resolve the problem. Alderperson Abramczak agreed with the concern of the engineering for the plant. Alderperson Rosemeyer noted that due to limiting the haulers the city is losing revenue.

M/M/S (Einhorn, Enkers) to purchase the bacteria chemical for \$5,500. Roll call vote was taken with all voting aye. Motion passed 5 – 0.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding decals on squad car.

Tabled

9. Discussion and possible action regarding improving security access for City Hall
Three quotes were presented by Chief Pries. Consensus was to table this agenda item.
10. Discussion and possible action regarding ATV – UTV ordinance
Clark County currently allows ATV – UTV traffic on CTH X and the city ordinance states that ATV/UTV's on CTH X and Washington Street are not allowed. The council would like to allow ATV – UTV on CTH X for travel.
M/M/S (Abramczak, Rosemeyer) to move forward with amending the ordinance to allow ATV and UTV traffic on County Highway X. Motion passed 5 – 0.
11. Discussion and possible action regarding sidewalk replacement
WE Energies is doing construction work and removing some of the sidewalk near the Yellowstone Trail Park. They will replace any sidewalks that are damaged due to the construction. The Council would like to replace the remaining sidewalks in this area. DPW Shackleton received an estimate from Wampole Concrete to replace the remaining sidewalk in the amount of \$5,900.
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Lawcewicz) to move ahead with the sidewalk replacement with Wampole Concrete at a cost of \$5,900. Motion passed 5 – 0.
12. Confirmation of appointment to fill vacancy
Ann Van Calcar was appointed to the Library Board to replace Andrew Nowak.
- CLOSED SESSION**
13. Consider moving into closed session per Wis Stat 19.85(1)(c) to the following:
a. Pay rate for Chief of Police Daryl Pries.
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Enkers) to move into closed session. Motion passed 5 – 0.
14. Reconvene into open session and take any action necessary as the result of closed session
M/M/S (Enkers, Lawcewicz) to move into open session. Motion passed 5 – 0.
No action taken.
- CLOSING BUSINESS**
15. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens
None
16. Reports from Department Heads, Mayor, Council, Committees, and discussion of future agenda items
None
17. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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Richard Wnek
Mayor

Michele Pogodzinski
Clerk-Treasurer