CITY OF THORP
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 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, Library Director Nowak, 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 September 14, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting
   M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Enkers) to approve the minutes of September 14, 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 112 calls for the month of September. He felt there was no need for a mobile speed board on W. Stanley Street.
   c. Public Works/Utilities Monthly report
   DPW Shackleton informed that the blacktop patching was delayed due to equipment malfunction by the contractor. He noted that the leaf pick-up is currently scheduled for the first week in November.
   d. Library Monthly Report
   Report furnished.
   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. Underground utility installation, paving both layers of asphalt on the Stanley Street intersections and the first layer of asphalt on the remaining areas of the street project are complete. All concrete surface work is nearing completion. Placement of base course on the alley and parking lot is all complete. City staff are in support of leaving the alley and parking lot as-is over the winter to allow for one freeze/thaw cycle. Paving will be completed in spring.

6. Quarterly updates – Holland Family Cheese
No report given.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Resolution 2026-10-01, "Resolution Approving Pay Application No. 4 from Haas Sons, Inc. for the 2026 Street and Utility Project on Portions of W. School Street, E. School Street, N. Thorp Street, and N. Clark Street"
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Einhorn) to approve Resolution 2026-10-01 in the amount of $621,008.14. Motion passed 5 – 0.

8. Discussion on wastewater treatment plant progress
Jerimiah Wendt from Short Elliott Hendrickson noted that they are working to diagnose the issues at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He noted that the microbes that were currently added have helped, with initial results being significantly lower than anything we have seen over the last year. He has been working with DPW Shackleton and Lemna Environmental Technologies to bring the wastewater treatment plant's effluent limits back to compliance. The treatment plant is only being loaded with about 50% of the design capacity. Wendt noted another factor that seems likely is something is coming into the system and inhibiting the treatment of the water. The council limited the number of septic and sludge haulers to the plant this summer to see if that would influence

the plant's ability to function. Wendt felt that they are heading in the right direction and making progress on those limits. They will continue to monitor and assist with the DNR.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding decals on squad car.
M/M/S (Abramczak, Lawcewicz) to purchase the decals from FastSigns for $1,492.19. Motion passed 5 – 0.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding improving security access for City Hall
This will be brought back in January 2027.

11. Ordinance 2026-10-01 "An Ordinance Amending Title 9-11-3 (c) (b) of the City of Thorp Code of Ordinances Regarding ATV/UTV Routes
M/M/S (Rosemeyer, Lawcewicz) to approve amending Ordinance 2026-10-01 to eliminate County Highway X from an exclusion from the route. Motion passed 5 – 0.

12. Discussion and possible action regarding Proposals for Garbage and Recycling Collection
Two quotes were received for garbage and recycling collection. One quote from GFL Environmental with a monthly charge of $13.50 per customer pick-up. The second quote from Harter's Disposal with a monthly charge of $18.78 per customer pick-up. Both include municipal buildings and city events at no cost with added fuel surcharges and annual increases in years 2 and 3. The contract for garbage and recycling collections is for three years.
M/M/S (Enkers, Einhorn) to approve the three-year contract with GFL Environmental with the information furnished. Motion passed 5 – 0.

13. Preliminary Review of the 5 – Year Capital Plan
The 5 – Year Capital plan was reviewed. The plan included purchasing a new truck for the Public Works Department in 2027. Purchasing an end loader in 2028. Tentative plans for 2029 include street construction along E. Main Street. 2030 pool mechanical repairs and adding new park equipment in 2031.
M/M/S (Abramczak, Rosemeyer) to adopt the 5 – Year Capital Plan. Motion passed 5 – 0.

14. Review first draft of 2027 General Fund Operating Budget and establish budget adoption timeline.
Clerk-Treasurer Pogodzinski briefly reviewed the proposed budget. Budget adoption timelines were established with the next budget workshop to be held on October 20th.

15. Discussion and possible disposal of vehicle
DPW Shackleton requested to sell the van which is rarely used. This agenda item will be brought back in January 2027.

CLOSED SESSION

16. Consider moving into closed session per Wis Stat 19.85(1)(c) considering employment promotion, compensation, performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility to the following:
    a. 2027 pay rates for the following employees: Eric Shackleton, Loren Gulcynski, Jordan Dieck, Kyle Brantner, Michele Pogodzinsk, Kristin Davison, Daryl Pries, Ronald Rogalski, Election Officials and temporary employees.

    M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Rosemeyer) to move into closed session. Motion passed 5 – 0.

17. Reconvene into open session and take any action necessary as the result of closed session
M/M/S (Lawcewicz, Enkers) to move into open session. Motion passed 5 – 0.
No action taken.

CLOSING BUSINESS

18. Comments and suggestions from pre-registered citizens
None

19. Reports from Department Heads, Mayor, Council, Committees, and discussion of future agenda items
None

20. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

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