

THRALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Present were: Mayor Troy Marx, Commissioner Nicole Walla, Chief Whitney Whitworth, Attorney Mark Schroeder, City Secretary Ginger Gross, and guests Jerry Tidwell, Pamela Remmert, Curtis Remmert, Robbie Cook, Don Allman, Ana Hernandez, Armandina Diaz, and Troy Clawson.

Mayor Marx called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 7:07 pm.

The Thrall City Council heard a presentation from Pamela Remmert about building a new Palm Harbor manufactured home at 203 E Electra. It was determined that the home met the HUD requirements, setback ordinances and the 1000 sq ft requirement. She was instructed that there is an ordinance requiring a 12 inch culvert for any driveway installed and a required plumbing inspection. Commissioner Walla made a motion to approve Mrs. Remmert's manufactured home on 203 E Electra; Mayor Marx seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council then heard a presentation from Don Allman about the 2016-17 Audit. The following highlights were noted. The City's total net position decreased by \$(89,619) for the year in comparison to the prior year decrease of \$(55,043). The Proprietary Fund reported net income of \$25,036 before transfers for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017. The City's Governmental Funds balance reported a net decrease of \$(114,655) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017. Depreciation reduced the recorded balance of capital assets by \$22,449 and added \$175,398 in road improvements construction in progress for governmental activities and depreciation was \$74,680 for business-type activities with a generator added for \$4697. Commissioner Walla made a motion to accept the 2016-17 Audit as presented by Mr. Allman; Mayor Marx seconded; motion carried. Mayor Marx asked for a letter of commitment for the next audit.

The Thrall City Council heard a presentation from Jerry Tidwell, instead of Hugh, representing PA-er Company, about a household hazardous waste curbside recycling program versus a once a year drop off type collection. There were a couple of services offered by PA-er ranging from \$2.50-\$3.50 a month offering a drop-off service at the Williamson Co. Recycle Center vs. a combination curbside and drop-off service. At this time PA-er does not offer a one-time drop off event due to the planning, work, expense and liability of that type of service. Currently any individual can drop off household hazardous wastes and pay for it themselves. The average cost to make a drop off at the Weir facility is \$75.00. PA-er is the only privately owned, permanent collection facility approved in the state of Texas. Mayor Marx thanked Mr. Tidwell for the information and asked for time to see if the citizens were interested in this type of service. Mr. Tidwell offered to help if needed in a survey or in a public meeting. Mayor Marx made a motion to table this item; Commissioner Walla seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council then heard a presentation by Troy Clawson on the results of the survey about curbside recycling. About 115 responses were received. About 70% thought Thrall should offer curbside recycling and 30% thought Thrall should not. About 54% thought \$3.00 was a fair price, 29% thought \$4.00 was a fair price, and 25% thought \$5.00 was a fair price. The city of Thrall generates a wide variety of materials that can be recycled. About 71% said they would use the recycling service, whereas 29% said they would not. Also, about 76% said an every other week recycling schedule would work and 24% thought it would not. There has not been an increase in garbage collection fees for many years. If Thrall chooses to recycle, the benefits for Clawson would be income from the recycled products which would allow them to offset the increase in garbage fees for Thrall. Also, if residents recycle, they will find their garbage can will be less full each week. Another issue is putting "clean" recycled materials in the recycle bins. Mayor Marx asked for a proposal of what it would cost to implement the recycle program versus what the increase for trash collection will be without the recycling option.

The Thrall City Council heard a presentation by Ana Hernandez about the possibility of putting a second manufactured home at 206 N. Barker. She presented an inspection done by ECS Home Inspections. The Thrall City Council had requested that particular attention be given to the electrical and plumbing parts of the manufactured home she was wanting to move on her property next to her existing home. Unfortunately, the inspector was unable to inspect the electrical and plumbing aspects of the home as they were not connected. It has roof, ceiling, wall, flooring, and window damage. There is no heating or AC. Then there is the issue of not meeting the setback variances. Mayor Marx explained that the ordinances were put in place to protect the citizens of Thrall and that, after looking at the inspection report, the council felt the home would not survive a move. Mayor Marx made a motion to deny the request by Mrs. Hernandez to move the manufactured home to 206 N. Barker; Commissioner Walla seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council then discussed requiring future homes built in Thrall to have a full home inspection by a licensed inspector hired by the City of Thrall instead of just a plumbing inspection. The full inspection would include slab, frame, electrical, plumbing, etc. for a cost of about \$1,500 and then issue the city a report that the home met the 2009 building codes. Attorney Mark Schroeder discussed the possibility of a remodel permit also. He also brought up the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy and suggested that after the city received the full inspection, they produce a Certificate of Occupancy. Mayor Marx made a motion to look at companies that offer an inspection service and bring it back to the council for future; Commissioner Walla seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council reviewed financials, minutes, and department reports. Mayor Marx approved the minutes, financials and department reports as written.

Council adjourned into closed session with the Attorney to discuss office policy, procedure and staffing and to discuss the proposed settlement agreement between Thrall, Noack Water Supply and Taylor.

Council reconvened into open session at 8:43pm to conclude the meeting. No action or votes were taken during closed session.

The next Thrall City Council meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Troy Marx, Mayor

Ginger Gross, City Secretary