

THRALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Present were: Mayor Troy Marx, Commissioner Scooter Dubec, Commissioner Nicole Walla, Chief Whitney Whitworth, Attorney Mark Schroeder, City Secretary Ginger Gross and guests Veronica Ramirez, Adely Martinez, Terry Routley, Lowell Routley, Jim Milholland, Stella Stefek, Sheila Frase, Anja Martin, Todd Larson, Erica Henderson, and Diane Naivar.

Mayor Marx called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 7:05 pm.

The Thrall City Council discussed the Audit Engagement Letter from the Accounting Firm of Donald L. Allman. Mayor Marx noted that Mr. Allman had served the City of Thrall for a few years now and that the current fee quoted in the letter would not exceed \$7,000.00. Commissioner Walla made a motion to accept the engagement letter and allow Don Allman to do the City's audit for \$7,000; Commissioner Dubec seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council then heard a presentation by the Oscar Mejia Chinchilla family about placing a manufactured home at 214 N. Barker St. The Council looked at the size of the lot and saw there was room for the required setbacks. The front door will face the street. The home is 1,120 sq. ft. Mayor Marx noted that the request met all the parameters and instructed the family to get a copy of all the ordinances pertaining to manufactured homes to ensure they meet all the requirements. Commissioner Dubec made a motion to allow the Chinchilla family to put a manufactured home at 215 N. Barker; Commissioner Walla seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council heard a presentation from Erica Henderson, Jim Milholland, Anja Martin, and Jack Larson about sewer and water service on Mr. Milholland's lots. Mayor Marx presented several options that had been discussed with Mr. Milholland and the engineers. He said that 15 feet were going to be needed in order to get a backhoe on the property to do any kind of sewer repair if needed in the future. Mayor Marx said there was going to need to be a survey done to mark the 15 ft easement. He also discussed how they could put in the needed sewer taps and that the water meters were currently there. After the survey, Attorney Mark Schroeder will draw up the easement papers. Then the contractor would be contacted to start the work. The council agreed to honor the contract they originally made with Mr. Milholland with the new owners for 6 months. Mayor Marx made a motion to enter into an easement agreement with the new owners of the property, Lots 20, 21, 10, 11, and half of 12, 7, 8 and 9, from the date of purchase for 6 months, honoring the fees that were paid providing the new owners get a survey to the council and attorney which will be used to draw up an easement for the sewer line installation; Commissioner Walla seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council then discussed agenda item #4, the new tax rate and agenda item #5, the 2018-19 budget. The tax rate can be broken down into the Bond Rate and the M&O (Maintenance & Operation) Rate. Mayor Marx created a rough draft of a budget at the tax rate of 0.638363, up slightly from last year. Mayor Marx instructed the council that they had to propose a tax rate, but they did not have to adopt a budget tonight. He also told the council that the property tax was only used for the General Budget. Water and Wastewater generated their own income. The first public tax hearing will be August 29 and the second public hearing will be September 5, 2018. The meeting to adopt the tax rate will be September 12, which will be the regular monthly meeting. Commissioner Dubec made a motion to propose the tax rate of 0.643336; Commissioner Walla seconded; motion carried. Agenda item #5 was only a presentation of the rough draft of the budget since it was not going to be adopted tonight.

The Thrall City Council then discussed the possibility of approaching Williamson County about annexing CR 424 from the current City Limit sign going south to the point of the last property on the west side of CR 424 which was the former location of the city limit. Chief Whitworth said it would make it easier to enforce the speed limit. Commissioner Dubec made a motion to have the City or the Mayor approach Williamson County and see about annexing CR 424 from the current

City Limit sign going south to the point of the last property on the west side of CR 424; Commissioner Walla seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council also discussed contracting with Williamson County about spraying the grass on the edges of the newly resurfaced roads in town. The grass will break the pavement down and the City is not licensed to broadcast spray herbicides. It was decided the spraying would be necessary to protect the road surfaces. Commissioner Walla made a motion for the city to contract with Williamson County about spraying the roads in the city around the newly surfaced areas; Commissioner Dubec seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council then took up the agenda item on replacing the valves at the sewer pond that were recently inspected by TCEQ. Mayor Marx suggested that the item be tabled until more information could be gathered.

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: Thrall City Council will review, take consideration and possible action of water contract with Taylor and settlement agreement in lawsuit styled City of Thrall v. Noack Water Supply Corp. v. City of Taylor, Cause No. 12-0200-C26 and To conduct interviews for the Part-time City Secretary/Court Clerk position.

Council reconvened into open session at 8:52pm to conclude the meeting. No action or votes were taken during closed session. The next Thrall City Council meeting is the Tax Hearing scheduled for August 29, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Meeting was adjourned.

Troy Marx, Mayor

Ginger Gross, City Secretary