

THRALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 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 Tammie Bowman, Hugh Tidwell, Randy Hartford, Beatrice Gonzles, Rosa M Prather, Tracy Chavana, Amy Drake, Dan Hejl, and Chien Lee.

Mayor Marx called the meeting to order.

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

During the visitors' comments time, Hugh K. Tidwell, representing Williamson County Recycling Center, presented information about several options for cities to dispose of hazardous wastes, such as curbside pick ups or drop off facilities.

The Thrall City Council heard a presentation by Beatrice Gonzales about the possibility of putting a new manufactured home at 301 S. Barker. Setbacks, flood issues and location of the front door were discussed. A driveway was also discussed and Mayor Marx informed Ms. Gonzales that a 12 inch culvert would be needed to be installed in the driveway. Commissioner Dubec made a motion to allow Beatrice Gonzales to put a manufactured home at 301 S. Barker; Commissioner Walla seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council then heard a presentation about the possibility of putting a new manufactured home on a lot on S. Barker St. Setbacks, flood issues and the mobile home ordinance were discussed. Commissioner Walla made a motion to accept Tracy Chavana's manufactured home on Barker St.; Commissioner Dubec seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council also heard a presentation from Amy Drake about a 3 way stop at Bounds and Sheldon where the crosswalk signs are located. Mayor Marx explained that he would need to talk to the school superintendent and Chief Whitworth. He explained that stop signs had to be done by city ordinances. Mayor Marx said the council would take it into consideration and thanked Mrs. Drake for her input.

The Thrall City Council then heard an update on agenda item #4 from Dan Hejl, of Hejl, Lee, and Associates, about the City of Thrall 2017 Road Bond Project. Mr. Hejl assured the council that the warranty for the roads has not even started, as the 2nd course surface treatment has not been done yet. Unfortunately it seems the cold weather adversely affected how the roads set after the first surfacing was done. Mr. Hejl asked for patience while waiting for the weather to warm up to ensure it is done right the second time. Mr. Hejl also discussed upgrading a section of Main Street to a HMAC surface as there are extra funds left in the bond budget. He apologized for the inconvenience and again reassured Angel Brothers, the contractors, would fix the streets to meet the council's approval once the weather warms up.

The Thrall City Council discussed a new traffic control device ordinance that establishes a stop sign on East St at Stiles St. and on Taylor St at Bounds St. It was marked as Ordinance 02212018. Commissioner Walla made a motion to accept Ordinance 02212018; Commissioner Dubec seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council next discussed the possibility of purchasing property to expand the City Park that would almost triple the size of the park. The owner is asking \$55,000 for the property, but if it does not appraise for that, she would negotiate the price towards the appraisal price. The city's bank has agreed to finance the purchase. Mayor Marx explained how the loan would be banked to Texas Parks and Wildlife which would give us \$55,000 back as a 1 to 1 match that could be used to develop the park area and also ensure that it stay a park forever. Attorney Mark Schroeder advised the Council that they would have to bring the final contract back before Council for a final approval. Commissioner Dubec made a motion to allow Mayor Marx, on behalf of the city, to negotiate and work out a deal in order to purchase the land next to the City Park if

appraised at \$55,000 or less with council approval once everything is finished; Commissioner Walla seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council discussed the Civil Right Policies and Procedures for the 2017 TxCDBG Thrall Contract #7217460. Mayor Marx explained the ordinance was a formality and without passing it, the city would have to walk away from the grant. It explains how the city does not discriminate because of gender, race, handicap, etc. It was given the number 20180221. Commissioner Walla made a motion to adopt Resolution #20180221 Regarding Civil Rights; Commissioner Dubec seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council also discussed the CAPCOG Justice Assistance Grant Program, which would allow an upgrade of radios for the Thrall Police Department. It is a nonmatching grant, which means the city would not have to come up with any funding for the city to take advantage of this grant. The Council gave the resolution the number 21022018. Commissioner Dubec made a motion to adopt Resolution 21022018; Commissioner Walla seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council then heard a presentation from Randy Hartford, representing ATMOS Energy, as he explained the Rate Review Mechanism as an annual process to look at rates as the 5 year renewal process has expired. It is set up with an evergreen clause with an agreement to review rates each year until the City or ATMOS want to stop. The resolution was marked as number 22022018. Commissioner Walla made a motion to accept Resolution 22022018; Commissioner Dubec seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council then discussed allowing Mayor Marx to negotiate and authorize a contract for computer storage and server service for the City of Thrall. There is an urgent need to update computers for the court. Commissioner Dubec made a motion to authorize the mayor to negotiate a contract for computer storage and server service for the City of Thrall; 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 the proposed settlement agreement between Thrall, Noack Water Supply and Taylor.

Council reconvened into open session at 8:17pm to conclude the meeting. No action was taken during closed session. Meeting was adjourned. The next Thrall City Council meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2018 at 7:00p.m.

Troy Marx, Mayor

Ginger Gross, City Secretary