

THRALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Present were: Mayor Troy Marx, Commissioner Scooter Dubec, Chief Whitney Whitworth, Attorney Mark Schroeder, City Secretary Ginger Gross, and guests Dan Hejl, Ana Hernandez and Troy Clawson.

Mayor Marx called the meeting to order.

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

The Thrall City Council heard a presentation by Ana Hernandez about the possibility of putting a second manufactured home at 206 N. Barker. Several issues, such as the 1,000 sq. ft. ordinance, setbacks, and location of the front door were discussed. Mayor Marx made a motion to deny the request to move the manufactured home and offered the opportunity to revisit the item in April; Commissioner Dubec seconded; motion carried. Mrs. Hernandez was asked to have a home inspection, specifically asking the inspector to check the plumbing and electrical. He said he would look further into the year of the home and its condition, using the city engineer, also focusing on the plumbing and electrical.

The Thrall City Council then heard a presentation on Item #7 about polling the citizens about looking into curbside recycling by Troy Clawson. It was decided to set up a survey on Survey Monkey to ask the citizens if they are interested and what they are interested in paying, etc. It was decided to table the topic until the April meeting in order to get the results from the survey.

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. Concerns about the railroad crossing at Bounds St. and the surface on Eckhart St. were discussed. Angel Brothers said it would be sometime in April before they would have supplies ready to come back to Thrall to finish road repairs. Mr. Hejl would let the City know as soon as the finishing dates were finalized. Mr. Hejl also discussed upgrading a two-block section of Main Street from Railroad Ave. going south to a HMAC surface which would cost about \$37,899.15. There would still be about \$87,000 leftover in the bond fund. Mayor Marx made a motion to accept the Change Order #3 for \$37,899.15 to pay for the first two blocks of Main St.; Commissioner Dubec seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council then discussed agenda item #2 proclaiming April 2018 National Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. Mayor Marx made a motion to accept Proclamation 03212018 to make Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month April 2018; Commissioner Dubec seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council next discussed agenda item #3 and the possibility of becoming part of the Life Skills Work Program with Taylor ISD, which involves allowing a student to work a few hours a week. Some of our Thrall students attend Taylor High School. One young man has expressed an interest and Mayor Marx suggested we give the young man an opportunity to help with the upkeep of our park. Commissioner Dubec made a motion to have the City of Thrall get involved with the Life Skills Work Program and to allow the Mayor to hire a student to help out with such things as the City Park; Mayor Marx seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council discussed agenda item #5, about server service for the court and city computers. Mayor Marx talked to several companies and people, including ON Technology which came back with a bid of \$8,955.00 for a server package, which includes the server, UPS backup, server software, etc. There will then be a minimum charge of \$500 a month to support four machines. This takes everything off the local computers allowing them to work faster. It also allows the court computer to be updated. The server will be onsite and there will be an offsite backup. The City Attorney, Mark Schroeder, discussed looking into the portion the City could use from the Technology fund and the Building Security fund. Mayor Marx made a motion that the City continue to work with ON Technology to install a server for the City of Thrall and in turn, the

City use their maintenance program for \$500 a month and to use the maximum amount legally allowed from the Technology Fund for the server and the remainder of the amount from the General Fund; Commissioner Dubec seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council also discussed agenda item #6, wastewater averaging. A chart was provided showing the newly averaged amounts using water usage amounts from the months of December, January, and February. The only item Mayor Marx suggested they discuss again is the sewer amount for the schools because of their new addition. Commissioner Dubec made a motion to accept the wastewater averaging as presented by the Mayor; Mayor Marx seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council then discussed agenda item #8 which included the 2018 Spring Clean – Up and the City-Wide Yard Sale. Dr. Arlon Graef has also been contacted to set up a pet vaccination clinic on May 5 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The dumpsters at the water tower will be available for community use on Saturday, May 12 from 8 am to 12 pm. Commissioner Dubec made a motion to accept Saturday, May 5, 2018 as the date for the City-Wide Yard Sale and May 7-12 as the Spring Clean-Up dates; Mayor Marx 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 at 8:06 pm with the Attorney to discuss and take consideration for elimination of current part-time position and use other resources to cover this area and to discuss the proposed settlement agreement between Thrall, Noack Water Supply and Taylor.

Council reconvened into open session at 8:20pm to conclude the meeting. No action or votes were taken during closed session. Mayor Marx then made a motion to eliminate the City's part time position in the water department as a licensed water person and use our other hourly employees and construction companies to cover that; Commissioner Dubec seconded; motion carried. That position will be eliminated as of March 29, 2018. No action was taken on the proposed settlement agreement between Thrall, Noack Water Supply and Taylor. The next Thrall City Council meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Troy Marx, Mayor

Ginger Gross, City Secretary