

THRALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Present were: Mayor Troy Marx, Commissioner Scooter Dubec, Commissioner Nicole Walla, Chief Whitney Whitworth, Attorney Mark Schroeder, Court Clerk Jill Graybill, City Secretary Ginger Gross, and guests Erica Henderson, Chris Stewart, Hyatt Dunn, Donna Chatham, 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 public comment about the 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Chris Stewart, from Moody Engineering, introduced himself and Donna Chatham, from Langford Community Management Services, and explained how the draft plan meets FEMA standards. Mr. Stewart complimented Chief Whitworth's contribution to the plan and Mayor Marx thanked Chief for his help. He also told the council there was a copy of the plan at Thrall City Hall and on the City of Taylor's website, as Taylor and Lower Brushy Creek WCID worked alongside Thrall on this plan. 13 hazards/disasters, such as flooding, dam safety, severe thunderstorms, train derailment, etc. were studied and discussed in the case of an emergency so that if a presidentially declared state of disaster happens, monies will be made available for recovery efforts. Plans were also discussed on how to prepare for these events and how to secure funding, possibly through grants, to implement some of the Mitigation Actions. Commissioner Dubec made a motion to direct and submit the 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan as discussed and presented; Commissioner Walla seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council then heard a presentation by Troy Clawson, from Al Clawson Disposal, about a rise in garbage rates and curbside recycling. Due to the uncertainty of trade with China, Mr. Clawson was hesitant to recommend we enter into a recycling agreement. China buys 1/3 of our recycled materials and currently, they have stopped and shipping containers of materials are piling up on shipping docks all over the U.S. Mr. Clawson mentioned a few points of recycling including the need of a multi-year contract to spread out the costs of the recycling can supplied to each household and the difficulty of doing it right; for example, not contaminating an entire load of recycled materials with one dirty pizza box. Clawson has served the City of Thrall since 2009 without a rate increase. Because of rising costs of landfills, Mr. Clawson said the time has come where he has to ask for an increase from the city. He asked for \$13.38 a month per 96 gallon cart, up from \$12.73. Commissioner Dubec made a motion to keep Al Clawson Disposal on board and at the rate they're asking of \$13.38 a month; Commissioner Walla seconded; motion carried. The council then discussed and presented rates for citizens for monthly trash and commercial dumpsters which will begin on the July 1 bill. They agreed to wait a while to start recycling in Thrall.

The Thrall City Council then heard a report from the Mayor about the Roadway Project. Change Order No. 3 has been completed on Main St. The 2nd course treatment will begin in June after school is out. The temperature needs to be 90 degrees during the day and 70 degrees at night. Mayor Marx assured the public that Angel Brothers will clean up the rock left on the edges of the yards with vacuums. Mayor Marx also reminded the public that the warranty of the road does not start until the roads are completely finished. There was also some discussion on the taxes due to bonds. Mayor Marx explained how our bond rating was so good that we have a lower interest rate and lower payment than expected.

The Thrall City Council then canvassed the May 5, 2018 election results for the commissioner position. Nicole Walla was declared the winner over Tammie Stacy, Mayor Marx made a motion to accept Resolution #05162018 canvassing the election for commissioner and that council accept the results; Commissioner Dubec seconded; motion carried. Commissioner Nicole Walla was sworn in by Attorney Mark Schroeder.

Next, the Thrall City Council canvassed the May 5, 2018 election results in favor of the sales and use street maintenance tax election. Mayor Marx made a resolution to accept Resolution #20181605 and that the city continue to collect the sales tax for street maintenance; Commissioner Dubec seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council heard a presentation by Court Clerk, Jill Graybill on a few options for online payments for the water bills. Costs and options were compared with using our credit card vendor and the vendor that does the city's traffic payments. It was decided that a little more research needed to be done to answer a few more questions, such as how these work with RVS, the city water billing software, and how long a payment takes to go through. It is also something that cannot be implemented until the new city server is completed, which is scheduled to happen possibly in June. Mayor Marx encouraged Ms. Graybill to confer with ON Technology for guidance. Mayor Marx made a motion to table Item 6; 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 to ensure quality homes are being built in the city. The company that the city was working with to set up these inspections pulled out at the last minute and more work will need to be done in order to update the new building permits, adding on the new inspection fees. Mayor Marx asked the council to be empowered to find a company that would agree to do these complete inspections for the city for a fee that is passed on to the resident. The hopes are that this new inspection service would be set up before the houses in the new subdivision begin. Attorney Schroeder advised the council to bring the contract back to the council meeting for adoption. There is some concern that some of the new lots might be ready to be sold before the next council meeting and the Council wants the residents to be aware of all the costs involved in building a new home in Thrall. Commissioner Walla made a motion to allow Mayor Marx to negotiate with a temporary inspection service; Commissioner Dubec seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council then discussed hosting a second City-Wide Yard Sale in June due to the wet weather affecting the one held in May. It was decided that the 2nd Chance Garage Sale would be held June 2. This does not include another city wide clean up. Mayor Marx made a motion that, on June 2nd, the city would host a 2nd Chance Garage Sale; 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 8:51pm to conclude the meeting. No action or votes were taken during closed session. The next Thrall City Council meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Meeting was adjourned.

Troy Marx, Mayor

Ginger Gross, City Secretary