

THRALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 24, 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 Bob Haisler, Ray Finn, Jim Clarno, Nancy Clarno, Adriana Rodriguez, Mario Mendez, Braden Howell, Aly Jones, Mary M. Salazar, Tommy Hooker, Brad Leen, and Dan Hejl.

Mayor Marx called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 7:04 pm.

The Thrall City Council heard a presentation from Bob Haisler and the Thrall High School REAL Club about lighting up the water tower as a Spirit Tower. The students of the club are trying to solve the problems of creating and funding the project and working with partners to make their idea a reality. They have done research and are continuing to do research about the costs of the project and ways to fund the project. Mayor Marx complimented the students on their work and ideas. He gave the students some more ideas and said the project would have the support of the city. Commissioner Dubec made a motion to approve Thrall ISD REAL Club to get the ball rolling to set up a way to light the tower purple; Mayor Marx seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council then heard a presentation by Brad Leen about the final approval of the improvements of Phase 1 of the Countryside Estates Subdivision. A final plat of Countryside Estates, 2 Letters of Credit, and Guidelines and Restrictions of Thrall Country Estates Homeowners Association were presented. Commissioner Dubec made a motion for final approval on the final improvements of Phase 1 of the Countryside Estates Subdivision; Mayor Marx seconded; motion carried.

Next the Thrall City Council heard a presentation from Mr. Clarno about the Lower Brushy Creek Maintenance Tax Proposal. Mr. Clarno discussed the maintenance and repairs needed to the dams and funding necessary to do the work. He talked about the repairs done to the dam in Coupland and the approved plans to repair a dam in Thorndale. One of the big things needed is an Emergency Action Plan in case of a dam breach which must be approved by TCEQ, Williamson Co. Emergency Management and the local Fire Chief. The dam tax would be used to repair dams and create emergency action plans which would cost the average homeowner in Taylor \$27 a year. The dam south of Thrall was raised from low hazard to significant hazard which is in the top 20 projects that have potential for state funding.

Item #4, Change Order #5 for the Roadway Improvement Project, was the next item on the agenda. It was for the repair coming over the railroad tracks on Bounds St. Commissioner Dubec motioned to approve the Change Order # 5 for the Roadway Improvement Project; Mayor Marx seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council then discussed the Final Closeout Documents including Certificate of Construction Completion, Contractor's Clean Lien Affidavit and Contractor's Final Invoice. The project # is 10970. Commissioner Dubec made a motion to approve the Certificate of Construction Completion, Contractor's Clean Lien Affidavit and Contractor's Final Invoice; Mayor Marx seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council then discussed awarding the engineering services contract for the preparation of the city's 2019/2020 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program's (TxCDBG) Community Development Fund Application and subsequent engineering contract if application is funded. Mayor Marx informed the group that 5 companies had applied and their proposals had been scored by himself, Commissioner Dubec, and City Secretary Ginger Gross. According to the scoring, Hejl, Lee & Associates were #1, KSA was #2 and BSP was #3. Mayor Marx asked Dan Hejl if they would accept the job and Mr. Hejl did. Commissioner Dubec made a motion to award the engineering services contract for the preparation of the city's 2019/2020 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program's Community Development Fund

Application and subsequent engineering contract to Hejl, Lee & Associates; Mayor Marx seconded; motion carried.

Next the Thrall City Council reviewed the Drought Contingency Plan. The plan was dated 2003. Part of the document was damaged but recreated exactly as before. Mayor Marx asked the city attorney if we needed to do anything else. It was decided that the plan was only a presentation item.

The next item discussed was the resolution for purchasing property and financing for a new park area at 101 Vernon St. to expand the existing City Park. Approval had been voted on before and the bank required a resolution. Commissioner Dubec made a motion to accept the resolution for purchasing property and financing for a new park area allowing the mayor to handle all that's needed in that; Mayor Marx announced the Resolution # was 102418 and seconded the motion; motion carried.

Then the Thrall City Council discussed the resolution for the Thrall waterline loan. Mayor Marx explained that the city is in the process of finishing up the CCN requirements through PUC to make the final purchase from Noack Water Supply for the line that runs north of Hwy 79 from the City of Thrall to 619 in Taylor for \$200,000 plus loan fees. It will be paid back in water fees. Commissioner Dubec made a motion to accept the resolution, #182410, for the Thrall waterline loan through Citizens National Bank; Mayor Marx seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council then discussed a Christmas parade and Christmas in the Park. It was decided to have Christmas in the Park on December 2, 2018 from 5:00-7:00pm. Santa and his naughty elves, music, cookies and hot chocolate will be available. Commissioner Dubec made a motion to have Christmas in the Park on the first Sunday, Dec. 2 at 5:00-7:00pm. like the last 2 years; Mayor Marx seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council then discussed employee bonuses and the annual appreciation meal. Mayor Marx suggested that the bonuses be given Nov. 16. It was decided to have the meal at the Thrall Country Diner. Mayor Marx suggested taking a poll to see what date works for the employees, possibly during the first week of December around 7:30pm. It was decided the November council meeting would be held Nov. 28th. Mayor Marx made a motion that they accept the bonuses approved as read; Commissioner Dubec 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: 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.

Council reconvened into open session at 8:18pm to conclude the meeting. No action or votes were taken during closed session. The next Thrall City Council meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Meeting was adjourned.

Troy Marx, Mayor

Ginger Gross, City Secretary