

THRALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 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 Cecilia Alderete, Manuel Serna, Phyllis Riojas, and Joe Riojas.

Mayor Marx called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 7:09 pm.

The Thrall City Council heard a presentation from Cecilia Alderete asking for permission to move a new Palm Harbor manufactured home on their property at 107 Castro. Setbacks were discussed and swapping to the second existing water meter on the property was advised. Using the existing sewer hookup was also advised. Mayor Marx instructed Ms. Alderete that the old home must be torn down and not used as a rental home. He also instructed her to pick up a copy of the mobile home ordinance. Plumbing inspections and costs were also discussed. Commissioner Dubec made a motion to allow the Alderetes to put a new Palm Harbor manufactured home at 107 Castro as long as it falls under the guidelines that were presented by the Mayor; Commissioner Walla seconded; motion carried.

The Thrall City Council then discussed the proposed tax rate of 0.643336 for the 2018-19 budget. Mayor Marx announced that the council had met all the parameters of adopting the tax rate by holding two tax rate hearings and the final meeting to adopt the rate. He presented the Ordinance 09-12-2018 that sets the tax rate at \$0.643336 with an M&O rate of 0.396562 and an ISR of 0.246774. Commissioner Walla made a motion to adopt Ordinance 09-12-2018 for the proposed tax rate for the 2018-19 budget at 0.643336; Commissioner Dubec seconded; motion carried.

Next the Thrall City Council discussed the 2018-19 budget. The budget had been previously presented and studied. Commissioner Walla made a motion to adopt the 2018-19 budget as presented to the council; Commissioner Dubec seconded; motion carried.

Item #4, the valves at the sewer pond that were recently inspected by TCEQ, was the next item on the agenda. TCEQ inspected the pond and found the valves not operational. Mayor Marx informed the council that Maintenance Supervisor Normand Pariseau had a company come out and all but 3 of the valves are now operational. The last 3 valves are currently being studied as to how is the best way to get them working again. Then TCEQ will come out and reinspect the valves.

The Thrall City Council then discussed awarding the management/administrative services contract to Langford Community Management Services for the preparation of the city's 2019/2020 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program's (TxCDBG) Community Development Fund Application and subsequent contract administration if application is funded. Mayor Marx told the council that Langford has done a lot for the city and had been the city's grant writer for probably 25+ years. He explained how well they knew the city and how well they kept up with each grant and the accounting part of our grants. Commissioner Dubec made a motion to award the management/administrative services contract to Langford Community Management Services for the preparation of the city's 2019/2020 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program; 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: 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 7:45pm to conclude the meeting. No action or votes were taken during closed session. The next Thrall City Council meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 24, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Meeting was adjourned.

Troy Marx, Mayor

Ginger Gross, City Secretary