

REGULAR SESSION

November 8, 2023

The Thorndale City Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 in the meeting room of Thorndale City Hall, 105 N. Main Street, Thorndale, Texas at 5:30 p.m.

Present - Mayor – George Galbreath Jr.
Mayor Pro Tem – Steven Zuehlke
Council –Jared Melde, Marla Davis, Michael Becker, Wayne Green
Employees – Raymond Miller Jr., Stacy Irwin, Jeremy Hoskins

1. Call to Order

Mayor Galbreath called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Galbreath.

3. Citizens Public Comments

None.

4. Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of Minutes
- b) Approval of Bills
- c) Financial Statements Report
- d) Tax Report
- e) Police Report
- f) City Administrator Report

Councilman Zuehlke made the motion to approve items on the consent agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Green and carried, 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

MAYOR MOVED TO ITEM #6

6. Discussion and update on the City of Thorndale Water Supply Project and Water Meter Replacement Project.

Administrator Miller began with the Water Supply Project stating the city has been invited to apply for funding by the Texas Water Development Board through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). The City through the program is eligible for four million dollars that could be eligible for “Loan Forgiveness”, which means the City would not have to pay back the loan. Currently the City is working on the application that must be submitted by November 17, 2023, which has the ability to

request as much as ten million dollars. If awarded more than the four million the city would need a plan in place to pay back the loan. In regards to the Meter Replacement Project, Administrator Miller explained, that the contractor began the installation of the 100 cellular endpoints and meter replacement on November 6, 2023. No timeline or date in which the city will receive the remaining cellular endpoints.

MAYOR RESUMED ORDER OF THE AGENDA.

5. Presentation on Financial Resources by Duane and Nick Westerman with SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc.

Duane Westerman addressed the council on different types of funding for Financing Capital Improvements. Some available sources are: Property Taxes known as General Obligation Bonds, which must be approved by the voters in an election, Certificates of Obligations, do not require approval of the voters, but they must be made aware by newspaper publication or Notice of Intentions giving the citizens 45 days to file a petition, Tax Notes that must be paid within seven years and Utility System Revenue Bonds would be secured by utility payments. Mayor Galbreath thanked Mr. Westerman for coming and for the information.

7. Discussion and action to approve the Thorndale Economic Development Corporation's Budget for Fiscal year 2023-2024.

After review of the Budget, Councilman Green made the motion to approve the TEDC's Budget. Motion was seconded by Councilman Zuehlke and carried, 5-0.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution #23-14 authorizing the submittal of an application for Financial Assistance to the Texas Water Development Board's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and designating the City Administrator as its representative with authority to execute all necessary documentation for the application.

Councilman Zuehlke made the motion to approve the Resolution. Motion was seconded by Councilman Green and carried, 5-0.

9. Discussion and update on the City of Thorndale's applications to the 2023 TxDOT Alternative Transportation Call for Projects – Downtown Streetscapes.

Administrator Miller reported that the proposed projects would reinforce concrete sidewalks along both sides of downtown, would include 5 crosswalks with 12 ADA curb ramps, lighting and signage. This is a reimbursement program in which the city pays upfront and gets reimbursed from TxDot. There are two different applications and the city has made it through the first step on both.

10. Discussion and possible action to approve the costs to re-build the batting cages at the city owned baseball field.

After some discussion, Councilman Melde made the motion to retrieve bids on rebuilding the batting cages. Motion was seconded by Councilman Zuehlke and carried, 5-0.

11. Personnel Matters: Discussion and possible action to hire a part-time Municipal Judge.

After some discussion, Councilman Zuehlke made the motion to hire Phyllis Mathison. Motion was seconded by Councilman Green and carried, 5-0.

12. Personnel Matters: Discussion and possible action to approve the hire of a New Equipment/Utility Operator and set a salary.

Councilman Melde made the motion to hire Caleb Dlugas at \$18.00 an hour. Motion was seconded by Councilman Green and carried, 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City of Thorndale Council adjourned from its regular session into executive session at 6:18 p.m. to discuss the following item under Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters):

13. Discussion and possible action on City Administrator's job performance.

No action was taken on this item in Executive Session.

FINAL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

Thorndale City Council reconvened into regular session at 6:26 p.m. to consider possible action under Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters):


13a. Discussion and possible action on City Administrator job performance.

Mayor Galbreath stated that City Administrator Ray Miller Jr. will have a written warning for missing deadlines on projects.

With no further business, Mayor Galbreath declared the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Approved

12-13-2023


George Galbreath Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Stacy Irwin, City Secretary

