

**CITY OF THROCKMORTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.**

1. Mayor Will Carroll called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with council members Corey Keeter, Susie Oliver, Brad Bellah, Ricky Escalon, and Judy Jackson present. Mayor Will Carroll and Kim Bundy-Asst. City Secretary, Bobby Thompson-J.P., Doc Wigington-Co. Sheriff, and Mary & Dave Harris- Citizens were also present. The invocation was given by Mayor Carroll.
2. The Council reviewed and approved the minutes from the August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 regular Meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by-----Brad Bellah  
Second by-----Judy Jackson  
All Council Members in favor. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Dave & Mary Harris were present to address the council regarding their water bill. They believe their bill is too high and they didn't use the amount of water they were charged for. After a lengthy discussion and closely reviewing the information concerning their bill including the notes on the account, the meter being checked and found to be working properly, and the four times that the meter was re-read, there is no evidence of error on the Cities part showing that they were wrongly billed. Brad Bellah suggested that in fairness to the Harris' and the citizens, the City meet them in the middle which will be \$321.45. Mr. Harris agreed to pay it and he stated "the next time I promise you the jury will take it and decide it because that's ridiculous, talk about being mugged, now your being mugged." Brad Bellah stated "I understand your frustration", Mr. Harris stated "I'm not frustrated, it's annoying", Mary Harris stated "I want to know where the water is at". Mayor Carroll asked for a motion. Motion was made to split the of the bill in half; the City pay half and the Harris' pay half; which would be \$321.45 each. Motion was made by-----Brad Bellah  
Second by-----Susie Oliver  
Motion carried 5-0  
After the motion passed Mr. Harris stated "but I promise you if it ever happens again the jury will decide and you know how many people are being mugged in Throckmorton according to water issues and you know who will win the next one, I mean it's just." Mayor Carroll asked to move on to the next item.
4. Bobby Thompson and Sheriff Wigington were present for Citizens participation. Mayor Carroll reported that the lake is full and running around; He also wants to go ahead and continue with the creek cleaning project by removing trees and debris starting at the bridge on Hwy. 283/183 behind the City Pool and ending at the City Park bridge; The City still has some waste water issues but Jacob & Martin our City Engineers are taking care of them; The Skid Steer is scheduled to be delivered on September 18<sup>th</sup>; There was another dangerous dog declaration by our Animal Control Officer and a hearing was set in JP Court, before the hearing was held, the individual moved to Colorado and took the dogs with him, there was no hearing held; There were two dogs picked up and held in our kennels but this morning it was discovered that the dogs were removed and the kennels were damaged, this is being investigated; Bobby Thompson addressed the council regarding the lean to behind the fire hall. The fire department would like to have it cleaned out for them to use for storage and they will replace the roof, the council agreed; Sheriff Wigington addressed the council requesting help funding the salary for a second deputy for the Sheriff's Department. An Interlocal Agreement between the City and County would have to be prepared and approved. After a lengthy discussion the council agreed that additional law enforcement would be valuable to the City as well as the County and assured Sheriff Wigington that his request will be taken into consideration and a

decision will be made before the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, 2019. Sheriff Wigington thanked the council and left the meeting.

5. The Texas Department of Transportation Grant (RAMP) between the City of Throckmorton and the Texas Department of Transportation and designating Mayor Carroll as the authorized representative for the City was discussed.

Motion to approve applying for the grant was made by-----Judy Jackson  
Second by-----Ricky Escalon  
Motion carried 5-0

**REGULAR MEETING RECESSED-PUBLIC HEARING BEGAN**

6. There was no one present for the public hearing to consider an Ordinance adopting a budget for the City of Throckmorton for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017.
7. There was no one present for the public hearing to consider an Ordinance establishing the Ad Valorem Levy Tax Rate for the City of Throckmorton for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

**PUBLIC HEARING ENDED-REGULAR MEETING RESUMED**

8. Council discussed Ordinance 2018-06, an **ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING RESOURCES FOR BUDGET YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019.**

Motion to approve Ordinance 2018-06 was made by-----Brad Bellah  
Second by-----Corey Keeter  
All Council Members in favor, Motion carried 5-0

9. Council discussed Ordinance 2018-07, **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE AD VALOREM LEVY TAX FOR THE CITY OF THROCKMORTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 AT \$0.903922 PER 100 DOLLAR VALUATION OF PROPERTY, REPRESENTING A LEVY OF 0.716590 PER 100 DOLLARS FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE AND 0.187332 PER 100 DOLLARS FOR INTEREST AND SINKING (DEBT SERVICE), BY CONDUCTING A FORMAL "VOICE VOTE" OF SAID ORDINANCE.**

Formal Voice Vote motion was made by Judy Jackson as follows: "I move that the property tax rate be decreased by the adoption of a tax rate of .903922, which is effectively an 8.96 percent decrease in the tax rate."

Judy Jackson-Aye                      Corey Keeter-Aye                      Ricky Escalon-Aye  
Brad Bellah-Aye                      Susie Oliver-Aye

All Council members in favor with Aye votes, Motion carried 5-0

10. Council discussed amending Ordinance 2014-05, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ESTABLISHED RATES FOR THE USE OF THE WATER SYSTEM OPERATED AND OWNED BY THE CITY OF THROCKMORTON, TEXAS.** The amendment has to do with checks that are returned to the City for **INSUFFICIENT FUNDS.**

Motion to amend Ordinance 2014-05 was made by-----Brad Bellah  
Second by-----Ricky Escalon  
Motion carried 5-0

11. Council discussed appointing a Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion to appoint Susie Oliver was made by-----Brad Bellah

Second by \_\_\_\_\_ Corey Keeter  
Motion carried 4-0, Susie Oliver.0 abstained


12. Council discussed Throckmorton Central Appraisal District's 2019 Budget.  
Motion to approve TCAD's 2019 budget was made by \_\_\_\_\_ Brad Bellah  
Second by \_\_\_\_\_ Susie Oliver  
All Council members in favor, Motion carried 5-0

12. Discuss/Approve **Resolution 2018-02**, a Resolution Extending the Depository Agreement.  
Motion to approve Resolution 2017-03 was made by \_\_\_\_\_ Judy Jackson  
Second by \_\_\_\_\_ Corey Keeter  
All Council members in favor, Motion carried 4-0, Brad Bellah abstained

13. This month's bills were reviewed and discussed by the Council.  
Motion to pay the bills was made by \_\_\_\_\_ Susie Oliver  
Second by \_\_\_\_\_ Brad Bellah  
All Council members in favor, Motion carried 5-0

13. Motion was made by Ricky Escalon to adjourn, all in favor, motion carried 5-0.

  
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Will Carroll, Mayor

  
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Melanie Gober, City Secretary