

CITY OF THROCKMORTON

MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2020

1. Mayor Carroll called the City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council members Ricky Escalon, Susie Oliver and Cathey Lee present. Judy Jackson was absent. Also present were Angie Scarlett-City Secretary, Bobby Thompson, and Randy Hantz. Invocation was given by Mayor Carroll.

2. *Council Members approved minutes from regular meeting on August 14th and special meeting minutes from August 24th, 2020.*

Motion to approve the minutes was made by _____ Susie Oliver

Second by _____ Ricky Escalon

All Council Members in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

3. *Citizen's Participation:*

Mayor Carroll reported that a representative from the Texas Community Development Block Grant met with Jimmy to take pictures of what work would be done if we get the grant. The rep told Jimmy that we had not been chosen as of yet for the grant but for them to send him to take pictures of the sites, it was a good sign. Mayor Carroll met with engineers a few weeks back and the \$275,000 dollar grant would be used in replacing the water line behind the Assembly of God, rehab the filters at the water plant and replacing the carbon dioxide shed, along with other things on the list. The city is due this grant and hopefully we will be hearing from TCDG soon.

The city has had a few code enforcement activities and had to hire someone to clean up a few bigger jobs which is costing the city. The protocol for the code enforcement actions is, citizen receives the citation and within a certain time frame, they are to clean up property. If the owner takes action then that is all that needs to be done if they do not comply then the city has an opportunity to go and clean the property. A bill is sent to the owner and if they do not pay, the Texas Community Group can issue a lien on that property.

The city had a dog incident where the animal control officer had to serve papers to an individual deeming their dogs dangerous. These dogs have not bit anyone but have chased people that have hurt themselves trying to get away from them. They have up to 15 days if they want to appeal the served papers and then go by the steps of which court they choose. They have to keep the dogs restrained at all times on a leash in the immediate control of the owner, and will have to obtain liability insurance on each dog.

4. ***Fire boys to discuss shed for firetrucks:***

Bobby Thompson and Randy Hantz addressed the council about the sheds we have behind city hall that we use for storage and would we allow them to have use of the property of the one shed farthest west. Council members went outside to look over the location and to see exactly what property they were asking about after more discussion there was a motion made by _____
Cathey Lee to allow the Fire boys to have use of the property to rebuild a shed for their firetrucks.

A second made by _____Rick Escalon

Motion carried 3-0.

REGULAR MEETING RECESSED-PUBLIC HEARING BEGAN @ 7:16 PM

5. 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 1st, 2020 and ending September 30th, 2021.
6. 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 2020-2021.

PUBLIC HEARING ENDED-REGULAR MEETING RESUMED @ 7:18 PM

7. ***Discuss/ Adopt ORDINANCE 2020-05*** – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING RESOURCES FOR THE BUDGET YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1ST, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th -2021.

Motion made to approve Ordinance 2020-05 was made by _____Cathey Lee

Second by _____Susie Oliver

Motion carried 3-0.

8. ***Discuss/ Adopt ORDINANCE 2020-06*** – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE AD VALOREM LEVY TAX FOR THE CITY OF THROCKMORTON, FOR THE FICAL YEAR 2020-2021 AT 0.839714 PER 100 DOLLAR VALUATION OF PROPERTY, REPRESENTING A LEVY OF 0.702350/100 FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE, AND 0.137364/100 FOR INTEREST AND SINKING (DEBT SERVICE), BY CONDUCTING A FORMAL “VOICE VOTE” OF SAID ORDINANCE.

Cathey Lee-Aye Ricky Escalon-Aye

Susie Oliver-Aye Judy Jackson-Absent

All three council members in favor with 3 Aye votes, Motion carried 3-0.

9. **Old Business- Discuss/ Take Action on decision to sell or table City owned lots 11 and 12 of Block #7.**

Mayor Carroll discussed with the council on the lots owned by the city that are just north of the City pool. If the councils' decision is to sell these lots, we will have to run an ad in the newspaper, accepting closed bids. The lots are not benefiting the city at this point and Mr. Overton has offered to move the light poles for us if we decide to utilize the volleyball court at the city park, as discussed in prior council meeting.

A motion to move forward and sell LOTS 11 & 12 OF BLOCK 7 (volleyball court) was made by _____ Ricky Escalon

Seconded by _____ Susie Oliver

Motion carried 3-0.

10. **Discuss/ Approve Throckmorton Central Appraisal District's 2020-2021 Budget**

After some discussion the council had on the TCAD budget, Cathey Lee explained to the council on questions they had on the amounts being spent on new computer conversions, new technology, and some of the employee benefits. There was a motion made to approve the Throckmorton Central Appraisal Districts 2020-2021 Budget by _____ Susie Oliver

Seconded by _____ Ricky Escalon

Motion carried 3-0.

11. **Pay Bills/ Review Budget**

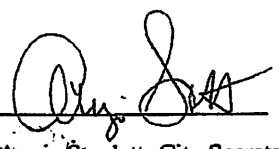
Susie made the motion to pay the bills.

Seconded by _____ Cathey Lee

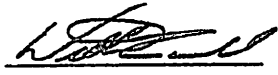
Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor discussed the budget with the council and how all the amounts will look completely different on next month's income statement but overall, the budget for all funds during our 2019-2020 have almost broke even. Water sales have been up which has helped a bunch for end of year revenues. Sales tax have actually gone up for this time of year.

12. Susie made the motion to adjourn. All in favor 3-0.



Angie Scarlett, City Secretary



Will Carroll, Mayor

