

**CITY OF THROCKMORTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14th, 2021**

1. Mayor Will Carroll called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were, Ricky Escalon, Cathey Lee, Lester Moses and Judy Jackson. Susie Oliver was absent. Also present was Angie Scarlett- City Secretary and Sherriff Doc Wigington. Invocation was given by Mayor Carroll.
2. **Council Members approved the minutes from the August 10th, 2021 meeting.**
Motion was made to approve the minutes by-----Cathey Lee
Second by-----Judy Jackson
Motion carried 4 – 0

REGULAR MEETING RECESSED-PUBLIC HEARING BEGAN @ 6:02 PM

3. 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 2021-2022.
4. 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 2021-2022.

PUBLIC HEARING ENDED-REGULAR MEETING RESUMED @ 6:03 PM

5. **Discuss/Adopt ORDINANCE 2021-04- AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING RESOURCES FOR THE BUDGET YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022.**
Motion was made by----- Lester Moses
to approve ORDINANCE 2021-04 ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021-
SEPTEMBER 30, 2022.
Second by-----Ricky Escalon
Motion carried 4-0.
6. **Discuss/Adopt ORDINANCE 2021-05-AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE AD VALOREM LEVY TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF THROCKMORTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 AT 0.83797 PER 100-DOLLAR VALUATION OF PROPERTY REPRESENTING A LEVY OF 0.705565/100 FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE, AND 0.132405/100, FOR INTEREST AND SINKING (DEBT SERVICE).**
Motion was made to approve ORDINANCE 2021-05 ESTABLISHING THE AD VALOREM LEVY TAX RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022.

Cathey Lee-Aye
Judy Jackson-Aye
Lester Moses-Aye
Ricky Escalon-Aye
Susie Oliver-Absent

All four council members in favor with 4 aye votes, 0 nays and one absentee. Motion carried 4-0.

7. **Citizen's Participation**

Mayor Carroll discussed going to the Broadband meeting at the court house. A representative from Connect Nations Texas was there to give updates and stated that by September 30th the surveys will be presented. Mayor Carroll has been the cities advocate and is staying active in all zoom meetings and email correspondences with Connect Nations Texas and will be meeting with someone from NexLink on September 30th and will be asking questions like, "what can you do for us, how much is the cost, and are their grants available"? There was discussion on getting a county representative involved as well as city. Connect Nation Texas is a statewide initiative funded by the Texas Rural Funders to support all Texans in leveraging broadband.

The mayor updated the council on the grants that are still moving forward. Half of the \$188,000 American Recovery Act money has been received and the other half will be distributed at some point in time during next spring. This will be used first on a Scada computer system that will connect the lake, water plant, the tower, and the Mitchell tank. This will allow Jimmy and workers to be notified on their phones on water and chemical levels and helping keep everything accurate with the water plant. This will keep us from not having to rely on Windstream where in the past, it goes down for hours at a time.

Judy Jackson thanked the mayor and council for their donation to the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund in honor of her sister, Brenda Crowder. Jarret Wigington has given his 2 weeks' notice and at this time we will not be hiring anyone to take his place.

8. **Discuss/Amend Animal Control Ordinance**

Mayor Carroll expressed to the council that the animal control officer has in many instances had problems with people not abiding by the rules of this ordinance and we were asked by the animal control officer to amend the ordinance for public nuisance dogs. In the Ordinance under Public Nuisance, it will be added as stated:

1st offense – verbal warning, 2nd offense-certified letter will be sent, 3rd offense-impound/seize animal. After some discussion, the council decided to amend the Ordinance as stated.

Motion made by-----Judy Jackson

Second by-----Cathey Lee

Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion on the stop signs- this was not on the agenda, but was discussed at this point in the meeting with Sherriff, Doc Wigington. Mayor Carroll began with that the city has contacted TML legal with what we would need to do in order for a stop sign to be put up. At last months council meeting Mr. Warman presented his complaint that people were driving too fast down High Street and what can we do about it. His suggestion was to put up additional stop signs making a four way stop by his house. The speed limit has already been lowered to 25mph from the default speed on every other street of 30mph. The mayors concern of a 4-way stop sign being put up would be that people would not be used to this after years of only one stop sign and someone would eventually end up having a wreck instead of this helping the problem and cause a larger liability. The solution would be to stop these few people that are doing the speeding. Sherriff Wigington agreed that the stop signs in the area where Warman is wanting them would cause more wrecks than it would by just slowing people down. Doc continued that he has confronted some individuals that he has seen speeding. The only time Warman has ever said anything to him was outside of the Sheriff's office. He's never come in and actually filed any kind of complaint. Wiginton continued to discuss on reasons the stop signs would create more problems but agreed that there is a speeding problem in areas but that their job is not really to do trafficking or to stop people for speeding violations, but is the job of DPS and there is never any DPS here to help with that.

There was more discussion on how the stop signs would cause so much confusion. The council was in agreement that this subject has been dealt with and no further discussion on the subject was needed at this point.

Pay Bills/Review Financials and Budget

Council discussed and reviewed the budget. The month's bills were reviewed and discussed.

Motion to pay the bills was made by-----Cathey Lee

Second by-----Judy Jackson

Motion carried 4-0

9. ***Discuss/Take Action, personnel for Public Works Director for City of Throckmorton.***

At this time Jimmy Collins is the city's Public Works Supervisor. More responsibilities have been put on Jimmy and at first, he was not ready to take on the PWD role for the city, but mayor Carroll has visited with him and he is ready for more responsibilities now. More responsibly would include bringing the public works director report at the city council meetings. Jimmy has already taken most of these responsibilities but would actually have the title. The mayor made the proposal to the council to promote Jimmy from Public Works Supervisor to Public Works Director with a raise from \$35,200 to \$40,000. Jimmy recently received his C Water and C Sewer License and works well with the grant processing. Jimmy already fills out all reports and works hands on with the guys in all they do.

Motion made by-----Judy Jackson
to promote Jimmy Collins to Public Works Director and increase pay to \$40,000.00 annually.

Second made by-----Lester Moses
Motion carried 4-0.

10. ***Pay Bills/Review Budget***

Mayor Carroll reported that with the large amounts coming in from the Recovery Act, we have transferred \$50,000 of that into our TxPool account. Bills were reviewed.

Motion made by-----Cathey Lee

Second made by-----Judy Jackson

Motion carried 4-0.

11. ***Adjourn***

Cathey Lee made the motion to adjourn.

All in favor.



Angie Scarlett, City Secretary



Will Carroll, Mayor

