

**CITY OF THROCKMORTON
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11th, 2022**

1. Mayor Will Carroll called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with all council members present: Susie Oliver, Cathey Lee, Ricky Escalon, and Lester Moses. Council member, Judy Jackson was absent. Also present was, Jimmy Collins, Public Works Director, Angie Scarlett, City Secretary, Kim Bundy, Assistant Secretary, and Jonell Wheeler. Invocation was given by Mayor Carroll.
2. ***Council Members approved the minutes from the September 13th, 2022, Regular Meeting.***
Motion to approve the minutes was made by-----Ricky Escalon
Second by-----Cathey Lee
Motion carried, 4-0
3. ***Citizens Participation-***
Mayor Carroll discussed with council that we are just waiting for status on contract with Windstream and that grants are in progress of being paid with a couple of draws being made between TX Agriculture and TDA. Engineers are working on sidewalk project but have not yet heard of any definite starting date. A notam extension is in place for the airport until September of 2023.
Council member Susie Oliver gave an update on progress for the new window industry that is coming to Throckmorton. The committee has met with county commissioners on two separate occasions to make sure they are on board with the process as well and as, Superintendents from Throckmorton and Woodson ISD's. Everyone has been very supportive. Letters have been sent in support of this new business coming to our community along with a letter from Mayor Carroll and all of this has been very positive. There was a final meeting last week of taking the proposals for the destinations of said business, one being the Throckmorton Airport and the other on ten acres east of town owned by Ross McKnight. Abilene has also offered them a donation of land there for the business. In this last meeting they have chosen Throckmorton for the destination of the window business but are doing all the specs of costs, including utilities at both airport and McKnight land before making final decisions on exact location of new business. Council and mayor, all thanked Susie for all her hard work and dedication to this project.
4. ***Jonell Wheeler to discuss adding Senior Citizens' donation on monthly water bills.***
Ms. Wheeler presented to the council a copy of the water bill from Holiday, TX. The Senior Citizens is trying to open its doors back up but is having financial problems. Ms. Wheeler stated that she had talked with Marie Balthrop about the situation, and this is what the city of Holiday has in place where there is an additional \$1.00 added to each customer's bill for a donation to the Senior Citizens. Jonell added that it would only be \$1.00 added to each water bill and could mean an extra \$300 dollars for the Seniors. The seniors have met for a meeting and have hired Armida Alexander as new cook so hopefully the numbers will pick back up. Also, seed money has been set aside from Mr. Ross McKnight for the Center for the purpose of helping in case it was to shut down so this is helping right now. Council member, Cathey Lee asked how much the cost was monthly for the center to run. Around \$800.00 for food and utilities. Council member Susie Oliver asked if the hospital was still providing the meals on wheels. The hospital is still providing this but hopefully the Center will start this back up when they get back on their feet. Susie also asked if they ever did fundraisers and Jonell said they did but it's hard to get anyone interested in helping. More discussion with council on ways to raise the money without putting on the water bill. Mayor Carroll added that we are trying to find out if this is even something we can do legally. City Secretary Angie Scarlett talked to the Secretary in Holiday, and she thought there was an Ordinance that had to be passed but she never could locate it to send the copy to us. Also, the other entities listed on the bill of Holiday are probably under the umbrella of the city and therefore that is why they can ask for such donations. Mayor Carroll stressed that he believes there must be some kind of affiliation or be a city operated enterprise in order to do something like this. TML legal has also been emailed this question but not heard back from yet. Other ways and suggestions of bringing in money were discussed with Jonell with the mayor stating that these are the suggestions we have and probably the best ways to ask people to donate, instead of adding to their water bill. Susie added that people will donate, but the key is if they know you are trying to help yourself, they will donate more. It was suggested to go the local banks and open an account for people to be able to donate to. Along with the seed money, Jonell noted that they have a total of \$29, 400.00 with their proposed opening date to be the last week of October. Mayor Carroll stated that he would like to help the Center by giving us information and we can help advertise on Facebook and on our website. Kim Bundy can help on getting all your information applied to these sites. Jonell was thanked for joining the council meeting.


5. **Review/Vote 2022-2023 Budget for Throckmorton Appraisal District**
 Mayor Carroll discussed with the council of some of variations from last years budget and that we did not approve the last years budget for TCAD last year either.
 A motion was made by-----Susie Oliver
 Not to approve the 2022-2023 budget for Throckmorton Appraisal District
 A second was made by-----Lester Moses
 Motion carried 3-0 with one abstained

6. **Discuss changing date of November Council meeting.**
 There was discussion on the next month's meeting being on the second Tuesday which is voting day, and this will involve Cathey Lee and Judy Jackson, both council members.
 There was a consensus vote for changing Novembers meeting to Monday, November 7th at 6:00 PM.

7. **Public Works Director Report-**
 Jimmy Collins, Public Works Director, reported that the man putting in Scada system was here and did some measuring but that's about all the progress on that project thus far. The boys took care of everything while Jimmy was participating in a water school and took some time off. Mayor Carroll asked about the intake and if there is still an air problem. There is still a problem with this, and Jacob and Martin have been called to come and look at it. But everything is working fine right now. The plant is just having to work harder, and more water is being used to get all the air out of the lines.

8. **Pay Bills/Financial Report – Mayor Carroll**
 Mayor Carroll went over all the finances. The second half of the American Recovery Act money arrived last week, \$94,000.00. Some of this will be used on water plant and on our portion of internet contract. Council member Susie Oliver had a question on the invoice from Black Plumbing for \$7,025.00. Jimmy advised this was for back flow testing that TCEQ requires each year on several businesses in town. It also includes some damages that incurred during the last winter storm.
 Motion was made by-----Susie Oliver
 to pay the bills as presented.
 Second by-----Cathey Lee
 Motion carried 4-0.

9. **Adjourn** - Cathey Lee made the motion to adjourn.
 Motion carried 4-0.



 Will Carroll, Mayor



 Angie Scarlett, City Secretary

