

**CITY OF THROCKMORTON
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 2022**

1. Judy Jackson, Mayor Pro-Tem called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with four council members present: Susie Oliver, Ricky Escalon, Lester Moses, and Cathey Lee. Mayor Carroll was absent. Also present was Jimmy Collins, Public Works Director, Angie Scarlett, City Secretary, Kim Bundy, Assistant Secretary, and Caleb Hodges. Invocation was given by Judy Jackson.

2. **Council Members approved the minutes from the November 7th, 2022, Regular Meeting.**
Motion to approve the minutes was made by-----Susie Oliver
Second by-----Cathey Lee
Motion carried, 4-0

3. **Citizens Participation-**
No one present.

4. **Caleb Hodges to discuss Emergency Management Alert System-**
Caleb reported that state standards are being improved for Emergency preparedness and that most of these duties have already been handed over to him by Judge Trey Carrington as Caleb will be taking over as Judge first of January 2023. Caleb discussed with the council on a new alert system that he is researching for city and county residents called "RAVE Mobile System". This system would supply the citizens with exact locations and pictures of whatever the emergency was whether it be a busted water pipe, flood, tornado, fire, or any kind of emergency situation. People would be able to sign up for the program and decide how they would like to receive the message. It can be sent to your email, by text message, social media, even land line. It will allow the authorized person sending the message to draw out a map of the exact location and to only send to the citizens it involves. Work has begun on getting peoples information in order to sign them up. The cost for this per year will be \$3,000.00 and for the first time set up fee and to install the software, \$3,500.00. Caleb asked the city if they would be in favor of paying half of the cost for this system. This will be a great tool to keep things that are happening, separate and accurate so that just the people involved will be notified instead of alerting the whole town for certain emergencies. Judy Jackson asked if there would be any charge to the citizens for signing up for this program and Caleb said no charge will be given, this will be a free program for anyone here to take advantage of. Caleb added that the county has set aside money on a line item for the new budget year for such things as this. Mayor pro tem, Judy Jackson noted that since our line item did not include that we would take a vote on this, we would have to table it for the next meeting. All discussion with the council members were in favor for the system. Caleb told the council that he really didn't need the council's vote because the money has already been allocated in the new budget but that he just wanted to present the facts about the program to us and see what we thought about it. All council agreed that this would be a great public service for the city and county for emergency services.

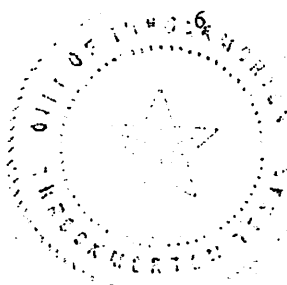
4. Public Works Director Report-

Jimmy Collins reported that parts are in for Scada system and now waiting on electrician to set everything up. Also, to fix lights downtown. State inspector was here today and had a couple of things we need to work on but nothing crazy. Mostly cleanups but other than that, everything is going well.

5. **Pay Bills/Financial Report – Mayor Pro-Tem, Judy Jackson**
Motion was made by-----Cathy Lee
To pay the bills.
Second by-----Ricky Escalon
Motion carried 4-0.


Council member Susie Oliver discussed with the council that the Window project fell through and that they have decided to go with Abilene on their offer. Susie also discussed her concerns about the commitment that was made with the county for a new deputy back in 2020. The city helped pay for the salary and for school for Byron Gray to become deputy. Byron has since quit his job with the county as deputy and the agreement was if he did not fulfill his commitment within the timeline given, then the city should be compensated for him leaving earlier than agreed. There was discussion on how long the term was that was agreed on, and if he did indeed leave before it was up. City Secretary Angie Scarlett said she would look into this.

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





Angie Scarlett, City Secretary



Judy Jackson, Mayor Pro-Tem