

**CITY OF THROCKMORTON
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th, 2022**

1. Mayor Will Carroll called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with all council members present: Susie Oliver, Cathey Lee, Judy Jackson, Ricky Escalon, and Lester Moses. Also present was, Jimmy Collins, Public Works Director, Angie Scarlett, City Secretary, and Sheriff Wigington. 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-----Susie Oliver

Second by-----Cathey Lee

Motion carried, 5-0

3. ***Citizens Participation-None***

4. ***Doc Wigington-Discuss angle parking on Pogue Street***

Sheriff Wigington presented to the council that he would like the city to make Pogue Street a one-way street going from east to west and making one side angle parking. The commissioners talked about only making the courthouse side angle parking and leaving the north side, parallel, that would add 10 more parking spaces along with the flow of traffic going only one way. Mayor Carroll added that he could see where the flow of traffic would be up to the council but not sure that it would be up to us to decide on the parking. The only part of the angle parking we had from the businesses that were involved on South Minter, was to get letters from each of them and present them to TXDOT but it is a state highway, so it was their final decision. The school street was designated a one-way street by the city and then the school designated how they wanted people to park, what lane to use when picking up kids, and, designated the certain time frames. More discussion from the Sheriff on pros and cons of the one-way street and angle parking and that a 90-day notice should be posted for citizens on the changes being rendered. Mayor Carroll added that the city can designate the street as one way but the expense, design, and labor to create slant parking, will be the responsibility of the sheriff's office and or county.

A motion was made by-----Judy Jackson

To designate Pogue Street a one-way street going east to west.

Second by-----Ricky Escalon

Motion carried, 5-0.

5. ***Review Preliminary 2022-2023 Budget for Throckmorton Appraisal District***

Mayor Carroll began the discussion that the council did not approve this last year but that it went forward anyway because it's a majority vote of 6 entities and unless 4 out of the six entities vote against, there would be no changes. There was discussion about there not being anything to compare to from their last year's budget. Council member Susie Oliver added in her opinion that if there is nothing to look at in comparison to what was budgeted last year, it's hard to decide to pass this. Mayor Carroll also noted that in the letter to the city from TCAD it reflects an increase of 03% in the operating budget of the Throckmorton CAD and collections and it states that's an increase of \$7,690.00. But not sure if that increase is based on the entire evaluation of the city or not. There was more discussion on the subject with Mayor Carroll adding that there is a 50/50 chance that if its disapproved and they can't get their budget through because they don't have enough entities, then they will have to get more information out there.

A motion was made by-----Susie Oliver

Not to approve the preliminary 2022-2023 budget for Throckmorton Appraisal District.

A second was made by-----Lester Moses

Motion carried 4-0 with one abstained.

6. **Review and possibly amend, Law Enforcement Agreement with the County.**
 Mayor Carroll began the discussion with information from the council meeting on September 11, 2018. It states that Sheriff Wigington addressed the council requesting help funding the salary for a second deputy for the Sheriff's Department whereas an Interlocal Agreement between the city and county would have to be approved. More discussion was made with the council, and they agreed to make their decision before the 1st of January 2019. The mayor went on to say he wasn't sure how long we have been without a second deputy, but we are still paying for one. Angie Scarlett, city secretary mentioned that is has been over 2 months since we have had a deputy. In the original agreement it doesn't state anywhere about *paying for a second deputy*, all it states is, *we will pay for law enforcement*. Also states in the agreement that funds cannot be stopped, or contract can't be terminated except by a 90-day written notice so we couldn't just decide not to write a check. If we changed the language in the agreement adding, "*for a second deputy only*" and, "*be notified when there is not one.*" If that agreement is in place and the city decides we no longer want to pay for that 2nd deputy anymore, then we can give them the 90 days' notice prior to their budget cycle, and it will be good. But as for right now, without discussing all this with the council, the language the agreement presents right now doesn't match the intent of the council. Mayor Carroll asked the council that the language would clearly state in the agreement that this would be for a second deputy only and in the event, there is not a second deputy, the city will be notified so that payments can be stopped.
 A motion was made by-----Cathey Lee
 To amend the Law Enforcement Interlocal Agreement with the County as stated.
 Second by-----Judy Jackson
 Motion carried 5-0.

REGULAR MEETING RECESSES – PUBLIC HEARING BEGIN-Time 6:38 PM

7. **Conduct a Public Hearing to consider an Ordinance adopting a budget for the City of Throckmorton, for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023.**
 No one present for hearing.
8. **Conduct a Public Hearing to consider an Ordinance establishing the Ad Valorem Levy Tax rate for the City of Throckmorton for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 at 0.765372 per 100-dollar valuation of property, representing a levy of 0.649249/100 for operations and maintenance, and 0.116123/100, for interest and sinking (Debt Service).**
 No one present for hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING END – REGULAR MEETING RESUMES @ 6.39 PM

9. **Discuss/Adopt ORDINANCE 2022-04 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING RESOURCES FOR THE BUDGET YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023.**
 A motion was made by-----Susie Oliver
 Adopting Ordinance 2022-04 Adopting a Budget for 2022-2023.
 Second by-----Ricky Escalon
 Motion carried, 5-0.
10. **Discuss/Adopt ORDINANCE 2022-05 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE AD VALOREM LEVY TAX FOR THE CITY OF THROCKMORTON, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 AT 0.765372 PER 100 DOLLAR VALUATION OF PROPERTY, REPRESENTING A LEVY OF 0.649249/100 FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE, AND 0.166123/100 FOR INTEREST AND SINKING (DEBT SERVICE), BY CONDUCTING A FORMAL "VOICE VOTE" OF SAID ORDINANCE.**
 Motion was made to approve ORDINANCE 2022-05 Establishing the Ad Valorem Levy Tax Rates for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.
 Cathey Lee-Aye
 Ricky Escalon-Aye
 Susie Oliver-Aye
 Lester Moses-Aye
 Judy Jackson-Aye
 All members present with 5 aye votes, 0 nays. Motion carried, 5-0.

11. **Pay Bills/Financial Report – Mayor Carroll**

Mayor Carroll went over the all the finances with the council noting that tax monies would start coming in latter part of October and first of November. Money will then be put back into cities TX Pool account. Bills were discussed with Council member, Susie Oliver having a couple of questions on some of the bills for the work trucks, in which were answered by Public Works Director, Jimmy Collins. It was also decided to withhold the check to the county for the 2nd deputy until we find out there is one employed. Brenda Rankin will be notified.

Motion was made by-----Susie Oliver
To pay the bills.

Second by-----Lester Moses

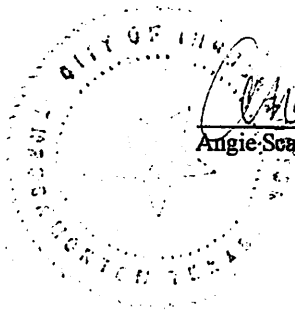
Motion carried 5-0.

Jimmy Collins, Public Works Director reported on all the lines being flushed every other day after the big leak. The rain we received was good and helped the lake. The city is back on our own water now so we should see the water usage from Graham on the next bill substantially low. Other leaks around town were discussed. Scada system is still being worked on and hoping in its finishing stages soon.

Council member Susie Oliver asked how things were going with Windstream. Mayor Carroll reported that he had talked to Mike Hunsucker and the county and school were good with the draft contract and now just waiting on clarification from his legal department to move forward.

Susie Oliver then reported to the council that she was approached by David Decker about a window industry that he is also currently working for, coming to Throckmorton. They are looking for a large location for this business and have looked at the airport as a potential location. He has been approached by Abilene and Cisco to have this business there, but his desire would be to build it here since this is his home. They have looked at a few more locations in the area and the airport would be a good place because of its size and location. This would be a 9000 square foot building with possibly bringing around 100 jobs to our city. Mr. Decker has about 10 families right now that are the foundation of this company that would be living here. They will be having other meetings to discuss other possibilities for the company. Susie added that along with new school, and getting fiber, this would be a huge asset to Throckmorton for jobs in the community. Council member Judy Jackson asked about housing for all these workers. Susie said there are people in the community that are looking into the possibility of building apartments here in the near future and also added that there is also a possibility there will be prefab smaller homes brought in behind the company, if the airport was ever agreed on by the city. Mayor Carroll added that the future of the airport does not look good and is in such need of repairs. Susie ended with, "if there was a possibility that the airport could be repaired and actually helpful to our town it would be different, but we don't want to miss an opportunity for an industry to come to our town that would be so much more beneficial to many more people."

12. **Adjourn - Cathey Lee made the motion to adjourn.**
Motion carried 5-0.




Angie Scarlett, City Secretary


Will Carroll, Mayor