

CITY OF THROCKMORTON
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 14TH, 2023

1. Judy Jackson, Mayor Pro tem, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with three (3) council members present. Susie Oliver, Cathey Lee, and Ricky Escalon. Absent, Lester Moses and Mayor Will Carroll. Also present was Linda Evans, Angie Scarlett, City Secretary, and Jimmy Collins, Public Works Director. Invocation was given by Judy Jackson.

2. *Approve Minutes from February 14th, 2023, regular meeting.*
The motion was made by-----Cathey Lee
to pass the minutes as presented.
Second by-----Susie Oliver
Motion carried, 3-0.

3. *Citizens Participation-*
Linda Evans, owner, and operator of “The Lee House”, explained to the council the problems she is having when water has to be shut off. When water is turned back on, by the city, the water that goes through her pipes, through her reverse osmosis system, causes her osmosis system to clog. The system that is under Linda’s kitchen sink, has filters that are changed out each year and has had to have repairs up to \$1,000.00 because when the water has to be shut off all over town and then turned back on, it causes muck and debris to clog up the lines that go to the osmosis system. The filters were shown to the council from her system. Public Works Director, Jimmy Collins noted that these particles could be coming from other pipes and when the water is shut off for a period of time and turned back on, the sediment buildup comes loose and runs through the pipes, as it does to most everyone in town. This is why there is always a boil water notice sent out to alert everyone when the water is shut off because of a leak or breakage. Ms. Evans asked Jimmy if there was any kind of 25-year plan in place to replace all the pipes in town needing to be replaced. Jimmy stated there is not a plan such as this but each year, when funds are available or grant money in place, pipes have been replaced. Ms. Evans explained that her main concerns were the cost of what she had been out, and the safeness of the water. Jimmy reassured Ms. Evans the city water is safe to drink and when there is a boil notice sent out, tests are performed before the boil notice can be lifted to ensure the safety of the water. Ms. Evans stated, “If this is going to happen to me each time the water is turned off and I’m having to replace my system each time, is the city going to reimburse me for these costs as well as when my guests leave?” “What about when the electricity goes off?”
Council member Susie Oliver stated that contracts state that when there is a natural disaster or something happens out of their control, there is nothing that can be done, as in repairs for a water breakage or when things like the electricity goes out periodically as it has been for everyone lately. No one is being alerted ahead of time. Things like this happen that are out of our control. Susie shared that during the pandemic her business, (Gym), was shut down for seven months, with no warning, just a letter from the government stating to close. After re-opening, only 5 people at a time could work-out. This was no income coming in for seven months because of something no one had any control over. Ms. Evans main concern was if the water was safe. Jimmy reassured her that the water is safe and that bacteria tests are conducted each month and that the city has requirements by the TCEQ that have to stay in compliance at all times. Ms. Evans also mentioned she cannot hear the fire whistle where she is located. Susie explained about a new alert system that will soon be available for city and county citizens in the very near future. Citizens will be able to be alerted on their own phones of locations of fires, water breakages for possible water shut offs, dangerous weather conditions, and any other emergency alerts. There was more discussion and comments from Ms. Evans and the council about her water system. Jimmy asked if maybe Ms. Evans could get a water softener put in her system, that this would help. Ms. Evans was not in favor of a water softener as this will ruin her sheets and towels.

Susie Oliver added that maybe she could put a clause in her business contract for customers to be aware that no refund would be given if something occurred during their stay as in, the water having to be turned off or the electricity going off. Ms. Evans replied that this hasn't happened as of yet, but it was a good idea. She stated that more than anything, she wanted her customers to know they are safe. Ms. Evans concluded that she was not happy with the answers she received but thanked the council for allowing her to speak.

Mayor Pro tem, Judy Jackson went over the INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT with the county that had been discussed at the previous meeting. The agreement is for a 3-year contract with RAVE Mobile Safety for the purpose of providing a license for the period January 25, 2023, through January 24, 2026, for critical communications for Throckmorton County citizens during emergency or crisis situations, affecting Throckmorton County. There was a census of the council in agreement of the INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT with the County. The contract will be a line item and signed at the next council meeting.

4. ***Consider and act on ORDINANCE No. 2023-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THROCKMORTON, DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES IN THE MAY 6, 2023, GENERAL ELECTION, ELECTED TO THE OFFICE; CANCELLING THE ELECTION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.***

Motion was made by-----Susie Oliver
Passing ORDINANCE No. 2023-02
Second by-----Cathy Lee
Motion carried, 3-0

5. ***Consider and act on ORDINANCE No. 2023-03 AN ORDINANCE CANCELLING THE MAY 6, 2023, GENERAL ELECTION. In accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code.***

Motion was made by-----Ricky Escalon
Second by-----Susie Oliver
Passing ORDINANCE No.2023-03
Motion carried, 3-0

6. ***Consider and act on RESOLUTION No. 2023-02 ESTABLISHING APRIL AS NATIONAL 9-1-1 EDUCATION MONTH.***

Motion was made by-----Ricky Escalon
Second by-----Cathy Lee
Passing RESOLUTION No. 2023-02
Motion carried, 3-0

7. ***Consider and act on PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL 9-1-1 EDUCATION MONTH FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023.***

Motion was made by-----Susie Oliver
Passing PROCLAMTION FOR NATIONAL 9-1-1 EDUCATION MONTH FOR APRIL 2023
Second by-----Cathy Lee
Motion carried, 3-0

8. **Discuss Cushion material for City Playground-**

Quote from Texas Kiddie Cushion was viewed by the council for the wood fiber needed at the city park. City Secretary, Angie Scarlett and Public Works Director, Jimmy Collins discussed with the council that the park is in bad shape and in need of wood fiber to be replaced. Most of what is still there has been washed out by the heavy rains we've received. Council member Susie Oliver commented if something cheaper could be used, like rubber mats or rubber mulch that can be purchased at Lowes for a better price. Council member Cathey Lee added that pea gravel could be an option as well. Susie added that her only concern was that the park was in a flood zone and the probability of this happening again is inevitable. More discussion on this topic will be made at the next meeting.

9. **Public Works Director report-**

Jimmy Collins reported that there is still no news on the Scada system, but that Robertson Electric has completed all the findings from the state that were in need of attention. This report will be sent to TCEQ as completed. Electricians will come back and build what is needed for the Scada system. Asphalt has arrived so the guys have been working on slowly getting potholes filled, weather permitted. Susie Oliver asked if city workers help with anything the Beautification Committee has planted. Jimmy mentioned that Betsy Bellah has trimmed the bushes and the city usually picks up all the limbs and takes to the dump for them when asked to. Susie asked if we could find out who the company was that used to come every so often to pick up limbs for the city. More discussion on possibly setting a time and date for picking up limbs only.

10. **Pay Bills/Financial Report-**

Susie had a couple of questions on the bills one being the Handyman bill. Jimmy explained there is work being done at the swimming pool and Bobby Bundy is being paid to do the work. These changes will help in making an area for the lifeguards to cool off during the very hot days this summer. Susie also had a question on the Chase bill on a charge for a straight talk phone and/or hotspot for 38 dollars. The invoice was not included so she was questioning what the charge was for. More discussion on this subject with City Secretary, Angie Scarlett, adding that she would look into what the charge was for.

Motion was made by-----Susie Oliver


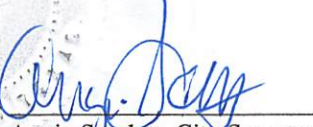
Second by-----Cathey Lee

Motion carried, 3-0.

Judy Jackson went over the financials and income statements with the council.

11. **Adjournment was made by Cathey Lee.**

Motion carried, 3-0.


Will Carroll, Mayor

Angie Scarlett, City Secretary
