

CITY OF THROCKMORTON
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 11TH, 2023

1. Mayor Will Carroll called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with three (3) council members present. Susie Oliver, Judy Jackson, and Ricky Escalon. Absent, Lester Moses and Cathey Lee. Also present was Angie Scarlett, City Secretary and Kim Bundy, Assistant Secretary. Jimmy Collins, Public Works Director, was absent due to a water leak repair. Guests present were Betsy Bellah, Dale and Tammie Riley, Randy Koonsman, and Robert Mitchell. The invocation was given by Will Carroll.

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

3. *Citizens Participation-* Dale Riley was spokesperson for his concern of streets in bad need of repair. He has spoken to a person working for Raydon, a company out of Breckenridge that does asphalt paving and repair, on what their cost would be for repairing streets and they quoted that it would be around \$3.00 per square foot. Mayor Carroll mentioned that there are some funds that can be used from the Economic Development Fund which is funded by the half cent sales tax. More discussion from the Riley's stating that the road in front of their house is in bad shape and that much traffic comes by daily from parents of school kids. Discussion on the road starting at the Methodist church going west on Zada, and around Petit Street all the way to the stop sign, in front of the school playground. This whole area is in need of repair. The city will contact Raydon and give them a map of the designated areas to look at and we will go from there to get something started. More discussion from Mayor, council, and guests, of the possibility of the county helping out in order to cut some of the costs. Some commissioners had voiced that they would be willing to help. Mayor Carroll added that Woodson had recently had a lot of work done there and to find out who did their street repairs. Betsy Bellah mentioned to maybe calling the Mayor of Stamford, that they are redoing some of their streets as well. Discussion on whether or not the city was receiving any monies from the windfarm energy sources. Mayor Carroll stated that "No, the city does not receive any". Months ago, Doc came to a meeting and asked that we make a list of things the city was in need of and a name of a person to send the list to from the Windfarm company. We did this but never heard back from anyone. Whatever percentage that is collected from the production of the energy from the windmills, will only go to the county, not city. The mayor stated that we now have a place to start and will do our best to get the ball rolling. Mayor Carroll thanked our guests for being willing to participate.
Mayor Carroll reported to the council that the sidewalk project is getting ready to close and bids are probably already out. He also spoke with Mike Hunsucker about the fiber project and the engineering and design is completed and they're giving this to their contractors. Mr. Hunsucker would like to have a groundbreaking kickoff event at some point with invites to state and federal officers.
Code enforcement with *Texas Communities Group* is getting back in the swing and the mayor suggested that anyone wanting to, they have an app that you can take pictures of any property that needs attention and send it to them so that they can observe the property when they come to town.
The mayor will be attending a Judge training in San Angelo on the 24th of May.

4. *Consider/Act on quotes from Texas Kiddie Cushion and Playwell Group for City Park Playground. This repair will bring the city's playground into compliance with safety regulations-*

Mayor Carroll reported to the council that he knew this subject was addressed at the last meeting but wanted to stress that the city park is a public municipal park, and something has to be done in order to keep in compliance with the original grant given to us from the Parks and Wildlife. Regulations state that according to the height of the equipment, pea gravel is only certified to use up to 4 feet per fall. If we were ever checked on by the state, we would be closed down. More discussion from council member Susie Oliver asking why the school has always had pea gravel. Mayor Carroll replied that it may be possible because they are not a public municipality or don't have the regulations from a grant as we do. Flooding concerns at the park were discussed. The wood fiber product that we have now has only been replaced one time, and the company paid for it. Mayor Carroll stressed that something has to be done in order to keep kids safe from possible injury. Council member Judy Jackson added that it would be better for the city to be in compliance rather than someone getting hurt and possibly sue us over not having the correct safety material. The quotes we have from Playwell are just for the material and we will have to spread the material ourselves.

Motion was made by-----Ricky Escalon
to accept the quote from Playwell for the delivery of wood fiber for \$7,159.93.

Second by-----Judy Jackson
Motion carried, 3-0.

5. ***Interlocal Agreement with County (Contract with RAVE Mobile Safety), Finalize and sign by Mayor Carroll.***
A motion was made by-----Judy Jackson
Finalize and sign Interlocal Agreement Contract with the County for RAVE Mobile Safety.
Second by-----Ricky Escalon
Motion carried, 3-0.

6. **Executive Session began at 6:37 PM**

Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 (Personnel)

Reconvene to Open Session at 6:54 PM

Jimmy Collins returned to the council meeting.

7. ***Take action from Executive Session-***

Mayor Carroll asked the council for a motion for these two items.

1.) City Secretary, Angie Scarlett's salary to be raised from \$33,181.00 per year, to \$36,523.00 per year.

2.) Public Works Director, Jimmy Collins will no longer have family insurance amount deducted from his check, it will be paid by the city.

Motion by-----Susie Oliver

To approve both of these motions as presented.

Second by-----Ricky Escalon


Motion carried, 3-0.

8. ***Public Works Director Report-*** Jimmy Collins reported to the council that the Scada system could be about three weeks out for completion. The lack of rain in the lake is affecting a lot of things at the water plant. More backwashing and plant having to run long hours at a time. Roads are beginning to get patched, and the mowing has begun. Will went over the main topics of the conversations from the citizens that were here to discuss the roads since Jimmy was not yet at the meeting. Jimmy will call and get with Raydon to show them what we need done and see what they will be able to do to help us get started on some of these streets. With the ones mentioned at the meeting as first priority. Council member Susie Oliver mentioned a person of interest that might want to help in donating and who also has a paving company out of Jermyn Texas. Mayor Carroll added that it would be great if others from the outside could help along with possibly the county. Will let the council know that he won't be doing the swimming pool anymore. His recommendation would be to hire a pool manager and so far, we have one applicant. He added that he would help this person out in any

way possible to ensure everything is running sufficiently. If this doesn't work out, we will figure out a way to divide all the responsibilities. The mayor discussed some of the renovations that have taken place at the pool house as in a new wall that encloses the part where the lifeguards take in money and have a break when needed. It has windows where they will be able to see out and wait on kids and adults coming in but also has an air conditioner in order to recover from the heat.

9. **Pay Bills/Financial Report-** Mayor Carroll went over the financials and bills were reviewed.
Motion was made by-----Susie Oliver
to pay the bills.
Second by-----Judy Jackson
Motion carried, 3-0.
10. **Adjournment-Susie Oliver**
Motion carried, 3-0.



Angie Scarlett, City Secretary

Will Carroll, Mayor