

CITY OF THROCKMORTON
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 10TH, 2023

1. Mayor Will Carroll called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with four (4) council members present. Brandon Chandler, Ricky Escalon, Cathey Lee, and Judy Jackson. Council member, Lester Moses was absent. Also present was Angie Scarlett, City Secretary, Jimmy Collins, Public Works Director, Kim Bundy, Assistant Secretary, Dede Smith, Throckmorton Chief Appraiser, and Cameron Gully, CPA for the city. The invocation was given by Will Carroll.

2. *Approve Minutes from June 13th, 2023, regular meeting.*

The motion was made by-----Cathey Lee
to accept the minutes as presented.

Second by-----Ricky Escalon
Motion carried, 4-0.

3. *Citizens Participation-* Mayor Carroll addressed to the council that Ben Hale had called him about baling the grass at the airport. After a short discussion and opinions were heard, it was the consensus of the council that Ben Hale would be contacted and given permission to bale the grass at the airport.

A pre-construction meeting was held at city hall last Thursday on the sidewalk project coming up with starting day predicted to be around July 16 or 17th. The starting place for this project will begin at the corner of 101 South Minter Street and end will complete at the end of that block, corner of Minter and Washington Street. A big part of this improvement will be to repair the drainage for this whole block. The sidewalks will all be reconstructed, along with new lighting. As of right now, there may be at least \$40,000 in contingency. This will be used if there is more to be done towards the end of the project.

The fiberoptic workers are still in the process of getting all the lines up in town. Hopefully this will be finished soon.

4. *Discuss/Consider Waiver of Delinquent Taxes –*

Dede Smith explained to the council that recently, Paul Giles passed away and his wife Wanda is still living. In 2008, Mr. Giles put on his property a tax deferral which at 65 and over, you may choose to place a tax deferral on your property until either you pass away, or your property sells. Taxes on this property have not been paid for 18 years. The son of Mr. Giles was not aware that the taxes were not being paid upon his death and is now requesting that he could pay a flat \$18,000.00 and would like the rest to be waived by each entity, City, County, and School, and begin fresh paying his mother's taxes starting the new year. Taxes that are owed at this point are over \$57,000.00.

Tax Collector, Dede Smith added that she is not for this decision but told Mr. Giles that she would present to each board for their decision. There was much discussion with the council and Mayor on this matter and how this would be very unfair to all the other taxpayers. A final decision was made.

A motion was made by Council member-----Cathey Lee
Not to accept the deferral of delinquent taxes owed by Mr. Paul Giles.

Second made by Council member-----Judy Jackson
Motion carried, 4-0

5. *City of Throckmorton Audit 2021-2022 – Cameron Gully, CPA*

Mr. Gully reported that the city did very well for this last fiscal year. Covid has done the exact opposite of what was predicted. Sales tax monies from online shopping has greatly increased our sales tax monies and this will probably not change in the near future. All smaller cities are benefiting from this surplus. The city's two outstanding bonds are due to be paid off in the next two years, which will have the city in great shape being debt free. All of the city's funds were reviewed by Mr. Gully. No non-compliance issues were found.

6. **Public Works Director Report-**

Public Works Director, Jimmy Collins reported on the Scada System is still in the process of being completed. Hoping in the next six months this will be worked out for the water plant. Guys are working on potholes, cutting down limbs, and doing a lot of mowing. A main sewer line was replaced on Washington street. The pool is doing well with good lifeguards and management.

7. **Pay Bills/Financial Report-** Mayor Will Carroll went over the city's financials and bills.

A motion was made by-----Ricky Escalon
To pay the bills.

Second made by-----Judy Jackson

Motion carried, 4-0.

8. **Adjournment** – Cathey Lee made the motion to adjourn.





Angie Scarlett, City Secretary



Will Carroll, Mayor