# CITY OF THROCKMORTON MEETING MINUTES September 9, 2014 @ 7:00p.m.

- 1. Mayor Will Carroll called the city council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with council members Tamra Gray, Corey Keeter, Geneva Rodgers, Ben Daws and Troy Batts were present. Also present was Melanie Gober, City Secretary. Ben Daws gave the invocation.
- 2. The Council reviewed and approved the minutes from the August 18th, 2014 meeting. Motion to approve the minutes made by-----Corey Keeter Second by-----Troy Batts All Council Members in favor. Motion carried 5 - 0
- 3. There was no Citizen's Participation but Mayor Carroll informed the council that he has been invited to speak at the Lions Club Luncheon in Graham tomorrow. He wasn't exactly sure what subjects he would address but reported he would try to be informative and answer any questions they might have.
- The Seal Coat Project between the City of Throckmorton and Jacob & Martin, Ltd. will begin early 4 Monday morning on September 15, 2014. They will begin by stockpiling rock and then start the streets. They will do College Street last after school is out so there is less traffic and interruption for parents, teachers and the workers themselves. Mayor Carroll reported that as soon as the streets are coated you should be able to drive on them almost immediately and that the work will be completed in one day. The project cost is \$41,173.00 and the Economic Development Fund has \$\$59,317.02, we also ordered approximately \$2400.00 in base mix and patch material that will basically leave the Economic Development Fund pretty much consumed. Mayor Carroll also reported he hired Brad Myer as a part-time employee to patch roads after the seasonal employees were through. Brad has done a great job and we have had many compliments on him from members of the community, he has done more in the short time he has been here that the seasonal workers did all summer. Brad will be employed at least toward the end of October, there are still a lot of roads to be patched and Mayor Carroll reported he would like to have enough money to participate next year with the Seal Coat Project at a lesser extent or maybe two years. But whatever we do we're going to have to patch the roads, we have a lot of roads left to patch.
- 5. Council Members discussed and approved applying for the Texas Department of Transportation Grant (RAMP) between the City of Throckmorton and the Texas Department of Transportation.

Mayor Will Carroll was also designated as the authorized representative. Motion to approve applying for Ramp Grant made by------Ben Daws Second by-----Geneva Rodgers All Council Members in favor. Motion carried 5-0

#### **REGULAR MEETING RECESSES – PUBLIC HEARINGS BEGIN**

A public hearing was conducted to consider an Ordinance adopting a budget for the City of Throckmorton, for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015.

This budget will increase total property taxes compared to last year's budget by \$378.00, and of that amount \$.77 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the roll this year.

7. A Public Hearing was conducted to consider an Ordinance establishing the ad valorem levy tax rate for the City of Throckmorton for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 at 0.97956 per 100-dollar valuation of property, representing a levy of 0.81819/100 for operations and maintenance, and .16137, for interest and sinking (Debt service).

No one was present to attend the Public Hearing, so the Council moved back into regular meeting.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS END – REGULAR MEETING RESUMES

8. Council members discussed <u>ORDINANCE 2014-07</u> - AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING RESOURCES FOR THE BUDGET YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 Motion to adopt ORDINANCE 20140-07 made by -------Troy Batts Second by------Tamra Gray All Council Members in favor. Motion carried 5 – 0

9. Council members discussed <u>ORDINANCE 2014-08</u> – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE AD VALOREM LEVY TAX FOR THE CITY OF THROCKMORTON, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 AT <u>\$0.97856</u>/ PER100 DOLLAR VALUATION OF PROPERTY, REPRESENTING A LEVY OF <u>0.81819</u>/100 FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE, AND <u>.16137</u>/100 FOR INTEREST AND SINKING (DEBT SERVICE), BY CONDUCTING A FORMAL "VOICE VOTE" OF SAID ORDINANCE.

Troy Batts – AYE Corey Keeter – AYE Tamra Gray – AYE

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Geneva Rodgers-AYE Ben Daws-AYE

#### 10. Executive Session @7:15p.m.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 (personnel) Pay increase-public works employee

## Reconvene to Open Session @7:20p.m.

Council members agreed to increase Public Works employee, Jimmy Collins, hourly rate from \$9.00/hr. to \$9.50/hr.

Motion made by-----Ben Daws Second by-----Corey Keeter All Council Members in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

This month's bills and budget were reviewed and discussed by the council. 11. Motion to pay the bills made by-----Troy Batts Second by-----Tamra Gray All Council Members in favor. Motion carried 5 - 0.

12. Motions made by Geneva Rodgers to adjourn. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Melanie Dobe Melanie Gober, City Secretary

Will Carroll, Mayor