## CITY OF THROCKMORTON MEETING MINUTES February 12, 2013

- Mayor Will Carroll called the city council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with council members Tamra Gray, Geneva Rodgers and Corey Keeter present. Council members Ben Daws and Ray Fowler were absent. Also present were Judy Jackson-City Secretary and Kelly Bland-Chamber of Commerce president. Mayor Will Carroll gave the invocation.
- Mayor Carroll reported that he, Judy Jackson and Kelly Bland had gone to the State Capitol in Austin to represent Throckmorton at the Texas Midwest Community Network meeting. We met with Attorney General Dewhurst's staff on the subjects of rural water and roads. Mayor Carroll also reported that he had received a phone call from a company in Kentucky that was interested in setting up a desalination station near Throckmorton. Council members agreed that this should be something that Mayor Carroll should pursue.
- 4. Council Members discussed new water rates. Mayor Carroll expressed his concern that with Throckmorton being totally on Graham water, the water fund will not be able to sustain itself without an increase in its water rates. He proposed as a proactive measure, to raise the water rate \$1.00 per thousand after the 2,000 gallon minimum.

- 6. Kelly Bland reported that the Texas Midwest Community Network meeting was beneficial to her, as the Chamber of Commerce president, to learn through representatives from other cities that there is a 6% hotel/motel city tax that is charged that goes to the Chamber of Commerce fund that the Chamber of

Commerce uses to promote local businesses. Mayor Carroll linked her up with the State Comptroller website. A hotel/motel occupancy tax is what it's called and it's a tax that is imposed on a person who pays for a space or a room in a hotel that cost \$15 or more a day. Local hotel taxes apply to sleeping rooms costing \$2 or more each day. Tax covers hotels, motels and bed and breakfast, as well as condominiums, apartments and houses rented for less than thirty days.

- Audit report will be changed to the March 2013 Council Meeting.

- Council Members discussed Resolution2013-01, establishing procedure for the general election to be held Saturday, May 11, 2013 in Throckmorton, Texas.
- 12. Mayor Carroll reported to Council Members that the city has gone to Stage 4 in the Drought Contingency Plan
- XI4. Ray Fowler made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 4 0.

