

**CITY OF THOMSON
SPECIAL CALL MEETING
August 30, 2007**

6:00PM

CITY HALL

PRESENT

Robert E. Knox, Jr., Mayor
Kenneth Usry, Councilmember
Alton Belton, Councilmember
John Smalley, Councilmember
Don Powers, City Administrator
Dianne Landers, City Clerk

ALSO PRESENT

Billy Hobbs, McDuffie Mirror
Tammy Haire, Finance Director
Jim Wallace, McDuffie Progress

Absent:

Jay Jones
J.T. Wiley

Mayor Knox called the Special Call Meeting to order for the sole purpose of adopting the 2008 City of Thomson Budget. Invocation was led by Mayor Knox followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Knox summarized the activities that took place prior to August 30th with regard to budget hearings. He also highlighted some of the changes in the budget from year's past, including a small property tax increase.

- We had three public hearings as required.... two on August 23, 2007 and the final one on August 30, 2007.
- These were advertised as required in the local legal organ, the Mirror.
- General Fund has a total budget for operating and capital of \$3,492,365.00.
 - Operating expenses = \$3,214,575
 - Capital expenses = \$277,790.00
- Water and Sewer Fund has a total budget of \$4,036,650.00.
 - Operating expenses = \$3,955,001.00
 - Capital expenses = \$81,649.00
- Gas Fund has a total budget of \$15,079,140.00.
 - Operating expenses = \$14,607,928.00
 - Capital expenses = \$471,212.00
- Solid Waste Fund has a total budget of \$1,271,292.00
 - Operating expenses = \$1,159,000.00
 - Capital expenses = \$112,292.00
- Maintenance Fund has a total budget of \$192,300.00.
- This gives us a total operating budget overall of \$23,128,804.00 and \$942,943.00 in capital items.

The expense side increase in the 08 budget is driven by a 2 _ % cost of living increase for our employees and estimated 10% increase in Healthcare coverage. Extraordianry items in the general fund are refurbishment the old Post Office, a new street sweeper and a trackhoe, to be used jointly by the water/sewer distribution department (repairs) and the street department (drainage ditch maintenance).

Our budget includes an increase in the millage rate from 4.56 mils to 5.40 mils, with a .84 mil increase. This generates \$634,910 total in property tax revenue for the City or 18% of the revenue side of our general fund budget. Sales Taxes are 34% of our General Fund budget.

Councilmember Usry moved to accept the City of Thomson 2008 Budget, including the increased millage rate to 5.40 mils. Councilmember Smalley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

Dianne L. Landers
City Clerk