

CITY OF THOMSON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 9, 2010

6:30PM

City Hall

Present:

Kenneth Usry, Mayor
Clifford Lunceford, Councilmember
Alton Belton, Councilmember
John Smalley, Councilmember
Bernice Brown, Councilmember
James Jones, Councilmember
Jimmy Plunkett, City Attorney
Dianne Landers, City Clerk

Also Present:

Billy Hobbs, the Mirror
Rick Sewell
Donna Branch, WTHO
Danielle Everson, McD. Progress
Bruce Tanner

Absent:

Don Powers, City Administrator

Mayor Usry welcomed all to the Regular Council Meeting of December 9, 2010. Mayor Usry gave recognition to one of our city worker, Melvin (Bay) Crawford who died earlier this month. The invocation was given by Councilmember John Smalley, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

MINUTES:

Councilmember Belton moved to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2010 Regular Council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Lunceford. All were in favor. Minutes approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Purchase of Fire Truck:

City of Thomson Fire Chief received five (5) bids for the purchase of a new fire department pumper. They were:

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| 1. Ferrara Fire Apparatus submitted by Palmetto Fire Apparatus | \$273,907 |
| 2. E-One, Inc, submitted by FireLine, Inc. | \$283,821 |
| 3. KME Fire Apparatus submitted by NAFECO, Inc. | \$283,997 |
| 4. Pierce submitted by Ten-8 Fire & Safety Equipment, Inc. | \$313,795 |
| 5. HME/Ahrens-Fox submitted by Peach State Freightliner, Inc. | \$320,961 |

After an extensive review of the three lowest priced bid packages, it is the recommendation of the Thomson Fire Department Fire Chief that the City of Thomson accepts the bid package submitted by KME Fire Apparatus and NAFECO, Inc. in the amount of \$283,997.00.

Councilmember Smalley moved to accept the recommendation of Fire Chief Sewell to purchase a new fire pumper from KME Fire Apparatus and NAFECO. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Expected arrival date of the pumper is 270 days from ordering date. This pumper will be paid out of Special Local Option Sales Tax.

Mayor's Motorcade – December 2010:

Mayor Usry, Fire Chief Sewell, Amelia Harrison and Billy Hobbs from the Mirror visited East Georgia Regional Hospital in Augusta, GA on today. The Fire Department raised approximately \$6,200 as a donation for the Mayor's Motorcade. There were 16 cities represented.

The City of Thomson is very appreciative of and recognizes the Thomson Fire Department for their generous time given in collecting funds for this worthwhile event.

Board Appointment Library – Jo Albert Hill:

Mrs. Jo Albert Hill, who recently passed away unexpectedly, represented the City on the Thomson McDuffie County Library Board as a Trustee. Her position was not to expire until 2014. Mayor Usry spoke with Mrs. Hill's husband, Steve Hill who has stated that he would fill the position.

Councilmember Lunceford moved to accept the recommendation of Mr. Steve Hill to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Joe Albert Hill, seconded by Councilmember Belton. All were in favor. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION:

Jaye Jones, Bernice Brown, Don Powers, Don Norton, Paul McCorkle and Fred Favors are on a sub-committee working on allocation of costs for the operation of the new building.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

Dianne Landers
City Clerk