



- Thomson Fire Department-Fire Safety Ed. Acct. \$500.00
  - City of Thomson, Capital Fund \$5,400.00
- \$10,400.00

The Thomson Fire Chief recommended that the quote submitted by the Georgia Fire and Rescue Supply in the amount of \$10,400.00 be accepted.

Councilmember Belton moved to accept the recommendation from the Chief for Georgia Fire and Rescue Supply. Councilmember Smalley seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Development Authority – Re-appointment:

The City of Thomson has two positions on the City-County Development Authority that are presently expired and due for appointment or re-appointment. Lem Brooks and Larry Thompson are the current appointed members. It is the desire of Riley Stamey, Chair of the Authority to re-appointment these two members for another six (6) years term.

Councilmember Smalley moved to approve the re-appointment of Brooks and Thompson for the next six year term. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Capital Purchases – Vehicles:

**The following are bids for two (2) Meter reader Trucks**

Bobby Jones Ford \$15,812.35 each  
 Augusta, GA \$31,624.70 total

Culpepper Ford \$17,396.35 each  
 Thomson, GA \$34,792.70 total

City Administrator Powers stated that Bobby Jones Ford has the low bid and the bid is approximately 10% less than the local bidder, Culpepper Ford. The 2011 budget for the City of Thomson allows \$16,000 each, from the Water and Gas Departments for meter reader vehicle purchase.

**Bids for a F150 for the Thomson Fire Department**

Bobby Jones Ford \$16,112.35  
 Augusta, GA

Culpepper Ford \$17,696.35  
 Thomson, GA

The City of Thomson 2011 budget amount is \$16,500.00

**Bids for a F250 for the Thomson Fire Department.**

Bobby Jones Ford \$27,658.05  
 Augusta, GA

Culpepper Ford No Bid Submitted

The City of Thomson 2011 budget amount is \$27,730.00.

It is the recommendation of the City Administrator to accept the bids of all vehicles from Bobby Jones Ford. Councilmember Belton moved to approve the recommendation to accept all of the above bids

from Bobby Jones Ford. Councilmember Smalley seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Land Bank Authority \$5,000 – operating:

The Land Bank Authority has issued a request for initial operational funding ...\$5,000 each from the City and the County governments. These funds will be used in various areas ranging from legal, title research, and demolition to any property expenses related to LBA efforts to return sub-standard, abandoned, foreclosed, or other parcels in the City and the County to tax producing properties. Councilmember Lunceford moved to grant the request of the Land Bank Authority for \$5,000 to be used as operational funds and for these funds to come from General Fund. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Land Bank Authority property transfers:

The Land Bank Authority as requested to transfer a piece of property currently owned by the City to the Land Bank Authority. This property is off of Lee Street, T150-005-000, with a tax value of \$14,450. When sold the parcel proceeds will fund additional Land Bank Authority activities. Councilmember Belton approved the recommendation to transfer said property to the Land Bank Authority, seconded by Councilmember Smalley. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Alcoholic Beverage License – The Dawg House Grill:

An Alcoholic Beverage License Application was presented for the Dawg House Grill located on 931 Augusta Highway. Councilmember Belton moved to approve the application, seconded by Councilmember Brown. All were in favor except one. Councilmember Smalley abstained. Motion carried.

Thomson Fire Department FEMA Grant for Breathing Apparatus:

The City of Thomson Fire Department was informed that their FEMA grant under the FY 2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant has been approved. The approved project costs totaled to \$65,800.00. The Federal share is 95 percent or \$62,510.00 of the approved amount and the City of Thomson's share of the costs is five (5%) percent or \$3,290.00. Councilmember Smalley moved to accept the FEMA grant and the City to pay its shared costs. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION:**

Our current probation services contract ends February 2011. Bid will be heard at the March 2011 Council meeting.

**DISCUSSION:**

- Dot Knox was elected as chairperson of the Land Bank Authority on February 4, 2011. It was agreed by the City and County to use our staff to manage any of their checkbook/accounting. The County will supply staff for recording of minutes, etc.
- On March 4, 2011, the City-County retreat will be held at the Columbia County Library and Performing Arts Center in Evans, GA.
- Tonight kicks off the official fund raising for the City of Thomson Relay for Life campaign.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Dianne Landers  
City Clerk