

**CITY OF THOMSON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

June 12, 2008

7:30PM

CITY HALL

Present

Kenneth Usry, Mayor
Alton Belton, Councilmember
Clifford Lunceford, Councilmember
John Smalley, Councilmember
Bernice Brown, Councilmember
James Jones, Councilmember
Don Powers, City Administrator
Dianne Landers, City Clerk

Also Present

Jim Wallace, the Progress
Donna Branch, WTHO
Bea Hart-Moss
Phil Eberly, W.K. Dickson
Billy Hobbs, the Mirror

Absent

Jimmy Plunkett, City Attorney

Mayor Usry welcomed all to the Regular Council meeting of June 12, 2008. The invocation was given by Councilmember James Jones, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

MINUTES:

Councilmember Smalley moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting on May 8, 2008. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Second reading of an Ordinance to change the time of the Council Meeting from 7:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

This is the second reading of Ordinance 539 amending the existing Ordinance concerning the time of day regular City Council meetings will be held.

Councilmember Smalley moved to approve the Ordinance to change the time of the Regular City Council meetings. Councilmember Belton seconded the motion. The motion was carried by all.

Resolution approving a SPLOST V Intergovernmental Agreement and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Agreement on Behalf of the City.

This resolution sets up an intergovernmental agreement between McDuffie County and the Municipalities of McDuffie County concerning the upcoming renewal of the County one percent special purpose local option sales (SPLOST) and use tax enacted pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-8-110 ET SEQ.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution to accept DOT Grant for Runway Extension:

This resolution enacted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Thomson and by the Board of Commissioners of McDuffie County is for acceptance of a grant by Georgia Department of Transportation, Aviation Division for the purpose of extending the runway at the Thomson-McDuffie airport by 300 feet, at an estimated cost of \$600,000.

Councilmember Belton moved to approve the resolution for the runway extension.

Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bid Proposal for Airport Runway Extension:

Bid proposals were received from two contractors:

C & H Paving, Inc.	\$436,300.00
Reeves Construction Co.	\$461,739.37

Phil Eberly of W.K. Dickson and Company recommended that the contract for the runway extension project be awarded to C & H Paving, Inc.

Councilmember Belton moved to accept the recommendation from W.K. Dickson and award the contract to C & H Paving. Councilmember Lunceford seconded the motion. Motion carried by all.

Bid Proposal for CDBG-Pitt Street Infrastructure Project:

Bid proposals were accepted for the construction of the infrastructure portion of our CDBG currently in progress in the Pitt Street area.

Beam Site Prep, LLC – Edgefield SC	\$372,937.01
Reeves Construction - Macon, GA	\$459,861.65

The firm O'Brien and Gere, Inc., our engineers on the project, recommended awarding the construction contract to Beam Site Prep, LLC with start of construction subject to written approval of Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

Councilmember Belton moved to accept the recommendation from O'Brien and Gere and award Beam Site Prep the construction contract for the Pitts Street area. Councilmember Smalley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bid Proposal for Uniforms – Police Department:

The City of Thomson Police Department issued bids for the cleaning of Police Uniforms for one year. Three bids were sent out to the following:

G. Smith Cleaners	\$8.65
Tim's Cleaners	\$12.50
Home Laundry	Did not bid.

Councilmember Smalley moved to approve the bid from G. Smith Cleaners to clean the uniforms of the Police Department. Councilmember Alton seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Usry, City Administrator Powers, Code Enforcement Officer Mike Dunn and Bob Flanders, Community Development Director, met with about 12 residents from the Martin Luther King area in May to hear their concerns relative to activity and appearances their neighborhood. As a result of the meeting, a neighborhood association will be created. The City will work with the group to help in any areas, as we try and make that neighborhood a better place in which to live and raise a family.

The Revolving Loan Review Committee meeting met on May 29, 2008 to discuss a request from Pelzer Acoustic Products, LLC, concerning loans to them from the City's EIP revolving loan funds. They have asked for a one year moratorium or suspension of their scheduled principal payments, continuing to pay the interest only for 12 months. The Committee agreed to their request with a 6 month economic report stipulated as a condition of the request.

Thomson Housing Authority has notified the City of their desire and intent to fence and barricade a "driveway" that is currently being used by a neighboring trailer park off Holt Street. The driveway will be closed. These are steps that are being proposed to protect the property of the Authority and to reduce the vehicle traffic through two yards where children are playing. The purpose of the fence will be to add definition to the property owned by the Housing Authority and begin to instill pride and a feeling of security in the area.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Dianne L. Landers
City Clerk