

CITY OF THOMSON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
January 8, 2009

6:30PM

CITY HALL

Present

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

Also Present

Billy W. Hobbs, the McD. Mirror  
Henry T. Blount  
Jim Wallace, the Progress  
Donna Branch, WTHO

Mayor Usry welcomed all to the Regular Council meeting of January 8, 2009. The invocation was given by Jimmy Plunkett followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**MINUTES:**

Councilmember Smalley moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting on December 11, 2008. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Election date, Referendum on Sunday Sales of Alcohol – March 17, 2009.

The referendum allowing a vote on whether to legalize the Sunday sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises within the City limits will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2009. A vote approving the same was passed in the County on Election Day, 2008. The polling stations will be Thomson City Hall, Fire Station #1(Washington Highway), and the Election office on Whiteoak Road.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Butch Blount, citizen of City of Thomson with drainage concerns:

Mr. Butch Blount of 842 Mobley Street addressed the Council with an ongoing drainage problem in his backyard. Mr. Blount believes the problem comes from the fact that his neighbor (on Lincoln Circle) does not have a drainage pipe. According to Mr. Blount, this problem escalates when it rains.

Mayor Usry assured Mr. Blount that we would look into this problem immediately.

Update on the City-County Government Complex project:

City Administrator Powers gave the update on the Government Complex project. The Building committee was seeking an engineering firm to carry out a traffic study for the downtown area. The recommendation was Street Smarts, Atlanta, GA.

Next week January 15, 2009, the Committee will listen to presentations for a Construction Management firm.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

We paid our annual gas liability insurance premium January 1, 2009. The 2009 rate was a reduction of \$1832.00

One of the features of the DCA's Redevelopment designation that the City of Thomson holds is that we have the ability to take condemnation actions on properties as needed. We have three properties that we have decided to file actions on. They are on West Street, Harrison Road and Walnut Street.

Big Creek expansion is in the home stretch. Preliminary figures show that we will be over budget by 5 to 8%.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Dianne L. Landers  
City Clerk