

**CITY OF THOMSON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2006**

7:30PM

CITY HALL

PRESENT

Robert E. Knox, Jr., Mayor
J.T. Wiley, Councilmember
Alton Belton, Councilmember
Kenneth Usry, Councilmember
Mike Carrington, Councilmember
John Smalley, Councilmember
Robert L. Flanders, City Administrator
Jimmy Plunkett, City Attorney
Dianne Landers, City Clerk

ALSO PRESENT

Daniel Matthews
Billie D. Powell
Bill Braddy
Wade Matthews
Fred Guerrant
Phyllis Schoenholz
Michael Popplewell
Dot Harrison
Otis Harrison
Margaret Ezell
Chuck Cason, Gas Dept
Jim Wallace, McD. Progress
Lynn Davidson, McD. Mirror
Sammy Sparkman

Mayor Knox called the regular council meeting for the City of Thomson to order. Councilmember Kenneth Usry gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

MINUTES

Councilmember Wiley moved the approval of the minutes from the September 14, 2006 meeting, followed by a second from Councilmember Smalley. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning Commission recommendation to approve Pilgrim's Place Subdivision:
Fred Guerrant gave a review of the application from Wade Matthews of Crossland Development, LLC requesting a proposed residential subdivision to be developed on property owned by Danny Pilgrim at 323 Forrest Clary Drive. The new subdivision would be comprised of twelve (12) residential lots averaging .35 of an acre off a new 500' long interior street ending in a cul-de-sac. Mr. Matthews, the contractor will construct stick-built residences that will sizes range from 1,400 to 1,800 sq. ft. The Planning Board recommended approval of the new subdivision. Mr. Wade Matthews spoke on behalf of the project and stated that the houses will range from \$120,000 to \$150,000 and is designed to be an improvement to the neighborhood.

Otis and Dot Harrison spoke in opposition to the project.

Councilmember Kenneth Usry moved to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission, seconded by Councilmember Belton. The motion carried.

Offer of property .23 acres corner of Salem and Shiloh Road: Property currently belongs to Mr. James Chapman. Mayor Knox suggested that we table this until the next meeting.

Pitt Street Community Development Block Grant No. 06b-x-094-2-3245 acceptance:

City of Thomson has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$780,415 for First, Second Street and Bob's Alley paving and widening, and rehabilitation of nine (9) homes in the Pitt Street Area.

Councilmember Smalley moved to accept the awarded grant, followed by a second by Councilmember Carrington. The motion carried.

Bids for Fire Department Breathing Air Compressor:

We received a grant from the State of Georgia for \$25,000 to purchase a new breathing air compressor for the Fire Department. The bids that were submitted were:

Bauer Compressor Norfolk, VA	\$31,820
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Breathing Air Systems Chattanooga, TN	\$25,519
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B & T Enterprise LLC Sharpsburg, GA	\$24,975
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Fire Chief Sewell recommended the low bidder of B & T from Sharpsburg, GA.

Councilmember Smalley moved to approve the recommendation of the low bid, seconded by Councilmember Wiley. Motion carried.

Probation Service Contract Notice:

Present contract of Probation Service is with CSRA Probation Services and will expire on March 1, 2007. Discussion was made concerning giving notice to CSRA Probation Services for termination of contract.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wiley to give notice to CSRA Probation Services on terminating existing contract with the City, seconded by Councilmember Smalley. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION

Chuck Cason, Natural Gas Superintendent gave a report on the natural gas prices. Mr. Cason stated that natural gas prices are decreasing.

Bob Flanders, City Administrator reported a new Health insurance rate increase. The amount budgeted was 6% and the actual increase will be 14%. In essence, more employees equal more claims which generate higher rates.

On November 4, 2006, the State Fire Academy will have a regional fire training session. This event will be hosted by the Thomson Fire Department. Three structures, two houses and the old Pine Street Club building, all on Martin Luther King, Jr. Street will be burned as part of the training.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

Dianne L. Landers
City Clerk