

CITY OF THOMSON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 8, 2007

7:30PM

CITY HALL

PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

John Hathaway
Mike Popplewell
Rhonda Brown
Jennifer Lampkin
Lynn Davidson
Teresa McClellan, CMS
Amy Stadler
Mike Wall, WTHO
Mariah Wall

Absent

Robert L. Flanders, City Administrator

Mayor Knox welcomed all present. Councilmember Usry offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Rhonda Brown was recognized for 20 years of service with the City of Thomson and was presented a plaque and check. Rhonda works as Administrative Assistant to the City Administrator.

MINUTES

Councilmember Usry moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on January 11, 2007 and the Special Call Meeting on January 18, 2007, seconded by Councilmember Belton. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

CSRA Probation Services Contract renewal.

Mike Popplewell gave a presentation representing the CSRA Probation Services. Mr. Popplewell pointed out comparisons between 2006 and 2005. The CSRA Probation increased fine collections by 33.7%, increased community service by hours worked by

199% and decreased warrants by 13% which reduced jail expenses. CSRA Probation has been with the City of Thomson since 1984.

Teresa McClellan gave a presentation representing the Client Management Systems, Inc. Mrs. McClellan is a former worker of CSRA Probation. Client Management opened for business in August, 2006. Mrs. McClellan gave a brief explanation of the mission statement, procedures and references.

Following both presentations of the above representatives, Councilmember Usry moved that Client Management Systems, Inc. be given the contract for our probation services. There being no second, the motion died for lack of second. Councilmember Belton moved to accept the contract from CSRA Probation for another year, seconded by Councilmember Smalley. The motion carried.

Bid Proposal Police Vehicle.

Police Chief Hathaway presented the bid for two 2007 Police Patrol cars.

Thomson Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge 2007 4-door Sedan	\$22,295.00
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Culpepper Ford 2007 Crown Victoria	\$20,480.15
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Councilmember Smalley moved the approval of the lowest bid from Culpepper Ford, seconded by Councilmember Carrington. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Knox, County Commission Chairman Charlie Newton and Walker Norman from Lincoln County traveled to Warm Springs to receive the award package of a \$500,000 equity loan from the One Georgia Authority. This loan is to be used for the construction of 18 hanger spaces at the airport.

George Nichols, engineers from O'Brien and Gere, Don Powers and Bob Flanders reviewed the final plans for the expansion of the water treatment capacity at Big Creek from 2MGD to 4MGD. The plans are currently at EPD for their review.

An agreement has been made between the City and County to file a joint application for additional housing rehabilitation funds to continue the work begun in the Pitt Street and to add another neighborhood. There were be three separate applications requesting a total of \$800,000.

The transition of Don Powers into the position of City Administrator has already begun. Mr. Powers will begin working on March 5, 2007.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Dianne L. Landers
City Clerk