

CITY OF THOMSON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 13, 2009
6:30PM City Hall

Present:

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

Also Present:

Billy W. Hobbs, The Mirror
Candy Starr
Dairee L. Coleman
Sonya Coleman
Will Phillips, McD. Progress
Donna Branch, WTHO

Mayor Usry welcomed all to the Regular Council Meeting of August 13, 2009. Mayor Usry did the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mayor Usry presented service awards to two (2) of our employees from the Solid Waste Department. Constance "Candy" Starr received an award for 10 years of service with the City of Thomson. Candy operates the Street Sweeper.

Dairee Coleman received an award for 20 years of service with the City of Thomson. Dairee works at the pit burner. Both were given plaques and a monetary gift.

MINUTES:

Councilmember Lunceford moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting on July 9, 2009. Councilmember Belton seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Report from Judd Bryant on City-County Complex:

Mr. Bryant was not able to attend, but a letter was sent in on the progress. City Administrator Don Powers gave a synopsis:

Base Building – Doug Rosser has developed more detailed plans of the building locating stairs, elevators and base building components in support of the functional requirements of each department. Details of the exterior and construction details of the building shell are under way.

Interiors and Departmental Space – Rosser has met with all department heads except the Probate Court. Each department has been given an opportunity in these meetings to

clarify their requirements and re-organize their individual spaces so that the final space use plan can be developed and approved.

Site – All asbestos identified has been abated. Building demolition was started in the middle of July and is continuing.

All efforts are being monitored for compliance with the Program Budget.

Board Reappointment to Housing Authority.

James (Doug) Pentecost was recommended for re-appointment to the Thomson Housing Authority. Mr. Pentecost present term will end August 21, 2009.

Councilmember Belton moved to re-appoint Mr. Pentecost back to the Thomson Housing Authority Board for another three (3) year term. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

DISCUSSION:

The fall marketing plan that is designed to give rebates for gas water heaters that are installed as replacements for electric is already underway; however, it officially kicks off in September 2009.

TE Grants II and III were discussed with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Central Savannah River Area Regional Development Center's Anne Floyd in July. The City has been given the approval to combine these grants for a total of \$800,000 for Railroad Street traffic improvements and the Depot renovation and stabilization. The 20% match will come from the City's portion of the SPLOST V funds earmarked for roads.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm.

Dianne L. Landers
City Clerk