

**CITY OF THOMSON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

May 10, 2007

7:30PM

CITY HALL

**PRESENT**

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

**ALSO PRESENT**

Jason Smith, McDuffie Mirror

Mayor Knox called the Regular Council meeting for May 2007 to order. Invocation was led by Councilmember Mike Carrington followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**MINUTES:**

Councilmember J.T. Wiley moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on April 12, 2007 and the Call Meeting on April 19, 2007, seconded by Councilmember Smalley. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Transportation Enhancement Grant Bid Rejection and Re-bid Notice: The initial bid came in at \$734,000 for the construction costs only. When the Georgia Power, BellSouth and other costs were added the numbers escalated to \$964,060. The TE Grant award was \$490,000 and a 20% match which leaves us with \$351,560 funds required.

City Administrator Powers stated that the City has decided to re-bid this grant with a May 31, 2007 deadline.

Bid Proposal – Big Creek Water Treatment Plant: This bid is for enlarging of the Water Plant on the lake at Big Creek to handle 4 million gallons of water vs. 2 millions. This project has been in our Water-Sewer plans for several years.

The bidders were:	Thamer Construction Company	\$4,642,000
	P.F. Moon	\$4,982,000

Our engineers, O'Brien and Gere recommended Thamer Construction Company. Engineering cost was estimated to be \$199,648 with brings the total project to \$4,841,648. Available Revenue from SPLOST III and SPLOST IV is approximately \$3,535,000 leaving a shortfall of \$1,306,648. This will have to be discussed at the Water and Sewer Commission Meeting on May 29, 2007.

Board of Health Appointment –Alton Belton to Replace John T. Wiley:

Councilmember John T. Wiley expressed his desire to be replaced on the Board of Health. Mr. Wiley has been on the board for 12 years. The City of Thomson has a representative in the form of a Councilmember to serve on the board. Councilmember Wiley has asked Councilmember Alton Belton to serve in his place and Councilmember Belton has agreed to serve.

Councilmember Wiley moved the appointment of Councilmember Alton Belton for the Board of Health to serve a five years term. Councilmember Smalley seconded. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION**

Councilmember Mike Carrington read his letter of resignation. Mr. Carrington has taken the Forward McDuffie Director's position effective May 8, 2007.

Councilmember Carrington has served the City of Thomson on Council for 12 years. Mayor Knox passed out Article II, City Government, and Section 2.08, "Vacancy in office of mayor or councilman." The article states that if a vacancy occurs within twelve months of the expiration of the term, the vacancy shall be filled by the mayor and council appointing a qualified person to serve out the unexpired term of office. This vacancy is expected to be filled at the regular session of the Council in June 2007.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Dianne L. Landers  
City Clerk