

**CITY OF THOMSON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 11, 2006**

7:30PM

CITY HALL

PRESENT

Robert L. Knox, Jr., Mayor
Kenneth Usry, Councilmember
J.T. Wiley, Councilmember
Alton Belton, Councilmember
Mike Carrington, Councilmember
Robert L Flanders, City Administrator
Dianne L. Landers, City Clerk

ALSO PRESENT

John Hathaway, Police Chief
Peter Ruddick
Charles Wallace
Jim Wallace, McD. Progress
Mike Wall, WTHO
Charles Montgomery, WWTP
Penny Montgomery
Jason Smith, McDuffie Mirror

Absent

Jimmy Plunkett

Mayor Knox welcomed all present. The invocation was given by Councilmember Usry, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

MINUTES

Councilmember J.T. Wiley moved the approval of the minutes from the April 13, 2006 meeting. Following a second by Councilmember Kenneth Usry, the motion carried. Special note: As a result of Principal Newton's visit on last council meeting, four-way stops and warning signs have been put into place.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Second Reading of Amendment to the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

This is the last reading of the amended ordinance that allows members who owns businesses, but who are not residents of Thomson to be appointed to the Historic Preservation Committee. A motion by Councilmember Usry to accept the amended change and was seconded by Councilmember Belton. The motion carried.

Appointment of Members on Historic Preservation Board:

Tommy Goodyear	(3 year term)	May 18, 2006-2009
Lee Ann Cowart	(3 year term)	May 18, 2006-2009)
Rusty Lovelace	(2 year term)	May 18, 2006-2008)
Stephanie Ivey	(2 year term)	May 18, 2006-2008)
Charles Bellman	(2 year term)	May 18, 2006-2008)

Councilmember Usry moved to accept the recommended list of members of the Historic Preservation Board for appointment. Following a second by Councilmember Smalley, the motion carried.

Authorization to execute Transportation Enhancement Memorandum of Understanding.

Department of Transportation has selected the City of Thomson project to received \$400,000 of Federal Transportation Enhancement funding in Fiscal Years 2006-2007 and the City to match with \$100,000. This is be used as a part of our Downtown Development Project.

Councilmember Usry moved to approve the authorization and signing of the Memorandum, seconded by Councilmember Belton. The motion carried.

Bid proposal lawn mower for Street Department.

Gravely 44z – 17hp Kawasaki Twin Cylinder

<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Wallace and Son	\$4,599.00
Outdoor Equipment	\$4,499.00

Budget: \$8,000.00

Motion by Councilmember Usry and seconded by Councilmember Smalley to accept the bid from Wallace and Son for \$4,599. The motion carried.

Bid proposal for Replacement vehicle in Police Department.

2006 Dodge Charger – Enforcer 3.5 V-6

<u>Bidders</u>	<u>3.5 V-6</u>	<u>Bid 5.7 V-8</u>
Thomson Motor Center	\$20,350.00	\$21,500.00
Carl Gregory Dodge	\$20,499.00	\$21,799.00

Amount received from Insurance: \$14,350.00

Chief Hathaway stated that his recommendation was from Thomson Motor Center for the Enforcer 5.7 V-8 that is already sitting on the lot.

Motion by Councilmember Belton and seconded by Councilmember Usry to accept the bid from Thomson Motor Center for 2006 Dodge Charger, Enforcer 5.7 V-8 for \$21,500.00. The motion carried.

The difference of \$7,150.00 will be taken out of general contingency.

Bid proposal tractor with bush cutter for Wastewater Treatment Plant.

<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Palmer Equipment	\$18,840.00
Interstate Equipment	\$18,856.00
Blanchard Equipment	\$20,619.00

Budget: \$25,000.00

Motion by Councilmember Carrington to accept the bid from Interstate Equipment Company for \$18,856.00 and seconded by Councilmember Wiley. The motion carried.

Banner request Blind Willie Blues Festival May 15-20th (Chamber of Commerce)

Motion by Councilmember Usry and seconded by Councilmember Carrington to display banner for Blind Willie Blues Festival. The motion carried.

Banner request Beach Blast June 2, 2006 (Chamber of Commerce).

Motion by Councilmember Usry to display banner for Beach Blast and seconded by Councilmember Belton. The motion carried.

Request for street closure and banner request for Watermelon Waddle 2 Run August 12th (Watson-Brown Foundation).

Motion by Councilmember Wiley and seconded by Councilmember Usry to display banner and accommodate the closure of street for Watermelon Waddle 2 Run on August 12. The motion carried.

May 2004 Request for Senior Citizens Residences. This is a request from Seamar submitted to DCA with changes and DCA's approval. This simply moves the location from one parcel to another.

Councilmember Smalley moved to approve the location submitted, followed by a seconded by Councilmember Wiley. The motion was carried.

Camellia Partners, Inc. letter to Mayor and Council.

The Camellia Partners Inc. has purchased three buildings that front Main Street: Sports Palace (107 Main), old Eagle Café (109 Main), and old Bank of Thomson (111 Main).

Camellia Partners would like to propose a partnership with the City of Thomson to remove two additional buildings in the rear which front on First Avenue.

Camellia Partners would in turn deed and donate the property in the rear of the buildings on Main Street to the City.

Councilmember Wiley moved to accept the proposal from the Camellia Partners followed by a seconded by Councilmember Smalley. Motion carried. Councilmember Usry abstained.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Bob Flanders reported on the Shaw Industries extension water line from Warrenton Highway to the rear of the Shaw manufacturing operation. This expansion will add approximately 40-60 jobs.

The annual gas portfolio refund check was received from the Municipal Gas Authority. The \$336,680.16 check was up slightly from last year's check that was \$332,813.71.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Dianne L. Landers
City Clerk