

**CITY OF THOMSON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 13, 2006**

7:30PM

CITY HALL

PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

Jim Wallace, McD. Progress
Bea Hart-Moss
Fred Guarrant, Planning/Zoning
Peter Ruddick, Code Enforcement
Mike Wall, WTHO
Tara Reese
Chris Reese

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

MINUTES

Councilmember Kenneth Usry moved the approval of the minutes from the June 8, 2006 meeting, followed by a second by Councilmember J.T. Wiley. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Second reading of Ordinance to Annex Properties on Main Street and Dean Avenue.

There has been a proposal to put a commercial facility on the .67 acre parcel of Dean Avenue at Main Street. All the residents of Dean Avenue have since then requested to be annexed into the City limits. A map is attached showing the affected parcels. A motion by Councilmember Carrington to accept the second reading of the Ordinance to annex properties on Main Street and Dean Avenue and seconded by Councilmember Belton. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning Commission Recommendation to deny Zoning request for In-Home Care:

The Planning board met with Mrs. Tara and Mr. Chris Reese concerning an application for a conditional use approval for a personal care home to be located in her residence at 523 Shadowmoor Drive. Mr. Fred Guarrant familiarized the Council with the Board's main concern and recommendation. The Board's concern is no other home occupations

located in this (residential) area. Therefore, the board recommended denial of the application. Mrs. Reese was given a chance to present rebuttal to the board's decision. The Council's decision's was not made based on the need, for clearly there is a need, but on the concern of a business located in a residential area and establishing a precedent. Councilmember Usry moved to accept the recommendation from the Planning Board, seconded by Councilmember Wiley. Councilmember Smalley abstained from voting. The motion carried.

2006 Revised Water and Sewer Capital Budget: Revision of Capital budget to provide for transfer to General Fund for salary for City Administrator, City Clerk, and Code Enforcer. This does not change the amount of the overall budget; it just changes an error in allocation.

Existing Capital Total = \$240,500.00
 Revised Capital Total = \$146,500.00
 Difference \$ 94,000.00

\$94,000 Transfer to General Fund in budget.

Review of Depot Rental Rates: Proposal to increase the rates at the Depot. The current rates have not been increased since 2002. A rate increase is needed to facilitate payment of utilities, repairs and daily operations.

<u>Current Rates:</u>		<u>Proposed Rates:</u>
Depot- Regular meeting	\$50.00	\$100.00
w/o kitchen (5hours)	\$100.00	\$200.00
w/kitchen (5hours)	\$150.00	\$300.00
Each additional hr.	\$10.00	\$25.00
Annex-Regular meeting	\$35.00	\$50.00
5 hours	\$50.00	\$100.00
Each additional hr.	\$5.00	\$20.00

Security deposit: \$200.00

Motion by Councilmember Smalley to approve the increases and seconded by Councilmember Wiley. There was one vote against. The motion carried. The increases are to take effect after September 30, 2006. If someone has presently paid to be booked after September 30th, then we honor what they have paid.

Board Appointment Airport Advisory: Mr. Herbert Craven and Mike Dudley term expires April 2006. They have agreed to reappointment for another three (1) year term. Councilmember Belton moved to accept the reappointment. Following a second by Councilmember Usry, the motion carried.

Board Appointment Adjustments and Appeals: Mr. Jay Poston currently serves on the Board. His term expires April 2006. He has agreed to reappointment for another (3) year

term. Councilmember Carrington moved to accept the reappointment. Following a second by Councilmember Usry, the motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Georgia Municipal Association has awarded the City of Thomson a grant of \$5,200 for the purpose of promoting wellness among the staff. Shanda Reese, our personnel director, is working on the organization of several meetings on health care issues, and a health fair that will be scheduled toward the end of the year.

George Nichols and his staff have completed a change in equipment and methods to inject disinfectant chemicals that eliminates chlorine gas and uses sodium hypochlorite (industrial grade bleach). This eliminates the danger of chloride gas and the attendant risk management problems, and provides the same acceptable rate of bacterial kill.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Dianne L. Landers
City Clerk