

**CITY OF THOMSON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2006**

7:30PM

CITY HALL

PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

Jim Wallace, McD. Progress
Chuck Cason, Gas Dept. Director
Peter Ruddick, Code Enforcement
Mike Wall, WTHO
Madyln Allwood, Apprentice, ASU

Not Present

Alton Belton, Councilmember
Kenneth Usry, Councilmember

Mayor Knox welcomed all present. The invocation was given by City Attorney Jimmy Plunkett, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Knox asked Mike Wall to introduce his guest for the evening. Ms. Mandy Allwood is a student apprentice who is finishing her studies at Augusta State University in December.

MINUTES

Councilmember Wiley moved the approval of the minutes from the July 13, 2006 meeting, followed by a second from Councilmember Smalley. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Gas Engineer proposal from Keck and Wood. Bruce Bagnasco, engineer and associate vice president with Keck and Wood sent in a proposal and statement of qualifications for professional engineering services for our Natural Gas System. Mr. Bagnasco and Keck and Wood are highly recommended by Chuck Cason, Gas Department Director. Councilmember Carrington moved to accept the recommendation of Chuck Cason, seconded by Councilmember Smalley. The motion carried.

2006 Budget Amendment: In reviewing the 2006 budget, several items needed to be amended. These lines are (1) Gasoline or fuel, (2) Utilities – electricity, and (3) Group Insurance.

General Fund revenue was increased by \$50,000.00 in Police Court Fines. Expenses were increased by \$50,000.00 primarily by the three common lines mentioned earlier along with Street/Stop lights and Transfers to the Thomson-McDuffie Regional Airport. Motioned by Councilmember Carrington to accept the General Fund budget amendment and seconded by Councilmember Wiley. The motion carried.

Water Fund revenue was increased by \$91,400.00 in Taps, McDuffie Co. Water District, Warren Co. Water, Dearing Sewer and Water Tank rent. Expenses were increased in the same areas with others added such as Chemicals and Lab Testing.

Councilmember Wiley moved to accept the Water Fund budget amendment. Following a second by Councilmember Carrington, the motion carried.

Gas Fund revenue was increased by \$3,000,000.00. This is due to the increase in Gas Sales. Expenses amended are Municipal Gas Authority, Sales and Marketing, Purchase of Gas, Repairs and Maintenance of vehicles/system, added Line Expansion, as well as the above given three line items.

Motioned by Councilmember Smalley to accept the Gas Fund amendments and seconded by Councilmember Carrington. The motion carried.

Solid Waste revenue was increased by \$63,950.00 due to an increase in disposal collections. Expenses amended are Gasoline, Group Insurance, General Insurance, Operating Supplies and Roll-off containers.

There being a Motion to approve the Solid Waste amendments by Councilmember Wiley and seconded by Councilmember Smalley. The motion was carried.

Copies of the amendments are attached.

2007 Budget Review and Adoption. The 2007 budget was presented:

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| General Fund | = \$3,108,355.00 | Capital | = \$141,000.00 |
| Solid Waste | = \$1,034,041.00 | Capital | = \$ 93,218.00 |
| Water/Sewer | = \$3,337,657.00 | Capital | = \$174,343.00 |
| Gas System | = \$16,975,200.00 | Capital | = \$480,000.00 |
| Maintenance | = \$ 184,850.00 | | |

Grand Total of all funds = \$25,528,664.00. Mileage rate for 2007 will be 4.56.

Councilmember Carrington moved to approve the 2007 Budget. Following a second by Councilmember Wiley, the motion carried.

A copy of the 2007 Budget summary is attached.

Airport contract work – W.K. Dickson. This project provides for the construction of the T-Hanger Apron as depicted on the Airport Layout Plan at the Thomson-McDuffie Regional Airport. The project is funded under the FAA Airport Improvement Program and to be supervised by W.K. Dickson & Co., Inc.

Councilmember Carrington moved the approval of the contract work on W.K. Dickson Task Order 2006-1 followed by a second by Councilmember Smalley. The motion carried.

Local Assistance Road Program List for 2007 (LARP). A list of twenty streets in need of resurfacing was prepared for the Department of Transportation. Motioned by Councilmember Smalley to approve the list presented to DOT, and seconded by Councilmember Wiley. The motion carried.

Banner request Gov. Perdue's visit. Governor Sonny Perdue is scheduled to visit the City of Thomson on August 23, 2006. A request was presented for a welcome banner. Councilmember Smalley motioned to approve the banner request. Following a second by Councilmember Wiley, the motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Audrey Eller's husband has been in the Doctor's hospital and is home presently recuperating.

Don Powers and Bob Flanders traveled to Atlanta to meet with EPD concerning two projects associated with the old Thomson Company. The goal is to get a level of clearance that will permit residential development. The second meeting will be with DCA to discuss a potential housing project.

Suzanne Kea was praised for helping a Citizen by taking their trash to the dump. Apparently Suzanne saw the trash as it was blown off a truck earlier. She then took the time to go back, gather the trash and take it to the dumpsite.

The City of Thomson flag was officially placed on displayed tonight. This flag will represent the City at the annual GMA conference in June and at any other appropriate occasion.

City Clerk Landers asked all to join the employees on August 15, 2006 for the kickoff of the Health and Wellness Luncheon at the Depot from 11:45am – 1:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Dianne L. Landers
City Clerk