

CITY OF THOMSON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 10, 2011

6:30PM

City Hall

Present:

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

Also Present:

Ray Silverstein
Fred Guerrant
Rick Sewell
Anthony Pool
Linda Green, McD. Progress
Garth Snow, Mirror
Donna Stillinger, WTHO

Mayor Usry welcomed all to the Regular Council Meeting of November 10, 2011. The invocation was given by Councilmember Smalley, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Gregory (Slim) Curry was recognized for ten (10) years of faithful service as a City of Thomson employee in the Street Department.

Chief James (Rick) Sewell (City of Thomson Fire Chief) was recognized for twenty (20) years of faithful service of employment in the Fire Department. Mr. Curry and Chief Sewell were both presented with a plaque for their years of service as well as a monetary gift.

MINUTES:

Councilmember Lunceford moved to approve the minutes of October 13, 2011 followed by a second from Councilmember Brown. All were in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Zoning Change Benji Cranford – Cobbham Road:

Mr. Benji Cranford has requested a change in zoning for three lots located at the end of the Harrison Drive Extension Subdivision from R-1 (Low Density Residential) to B-2 (Highway Commercial). Benji currently owns a 3.1 acre parcel which fronts Cobbham Road at its intersection with the new East Bypass which is already zoned B-2. Mr. Guerrant explained that the subdivision is currently in the possession of the BB&T Bank, however; Benji currently owns the subdivision roadway. Benji would like the zoning change for future growth of the front lot and the three rear lots would be used as additional parking. The City of Thomson Planning Commission recommended approval of the zoning change for the three lots.

Councilmember Jones moved to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission to change Mr. Benji Cranford's three (3) lots at the end of Harrison Drive Extension from R-1 to B-2. Councilmember Smalley seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HVAC replacement at the Washington Road Fire Station:

The Thomson Fire Department solicited bids for a new heating and air conditioning equipment for the Washington Road fire station. The bids received were as follows:

➤ Indoor Comfort Solutions of Georgia	\$7,413.00
➤ Keith Land Air Conditioning and Refrigeration	\$7,495.43
➤ Dozier Heating and Air, Inc.	\$7,650.00
➤ Holliman's Air Service	\$7,995.00
➤ Pool Heating and Air, Inc.	\$8,014.00
➤ Duggan's Heating and Air Conditioning	\$10,609.00
➤ Fulbright Heating and Air, Inc.	No Bid

Chief Sewell stated that Indoor Comfort Solutions of Georgia was the low bidder and is his recommendation to replace the two (2) heating and air conditioning systems at the Washington Road Fire Station in the amount of \$7,413.00.

Councilmember Smalley moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief for Indoor Comfort Solutions of Georgia (Chris Law) in the amount \$7,413.00 for two heating and air systems. Councilmember Belton seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION:

City Administrator Powers reported the discussions with DOT this week concerning City Streets slotted for DOT funded paving for 2012. This is the old LARP program now renamed LMIG. The streets approved for re-surfacing are:

- ✓ Ellington Avenue from Knox Street to Whiteoak Road (this completes re-surfacing of this well travelled road).
- ✓ The Sills, O'Neal, Salem extension "cut-through" from Clary Street to the railroad crossing.
- ✓ Magnolia Drive from Bethany Drive to North Lee Street.
- ✓ Lee Drive from Austin Street to Michael Street.

The Augusta Tech School classroom for airplane engine and frame repair training is in the final stages of construction. The intent is to start classes there March 2012, with the building complete and ready by that date.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Dianne Landers
City Clerk