

CITY OF THOMSON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 12, 2010

6:30PM

City Hall

Present:

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

Also Present:

Billy Hobbs, McD. Mirror
Lawrence Winston
Bob Howard
Bill Doupe
Scott Whittle
Fred Guerrant
Donna Branch, WTHO
Bea Hart-Moss
Jamie Burnett

Mayor Usry welcomed all to the Regular Council Meeting of August 12, 2010. The invocation was given by City Attorney Plunkett, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

PRESENTATION:

Bob Howard of the Thomson-McDuffie County Recreation Department gave a presentation on the recommendation for a skateboard ramp for the Pitts Street Park. Mr. Howard gave an estimated total cost of \$185,000 to be paid out of SPLOST for a 4" concrete vice steel ramp. All concrete ramps will be constructed to Solo Series specifications. Councilmember Jones moved to moved to accept the recommendation from the Recreation Department for the concrete skateboard ramp. Councilmember Belton seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

MINUTES:

Councilmember Lunceford moved to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2010 council meeting, seconded by Council Belton. All were in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Second Reading of Revised Subdivision Regulations – Ordinance Number 546.

This is the second and last reading of Ordinance for revised subdivision regulations which shall govern the subdivision of land considered in whole or in part within the legal boundaries of the City of Thomson.

Councilmember Belton moved to accept the second reading of Ordinance No. 546, seconded by Councilmember Lunceford. All were in favor. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

First Reading – Resolution Flood Damage Prevention and Intergovernmental Agreement:

This is the first reading of the FEMA Flood Insurance Program. The resolution assures the Federal Insurance Administration that the City will enact as necessary, and maintain in force in those areas having flood, or flood-related erosion hazards, adequate land use and control measures with effective enforcement provisions consistent with the criteria set forth in Part 60 of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations (CFR44).

Bid Approval – 2009 CDBG Project Infrastructure:

Civil Design Solutions, LLC has determined that Eagle Utility Contracting is the low bidder for the 2009 CDBG Project for Pitts Street, Pine Lane and Forest Clary infrastructures. Since the low bidder appears to have adequate experience, technical ability and financial capability to complete the project and has successfully completed similar projects, Civil Design Solutions recommends the project be awarded to Eagle Utility Contracting in the amount of \$408,816. The original budget being \$520,000.

Councilmember Smalley moved to accept the recommendation from Civil Design Solutions for Eagle Utility Contracting. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Request for Alcoholic Beverage License – Walgreen Company.

Walgreen Company d/b/a Walgreens #11995 of 668 Main Street has submitted an application for an alcoholic beverage license.

Councilmember Jones moved to accept the application and the license are granted.

Councilmember Belton seconded the motion. All were in favor except one. Councilmember Smalley abstained. Motion carried.

Purchase of Roll Off Tractor.

Presently in the 2010 budget for Solid Waste Capital there is \$35,000 for a backup or spare tractor to be used for putting roll-off containers. A new tractor would be \$100,000 or greater. The Vehicle Maintenance department would like permission to seek a used one immediately. Councilmember Belton moved to give permission to the Maintenance Department to search for a used tractor and we use this as a “not to exceed” number. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Board of Health Appointment – Alton Belton.

Alton Belton’s term for the Health Board has expired. Mr. Belton has agreed to serve for another five (5) year term.

Councilmember Smalley moved to approve Mr. Belton for another five (5) year term to the Health Board, seconded by Councilmember Jones. All were in favor. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION:

M & E Grading, from Lula, GA were the low bidders for the additional water mains, the final part of the South McDuffie water expansion. This will also include the portion of water mains and pumps that will provide water to Harlem. \$849,545 was the low bid, grant money from USDA.

Mike Dunn is back on sick leave. He is having trouble with maintaining appropriate oxygen levels in his blood, which manifests as low energy levels and trouble getting his breath when exerted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm.

Dianne L. Landers
City Clerk