

**CITY OF THOMSON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 9, 2010**

6:30PM

City Hall

Present:

Kenneth L. Usry, Mayor
Alton Belton, Councilmember
Clifford Lunceford, Councilmember
John Smalley, Councilmember
Dir.
Donald Powers, City Administrator
Jimmy Plunkett, City Attorney
Progress
Dianne Landers, City Clerk

Absent:

James Jones, Councilmember
Bernice Brown, Councilmember

Also Present:

Scott Tolleson, MGAG
Rodney Dill, MGAG
Billy W. Hobbs, McD. Mirror
Fred Guerrant, Planning

Donna Branch, WTHO
Dick Mitchell, McD.

Fred Lewis
Bea Hart-Moss

Mayor Usry welcomed all to the Regular Council Meeting of September 9, 2010. The invocation was given by Councilmember John Smalley, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

PRESENTATION:

Rodney Dill and Scott Tolleson, two representatives from the Municipal Gas Authority gave a presentation on the Main Street Energy Efficiency Financing Program. This program is a municipal service for citizens and customers located within the natural gas service areas of Thomson natural gas distribution systems. The Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority has allocated and will distribute approximately \$5.5 million to interested gas and electric utilities for the purpose of establishing or expanding a residential on-bill financing program to promote energy efficiency. The Main Street Energy Star Program is an on-bill financing available for citizens and customers by providing a low cost financing up to a maximum loan amount of \$5,000.

Funds will be available for residential homeowners where natural gas service is available and the following activities are present:

- Purchase and installation of natural gas ENERGY STAR residential appliances – furnaces, tank-less water heaters, and certain tank water heaters;

Councilmember Smalley moved to accept the Main Street Energy Star Program and for the City of Thomson to participate. Councilmember Lunceford seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Councilmember Lunceford moved to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2010 council meeting, seconded by Council Belton. All were in favor. Motion carried.

There was one correction to the July 8, 2010 council meeting minutes concerning the Tax Credit Rental Project; *James Jones moved that the resolution to support the tax credit project be denied, seconded by Bud Lunceford, three votes were in favor, one voted no.*

Councilmember Belton moved to accept the correction to the July 8, 2010 minutes, seconded by Councilmember Lunceford. All were in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Second reading of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance #547.

This is the second reading of Ordinance #547 and Resolution for the Flood Damage Prevention/Intergovernmental Agreement which allows homeowners to participate in flood insurance.

Councilmember Belton moved to accept Ordinance #547, Resolution and the Intergovernmental Agreement, seconded by Councilmember Lunceford. All were in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proclamation for Drug Free Week – Chamber of Commerce.

October 17 – 23, 2010 has been proclaimed as Drug Free Week. This is held annually as a public awareness campaign to promote and highlight the importance of being drug free in the workplace.

DISCUSSION:

Resignation of Jim Alfriend – Planning Commission.

Mr. Alfriend has requested to resign from his post on the City Planning Commission Board. He has been on the Board since 1986. No action was taken at this time, but Mayor Usry requested Council turn in any names for nomination.

The City of Thomson was awarded its 3rd CDBG infrastructure grant for the Pitt Street area. It is a multi-activity grant for \$800,000.

CITIZENS CONCERN:

Mr. Butch Blount – Problems with water going under his house. City has a partial fix in the form of ditch work.

Mr. Fred Lewis – Problems on Tom Watson Way. Flooding from another street (Bethany).

There being no further business. Meeting was adjourned at 7:18PM.

Dianne L. Landers
City Clerk