



CITY OF THOMSON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 9, 2022

6:00PM

Thomson-McDuffie Government Center

Present:

Kenneth Usry, Mayor
Keryl Corley, Councilmember
Elaine Johnson, Councilmember
John Smalley, Councilmember
Scott Whittle, Councilmember
John Waller, City Administrator
Lucretia Ferguson, City Clerk
Jimmy Plunkett, City Attorney

Also Present:

Chief Courtney Gale, TPD
Assistant Chief R. T. Brown, TPD
Erin Burditt, McDuffie Progress
11 Interested Citizens

Not Present:

Alton Belton, Councilmember

At 6:00pm, Mayor Kenneth Usry called the regularly scheduled City Council meeting to order and Councilmember Smalley gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Elaine Moss spoke on her dissatisfaction with her neighbors' upkeep and the City's response. Paul Daly thanked the Council for the Mt. Pleasant Road paving. K. Kendrick asked for help with the extreme pot holes behind the Washington Road Dollar General. That is a private drive and he was directed to speak with the property owner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The motion was made by Councilmember Smalley and seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve the agenda as written. A vote of 4-0 in favor was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Meeting, May 12, 2022. A motion was made by Councilmember Whittle and seconded by Councilmember Corley to approve the minutes. A vote of 4-0 in favor was taken.

BUSINESS:

- a. Resolution 07-2022: Hazard Mitigation Plan 2022-2026 CA Waller spoke of the five year plan developed by Thomson, Dearing and McDuffie County that has been approved by the Georgia and Federal Emergency Management Agencies (GEMA & FEMA). The document is updated every five years and is a GEMA/FEMA requirement in order to receive funds from those agencies. All three jurisdictions must approve the document. A motion was made by Councilmember Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Whittle to approve the resolution. A vote of 4-0 was taken in favor.

- b. Sale of Vehicles: Ten vehicles and two trailers are scheduled to be sold at public auction on June 11th through Sunset Auction. A surveillance van from the Police Department will be sold through GovDeals to a specific audience. Each vehicle, except the two confiscated through Superior Court cases, has high mileage, a great deal of age or is not economically repairable. The Utility Services modular building will be replaced soon. Instead of demolishing it, the building will be offered at the auction. If bought, it must be moved by July 21st. A motion was made by Councilmember Whittle to approve the sale of the excess property and was seconded by Councilmember Smalley. A 4-0 vote in favor was taken.
- c. Archway Memorandum of Understanding FY2023: As part of our Archway Initiative, an agreement including funding is signed each year by twelve entities. The City's portion for this seventh year is \$15,000. A motion was made by Councilmember Corley to approve the MOU and was seconded by Councilmember Johnson. A vote of 4-0 approved the Memorandum of Understanding.
- d. Freedom Blast/Chamber of Commerce Requests: The Thomson-McDuffie Chamber of Commerce has requested that Railroad Street between Greenway and O'Neal Streets, for safety reasons, be closed on July 2nd from 6:00pm until 9:30pm to accommodate food and craft vendors, bounce houses and the fireworks display. They also have requested the open container/downtown district rule be approved for this event. A motion was made by Councilmember Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Corley to approve the requests. A vote taken, passed the motion 4-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Council Report: Councilmember Smalley spoke on voting and violence. Councilmember Whittle commended Waste Management's team for their hustle and work ethic. Councilmember Johnson concurred.

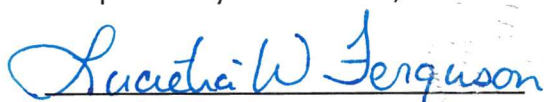
City Administrator Report: CA Waller informed the Council that the City has received two different telephone calls this week from citizens that were extremely pleased with the gas and water distribution crews that took care of their particular problem. It's always a pleasure to hear compliments from citizens. He reminded all that the City will be closed on Friday and Monday, July 1st and 4th, also that garbage collection will not take place on July 4th, so each route will be one day late that week. The Mass Meter Replacement Module software is about ready for the contractor to begin replacing water meters in large numbers instead of a few at a time. This should start in about two weeks and allows us to meet our November deadline. The decommissioned Jackson Street Fire House was sold by the Land Bank, utilities are discontinued and it will be razed within 180 days of the sale.

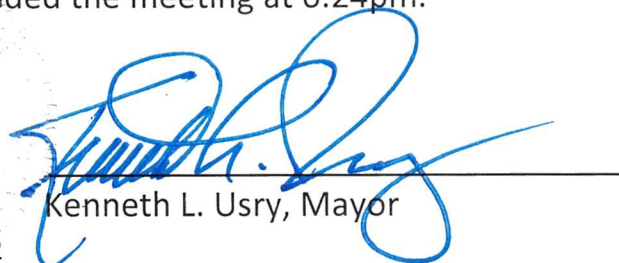
Mayor Report: The planning for the Camellia Fest in October has begun. The Thomson Farmer's Market is every Saturday from 8:00am until noon thru the end of July. Mayor Usry hopes that everyone will stop by and participate. The market is doing well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

A motion to adjourn was tendered by Councilmember Smalley and seconded by Councilmember Johnson. A vote of 4-0 ended the meeting at 6:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Lucretia W. Ferguson, City Clerk


Kenneth L. Usry, Mayor