City of Thomson
McDuffie County, Georgia

CITY OF THOMSON
CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 10, 2024

3:30PM   Thomson-McDuffie Government Center

Present:

Kenneth Usry, Mayor   John Waller, City Administrator
Alton Belton, Councilmember   Lucretia Ferguson, City Clerk
Keryl Corley, Councilmember   Jason Smith, Community Dev. Director
Elaine Johnson, Councilmember   Benji Cranford, Mayor-Elect
John Smalley, Councilmember   Karen Fioretti, McDuffie Progress

Not Present:

Jimmy Plunkett, City Attorney

At 3:30pm, Mayor Usry welcomed all to the Called Council Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-PERSONNEL:

A motion was made by Councilmember Corley and seconded by Councilmember Belton to move into Executive Session for the purpose of a Personnel issue. A unanimous affirmative vote was taken, 4-0, and the Executive Session opened at 3:31pm.

Councilmember Johnson made the motion to move back into Regular Session and was seconded by Councilmember Smalley. A vote of 4-0 was taken to go back into Regular Session, which reopened at 4:04pm. The Council Chamber doors reopened and Karen Fioretti joined the meeting.
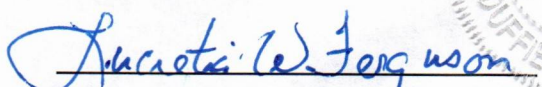
BUSINESS:

Thomson Police Chief Position: CA Waller recommended that the Council consider Lt. Dan Carrier, Richmond County Sheriff's Office, for the vacant position of Thomson Police Chief. Donny Jones was voted by the Council as their choice on December 29th, but he has since declined the position. A motion was made by Councilmember Johnson to offer the position of Chief of Police to Lt. Carrier. Councilmember Belton seconded, and a vote of 4-0 passed the motion. The Mayor asked that CA Waller negotiate a contract with the potential Chief.
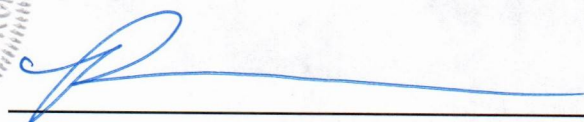
Mayor Usry asked that the Council approve CA Waller's exploration of an alternative to the current Police Department pay rate structure.

Councilmember Smalley made the motion to approve allowing CA Waller do so within the parameters set forth. This was seconded by Councilmember Corley and a 4-0 vote passed the motion.

Mayor Usry thanked CA Waller for the work he put into the police chief search. Having no other business before the Council, Councilmember Johnson made the motion to adjourn, Councilmember Belton seconded, and the motion passed 4-0 at 4:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucretia W. Ferguson
Lucretia W. Ferguson, City Clerk

Benjamin C. Cranford, Jr., Mayor