

CITY OF THOMSON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 9, 2018

6:30PM

Thomson-McDuffie Government Complex

Present:

Kenneth Usry, Mayor
Clifford Lunceford, Councilmember
Alton Belton, Councilmember
John Smalley, Councilmember
Scott Whittle, Councilmember
Jimmy Plunkett, City Attorney
Don Powers, City Administrator
Dianne Landers, City Clerk

Also Present:

Earnest Wilkerson
Bea Hart-Moss
Johnny Evans
Mary Wells
Nora Douglas
Linda Greene, McD. Progress

Absent:

Doris Johnson, Councilmember

Mayor Usry welcomed all to the August 9, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Jimmy Plunkett stated the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

MINUTES:

Councilmember Belton moved to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2018 Council meeting. Councilmember Lunceford seconded the motion. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dearing LAS Valve Replacement:

The July 2018 Water and Sewer Commission meeting discussed the valve replacements in the Dearing LAS "drip-system". The company that designed the Dearing Plant, Wastewater Systems, performed some troubleshooting because

the "zones" were not operating properly. Therefore, in order to start to upgrade the drip system a number of valves have to be replaced.

A proposal of \$44,800.00 was received from Wastewater Systems, Inc. to include replacement of valves as well as training of personnel.

The Water and Sewer Commission brings a recommendation to approve \$50,000 for this project, to be paid from Water –Sewer Reserves. The McDuffie County Commission approved the recommendation and thus the City of Thomson has to approve or disapprove.

Councilmember Lunceford moved to approve the recommendation from the W-S Commission for the \$50,000 for this project. Councilmember Whittle seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Bush Hog Replacement:

The City of Thomson's presently used heavy duty bush hog mower is in need of major repairs. The parts are estimate to be close to \$3000 with a new replacement mower priced at \$6500.

The recommendation is for purchasing a new one at \$6500 and pay from W-S Contingency.

Councilmember Whittle moved to approve the recommendation, followed by a second from Councilmember Lunceford. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Gas Line Replacement Cost Over-run:

Beam Site Prep was awarded the (Dell Drive) 2016 CDBG. They also were awarded the gas line replacement, to be done in conjunction with the CDBG work, but not funded from those CDBG grant funds. The original bid was \$56,925. However, the bid documents had an error in the pay item for changing out residential gas services. The quote included (2) gas services, while in fact there is 19 services to change out.

This added \$46,750 amount to be added to the project, totalling \$104,170.

It is recommended to pay this invoice with \$75,000 from the Capital account for steel main replacement and the additional \$29,170 from the Capital account for meter reading equipment, Gas.

Councilmember Whittle moved to approve the recommendation.

Councilmember Smalley seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Motion approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The Military IRT project is complete. They were able to see more than 3,300 patients, performed more than 20,000 procedures and provided a fair market value of medical services worth \$1.3 million. There were 1,300 pairs of glasses made with another value of approximately \$225,000.

Mr. Earnest Wilkerson addressed the Council with concerns of City Council retirement expense, and better Law Enforcement.

There being no further business, Councilmember Belton moved to adjourn at 7:01pm. Councilmember Lunceford seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned.

Dianne Landers
City Clerk