



CITY OF THOMSON
CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2023

3:00PM

Thomson-McDuffie Government Center

Present:

Kenneth Usry, Mayor
Alton Belton, Councilmember
Keryl Corley, Councilmember
Elaine Johnson, Councilmember
John Smalley, Councilmember

Scott Whittle, Councilmember
Lucretia Ferguson, City Clerk
6 Interested Citizens

Not Present:

John Waller, City Administrator

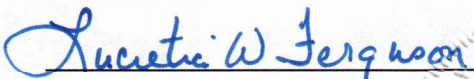
At 3:00pm, Mayor Kenneth Usry welcomed all to the Called Council Meeting.

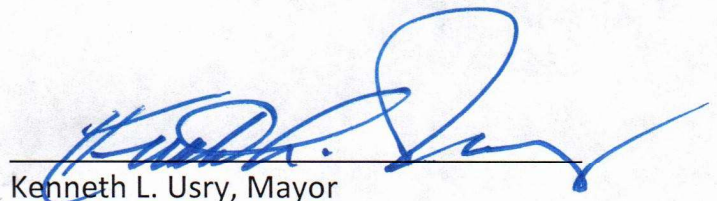
BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration of Intergovernmental Agreement re: County-wide Broadband Service: Mayor Usry explained that the IGA would include the City of Thomson, McDuffie County, Town of Dearing, McDuffie County Board of Education and Development Authority. Funds from these entities for county-wide broadband total \$7,987,434 and come from the first four listed, the Federal Government and Comcast. This agreement would put all of the money under the Development Authority who would receive bills and payments would be approved by County Manager David Crawley. Representatives of all three governments are on the Development Authority Board. A motion was made by Councilmember Whittle to approve the IGA between the City of Thomson, McDuffie County, Town of Dearing, McDuffie County Board of Education, and the Development Authority, with the Development Authority handling all payments and receiving all billings in regard to the County-wide Broadband Service. Councilmember Johnson seconded, and a vote of 5-0 passed the motion.
- b. Consideration of IGA re: Consolidated Fire and Emergency Services: Mayor Usry noted that this IGA concerns the City of Thomson, McDuffie County and the Town of Dearing. The Town of Dearing currently has its own Fire Department. They now wish to join in with the City and County thereby helping with Dearing's ISO rating and Dearing residents would be billed for the county fire fee in November. A station in Dearing would now be manned 24/7. This would bring all three governments together under the McDuffie County Fire and EMS Departments. Councilmember Belton made the motion to approve the IGA between the City of Thomson, McDuffie County, the Town of Dearing and the McDuffie County Fire and EMS services. He was seconded by Councilmember Whittle and a vote of 5-0 approved the motion.

Mayor Usry thanked all for attending the Called Meeting. Councilmember Johnson made the motion to adjourn, Councilmember Whittle seconded, and the motion passed 5-0 at 3:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Lucretia W. Ferguson, City Clerk


Kenneth L. Usry, Mayor