

**TOWN OF THOMPSONS
CITY COUNCIL
9/19/24**

The Town Council of Thompsons, Texas met in Regular Session in the Council Chamber located at 520 Oilfield Road at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 19, 2024 with Mayor Freddie Newsome, Jr. presiding. Council members present were Edward Taylor, James Todd, Deborah Brown and Gina Treadgold. Residents in attendance were John Treadgold, Rose Jaynes, Kip Marlowe and Derrick Newell. Visitors in attendance were City Attorney, Justin Pruitt and Consultant, Marvin Marcell. The newly appointed Vice President, General Manager, for Johnson Development, for the George Foundation, Derek Goff was present. Forrest Forster and Judd from the AYPa Plant were present and Dinh Ho, P.E. from Adico Consulting Engineers was in attendance.

Minutes of July 18, 2024 and August 15, 2024 Regular Town Council Meetings were read and reviewed by Council. The Council meeting for August 15, 2024 was cancelled per the City Attorney, Justin Pruitt, due to non-posting of agenda on the new website. On a motion from Edward Taylor, seconded by Gina Treadgold, the Minutes, Financial Reports and Accounts Payables/Receivables were approved. The Financial Reports and Accounts Payables/Receivables were available for July and August.

The Mayor presented Resolution #323-A Resolution of the board of Aldermen of the Town of Thompsons, Texas, approving civil design plans for battery energy storage system projects by each of Bypass Bess II, LLC and Bypass Bess III, LLC within the municipal limits of the Town of Thompsons; authorizing the Mayor or designee to execute and record any and all documents related to the civil design plans; providing for severability; and, providing an effective date. Forrest Forster, Sr. VP of Development from the Bypass BESS II, LLC & Bypass BESS III, LLC expansion projects, representing the AYPa Plant, led Council in a discussion and answered Council's questions regarding security, safety and evacuation issues. Following the discussion and on a motion from Edward Taylor, seconded by James Todd, Council approved Resolution #323. Mr. Forster stated that construction will begin on the battery energy storage project and should be online by next summer to support the electric grid.

The next item on the agenda was Resolution #325-A Resolution of the City Council of the Town of Thompsons, Texas, authorizing the Mayor to execute assurances, terms, and conditions related to the U.S. Department of Treasury's Coronavirus local fiscal recovery fund. Councilman Taylor stated that Grant Works has been hired to help the Town of Thompsons spend the COVID money. Mr. Taylor stated that the monies need to be obligated by December 2024 and spent by September 2026. The Mayor stated that Council needs to plan on how to spend the allocated money. The total to spend is \$81,000.00, as Grant Works will be paid \$5,000.00 to help with reporting and paperwork. On a motion from Gina Treadgold, seconded by James Todd, Council approved Resolution #325 and will plan on spending the allocated money.

Mayor presented Resolution #326-Designation of Representative and Alternate Houston-Galveston Area Council 2025 General Assembly. Following a discussion by Council and on a motion from Gina Treadgold, seconded by James Todd, Edward Taylor was chosen as the Representative and Deborah Brown, the Alternate.

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Presentation, discussion and possible action to hire third party administrator was next on the agenda. The Mayor introduced Dinh V. Ho, P.E. from Adico Consulting Engineers. Mr. Ho passed out pamphlets and gave a presentation to Mayor and Council for professional city engineering services for the Town of Thompsons.

In his presentation, Mr. Ho stated that Adico Consulting Engineers provides services as consulting engineer for several municipalities including City of Iowa Colony, City of La Marque, Village of Bonney, City of West Columbia, City of Dickinson and Brazoria County Drainage District No. 5. Some of the services include: development review services, stormwater and drainage analysis, utility infrastructure, transportation and traffic impact, environmental and sustainability, floodplain and watershed, public rights of way, subdivision plan reviews, zoning and land use compliance. On a motion from Gina Treadgold, seconded by Deborah Brown, Council approved the hiring of Mr. Ho as third party administrator for the Town of Thompsons.

Next, Mayor Newsome introduced a guest, the newly appointed Vice President, General Manager of Johnson Development, Derrick Goff. Mr. Goff informed Mayor and Council about the huge master planned community development project for the George Foundation, in the Town of Thompsons ETJ. The Mayor thanked Mr. Goff for attending the meeting and for the information provided to Council.

There were no residents and visitors comments for the month of September

On a motion from Gina Treadgold, seconded by Edward Taylor, Council approved park reservations for Julie Harris for 9/28/24, Ruby Allen for 10/5/24, David Solomon for 10/12/24, Everett Barnes for 10/19/24 and Albert Randle for 10/26/24.

Fire Chief, Keelan Spaulding, was not present, but firefighter, Kip Marlowe, presented the monthly Thompsons Volunteer Fire Department Report. The report consisted of seven calls which six were medical and one was a motor vehicle accident.

Firefighter Marlowe also stated that new tires have been purchased for the tanker truck.

Mayor inquired about the water tank at the G.W. Longserre Park. Mr. Marlowe stated that the tank will be completed in a short period of time. All that needs for completion is the valve inserted, water pumped into the tank and locks put on the tank.

Under other business before the Council, Councilman Brown voiced her concerns regarding the railroad arms being down for long periods of time and the school bus not being able to get across the tracks.

The Mayor informed Council that the monthly Fort Bend County Mayor & Council Association meeting will be held at The Fort Bend County Fairgrounds – Building B in Rosenberg, Texas on September 26, 2024.

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Under other business before the Council, Councilman Treadgold informed Mayor and Council that she will be attending a meeting regarding the Brazos River.

Councilman Taylor stated that he is working on Thompsons TX.gov email addresses for the new website.

Councilman Taylor voiced his concerns regarding the large grass on the Ray and June Brown property, which has been purchased by Fort Bend County and when the Brown house might be torn down. Mr. Taylor also voiced his concerns regarding the trash that a resident has placed on FM 2759.

Councilman Todd voiced his concerns about the cleaning of the ditches before redoing the roads in the Town of Thompsons.


Councilman Brown voiced her concerns regarding the dredging of the bayou in the Town of Thompsons.

There being no additional business before the Council, on a motion from Edward Taylor, seconded by Deborah Brown, Council adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectively Submitted



Mary Ann Manna (City Secretary)



Freddie Newsome, Jr. Mayor