

**TOWN OF THOMPSONS
CITY COUNCIL
11/21/24**

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, November 21, 2024 with Mayor Freddie Newsome, Jr. presiding. Council members present were Edward Taylor, James Todd, Gina Treadgold and Carol Gubbels. Residents in attendance were John Treadgold, Rose Jaynes, Gary Mosier Herman Hoot, and Firefighter, Willie Spears. Visitors in attendance were Consultant, Marvin Marcell, State Representative District 85, Stan Kitzman and his friend Dora Ann Gostecnik.

Before the start of the meeting, the Mayor introduced Stan Kitzman, State Representative District 85. Mr. Kitzman informed and led Mayor and Council in a discussion about the issues that are being discussed in the State Legislature, since Fort Bend County is growing at such a fast pace. Some of the issues are internet, electricity and water. The Mayor thanked Mr. Marcell for inviting Mr. Kitzman to the Council meeting.

Minutes of October 17, 2024 Regular Town Council Meeting was read and reviewed by Council. On a motion from Gina Treadgold, seconded by Edward Taylor, the Minutes, Financial Reports and Accounts Payables/Receivables were approved. The Financial Reports and Accounts Payables/Receivables were available for October.

Mayor led Council in a discussion concerning the 2025-2026 Budget. Mayor stated that the CPA will begin work on the budget. If the Fire Department and Council are aware of necessary items to be purchased, please let the Mayor know so that the items can be inserted into the new budget.

Mayor presented:

Resolution #327-A Resolution of the City Council of the Town of Thompsons, Texas, authorizing the Mayor to approve and sign the Standards of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy for ARPA funds.

Resolution #328-A Resolution of the City Council of the Town of Thompsons, Texas, authorizing the Mayor to approve and sign the Financial Management Policies & Procedures for ARPA funds.

Resolution #329-A Resolution of the City Council of the Town of Thompsons, Texas, authorizing the Mayor to approve and sign the Document Management & Records Retention Policy for ARPA funds.

Councilman Taylor stated that all three (3) of the above Resolutions outline the rules and regulations to follow regarding the ARPA funds and these three (3) Resolutions will become the working documents for Mayor and Council.

On a motion from Edward Taylor, seconded by James Todd, Council approved Resolution #327, #328 and #329.

The next item on the agenda was Resolution #330-A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Thompsons, Texas, adopting a covered applications and prohibited technology policy as required by Texas Senate Bill 1893 of the 88th Legislature. The Mayor informed Council that the Legislature has banned the app "tik-Tok" for all

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government employees, and all government entities have to adopt a policy that provides how they will enforce the ban. This Policy is based on a model policy that was put together by DPS. The model rules were released late September and have to be adopted by November 20, 2024. On a motion from James Todd, seconded by Carol Gubbles, Council approved Resolution #330.

Under residents and visitors commentary, resident John Treadgold thanked Mayor, Council and the Thompsons Volunteer Fire Department for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner which was held today.

Resident and firefighter, Willie Spears, voiced his concerns regarding the lack of burn ban signs. Mr. Spears stated that there is no sign on Smithers Lake Road and if the residents do not listen to TV news or travel down FM 2759, they are not aware of the burn ban.

There were no park reservations for the month of November.

Firefighter, Willie Spears, stated that he had no report on activity for the Thompsons Volunteer Fire Department.

Firefighter, Spears stated that Fire Chief, Keelan Spaulding, will be contacting the Mayor for radio equipment and uniforms.

Council went into closed session at 7:55 p.m.

At 8:15 p.m. Council re-convened into open session.

Under other business before the Council, Councilman Taylor stated that he has extended the ad in the Fort Bend Herald newspaper. The ad is regarding the bids for the ARPA funds. The ARPA funds are to be used for the walking trail, the basketball court and the volleyball court at the G.W. Longserre Park. The bids will be opened at City Hall next week to find the bidder qualified to do the job.

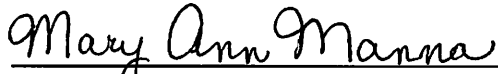
Councilman Todd voiced his concerns regarding the needed road repairs in the Town of Thompsons.

Firefighter, Willie Spears, voiced his concerns regarding the refrigerated truck that had gotten stuck on the railroad track on Y.U. Jones Road and FM 2759. Mr. Spears stated that a heavy-duty wrecker was needed to get the truck off the railroad track. Firefighter Spears stated that the track needs to be raised and the slope to the railroad track is too steep.

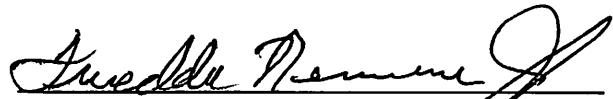
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There being no additional business before the Council, on a motion from Carol Gubbels, seconded by Edward Taylor, Council adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectively Submitted



Mary Ann Manna (City Secretary)



Freddie Newsome, Jr. Mayor