TOWN OF THOMPSONS CITY COUNCIL 4/17/25

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, April 17, 2025 with Mayor Freddie Newsome, Jr. presiding. Council members present were Edward Taylor, James Todd, Gina Treadgold and Gary Mosier. Residents in attendance were John Treadgold. Also in attendance was City Attorney, Scott Bounds and his assistant Joseph from the law firm of Olson & Olson. Abby Martinez and her assistant, Kayla from LJA Engineering along with Dinh Ho from Adico Engineering were also in attendance. Sara Murphy and Forrest Foster from the AYPA Plant (the battery energy storage system projects of Bypass Bess II, LLC and Bypass Bess III, LLC, that are currently under construction in the Town of Thompsons) were also in attendance.

Minutes of March 27, 2025 Regular Town Council Meeting were read and reviewed by Council. On a motion from Edward Taylor, seconded by Gary Mosier, the Minutes, Financial Reports and Accounts Payables/Receivables were approved. The Financial Reports and Accounts Payables/Receivables were available for March.

The Mayor presented item c. on the agenda first, in the event that Sarah Murphy and Forrest Foster from the AYPA Plant needed to leave early. Item c being, to discuss and approve a Resolution approving updated civil design plans for battery energy storage system projects for Bypass Bess II, LLC and Bypass Bess III, LLC at Lockwood Bypass and Lou Edwards Road-Resolution #332. Representative, Forrest Foster, from the AYPA Plant updated Council on the civil design plan changes on the above projects that are currently under construction in the Town of Thompsons. Mr. Foster informed Council that the roadway is being torn up as the trucks bring in materials for construction, but will be patched to make the road smoother. The sub-contractors will be informed to slow down as materials are being brought in for construction as well. On a motion from Gina Treadgold, seconded by James Todd, Resolution 332 was approved as presented.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation and discussion on the draft Subdivision Ordinance for the Town of Thompsons. Abby Martinez from LJA Engineering stated that no action will be taken on this Ordinance tonight and this is only a discussion as a group. Ms. Martinez then presented to Mayor & Council a City Council Workshop regarding the Subdivision Ordinance, which consisted of a review and discussion on the draft subdivision ordinance, answered any questions regarding the Ordinance and discussed suggested feedback. Ms. Martinez stated that the necessary changes will be made to the ordinance and then the Ordinance will be sent to Fort Bend County for review. More discussion will follow at the next meeting.

Mayor presented to Council Resolution #331-Authorization to proceed with 2024-2025 Audit. The Mayor stated that he will contact Seidel, Schroeder & Co., LLP, auditors, to conduct the annual audit and Council agreed. On a motion from Gina Treadgold, seconded by Edward Taylor, the Mayor will proceed with the annual audit.

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Next, the Mayor asked Council if there were any changes for the 2025-2026 Budget. Since, Council had no changes, the Mayor presented Ordinance #187-Filing of Final Budget Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2026 with County Clerk's office for approval. Gina Treadold made a motion for filing the budget with the County Clerk's Office and Edward Taylor seconded the motion, and the motion carried. After approval by Council of Ordinance #187, it can now be filed on record with Fort Bend County Clerk's Office.

There were no residents and visitors comments for the month of April.

On a motion from James Todd, seconded by Gary Mosier, park reservations were approved for Delia Garcia for 4/26/25.

Since no one was present from the Fire Department, there was no fire department report.

Under other business before the Council, the Mayor informed Council that the monthly Fort Bend County Mayor & Council Association Meeting will be held in the Community Center on April 24, 2025 in Thompsons, Texas and will be catered by Pier 36.

The Mayor stated that Fort Bend County Road and Bridge will tear down the old pavilion in May, in the G.W. Longserre Park. The new pavilion will seat approximately 80 people and will have tables and chairs anchored to the floor.

Councilman Treadgold voiced her concerns regarding her meeting with Commissioner Prestage regarding Broadband. There is no definite date for installation for Broadband at this time in the Town of Thompsons.

There being no additional business before the Council, on a motion from Edward Taylor, seconded by James Todd, Council adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectively Submitted

Mary Ann Manna (City Secretary)

Freddie Newsome Jr Mayor