

**TOWN OF THOMPSONS
CITY COUNCIL
12/18/25**

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, December 18, 2025 with Mayor Freddie Newsome, Jr. presiding. Council members present were Edward Taylor, James Todd and Nathan Walleck. Residents in attendance were Rose Jaynes and John Treadgold. Also in attendance was City Attorney, Joseph Hays from the law office of Olson & Olson.

Minutes of November 20, 2025 Regular Meeting were read and reviewed by Council. On a motion from Edward Taylor, seconded by James Todd, the Minutes, Financial Reports and Accounts Payables/Receivables were approved. The Financial Reports and Accounts Payables/Receivables were available for November.

Under public comments, resident John Treadgold stated that most small cities are at 2% sales tax.

On the discussion of possibly adopting a higher sales tax rate, City Attorney, Joseph Hays led Mayor & Council in a discussion on the matter. Mr. Hays informed Mayor & Council that if the Town was interested in this higher sales tax rate for the commercial land use development with the George Foundation, this item would have to be voted on by the residents and put on the next election for the Town of Thompsons, which will be in May 2026. This election would need to be called at the January City Council meeting. The Attorney further stated that there is no urgent need or risk for anyone in the position to claim the higher tax other than the ESD. After further discussion, on a motion from Edward Taylor, seconded by Nathan Walleck, Council agreed to have this item put on the ballot for the voters in May 2026. The Attorney will get the Ordinance and necessary paperwork in order for this item to be on the ballot.

The next item on the agenda was an update on G.W. Longserre Park. Attorney Joseph Hays informed Mayor & Council that Division III+ Constructors, Inc. is no longer threatening bankruptcy. The Company has filed in court. Mr. Hays informed Mayor & Council that the Town of Thompsons can go to bankruptcy court but most likely not and go ahead and finish the job. The Mayor informed Council & Mr. Hays that he has received a quote from ACG Apex Consulting Group, Inc. Engineering & Construction in the amount of \$19,000.00. Since the company is working on the pavilion, they would be able to finish the walking trail. Mr. Hays stated that if the City Engineer, Dinh Ho, approves the bid, the Town of Thompsons will not have to go to bankruptcy court. This bid would finish the driveway and haul off the debris and dirt. More discussion will follow as the details become available.

The construction of the pavilion is the other project at the G.W. Longserre Park. Councilman Taylor stated that the drawings have been reviewed by Fort Bend County. The only problem was that the steel that was ordered had the capacity of 130 mph wind speed when it should have been 140 mph. The steel has been re-ordered but will not delay the current schedule of competition of May 2026.

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Mayor led Council in a discussion concerning the 2026-2027 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. One of the previous suggestions for the budget from the Fire Department is the new roof at the Fire Station. Councilman Treadgold suggested security monitoring cameras for the City Hall, Fire Department and G.W. Longserre Park and hiring of a Police Officer for the Town. Some other suggestions from Councilmembers were to subsidize internet to residents and upgrade office equipment at City Hall.

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

There were no park reservations for the month of January, as the park is closed due to construction.

No one was present from the Fire Department, so there was no activity report for December.

Under other business before the Council, the Mayor stated that a copy of the investments that had been made for the month were inserted in to each Councilman's folder.

The Mayor informed Council that he is in the process for hiring someone to invest the money for the Town of Thompsons, as the bonds mature or are called.

There being no additional business before the Council, on a motion from Edward Taylor, seconded by James Todd, Council adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Mary Ann Manna
Mary Ann Manna (City Secretary)

Freddie Newsome Jr.
Freddie Newsome, Jr. Mayor