The Council of the City of Thomasville met in regular session with Mayor Greg Hobbs presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Mayor Pro Tem, Terry Scott; and Councilmembers Jay Flowers, and Todd Mobley. Also present were the City Manager, J. Alan Carson; City Attorney, Tim Sanders; other staff, members of the press and citizens. The meeting was held in Council Chambers at 144 East Jackson Street in Thomasville, Georgia.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Hobbs called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. It was noted that Councilmember Hufstetler was absent from this meeting.

INVOCATION
Given by Councilmember Jay Flowers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Pro Tern Terry Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Mayor Pro Tern Scott moved to approve the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of August 12, 2019 as presented. Councilmember Mobley seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mayor Hobbs, Mayor Pro Tern Scott and Councilmembers Flowers, and Mobley.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD
Mayor Hobbs acknowledged the following citizens as listed on the Citizens to be Heard Sign in sheet:

1. Arthur Jones, Jr., 104 Halcyon Way, Thomasville, Georgia, addressed Council with words of encouragement for Mayor Hobbs. He noted Jesus is the only one who is perfect and any man who makes a mistake should be given a second chance.

2. Stephan Thompson, 218 Short Street, Thomasville, Georgia, addressed Council and requested efforts to improve Weston Park continue to move forward. City Attorney Sanders provided a brief update regarding delays due to pending legal matters and discussions in reference to the Douglass Alumni Association’s indemnity request of the City of Thomasville for Weston Park.

3. Keith Thomas, 432 Woodsgate Lane, Thomasville, Georgia, addressed City Manager Carson regarding an employee of the City of Thomasville. Thomas reported he had recently paid an Assistant Chief of Police to remove a ticket. He further reported that he had proof of the transaction and requested the City Manager to look into the matter.

4. Nolah Shotwell, Thomasville-Thomas County Habitat for Humanity Director, P.O. Box 6925, Thomasville, Georgia, addressed Council with concerns regarding City of Thomasville’s process of demolition for unfit structures. Shotwell noted the current process does not offer owners enough time to request help from, and work with, potential available resources such as Habitat for Humanity, Georgia Heirs Property Attorneys, and others. Shotwell requested to be included in future processes of demolition of Unfit Structures to help work towards a solution to resolve issues.

PRESENTATIONS
Award Presentation, Detective Lisa Maxwell.
Chief of Police, Troy Rich, reported the City of Thomasville Police Department is very fortunate to have an award winning digital forensics expert on staff. He introduced Detective Lisa Maxwell and introduced United States Secret Service Resident Agent in Charge, Clint Bush, to present the award. Agent Bush commended Detective Maxwell on her hard work and perseverance in the field of digital forensics. In 2011, Maxwell began pursuing training from the Secret Service’s National Computer Forensic Institute in Hoover, Alabama. Upon completion of training, Maxwell continued in this field and currently teaches classes at NFCI. She also serves on the NCFI Advisory Board. Since 2011, Maxwell has conducted 1,531 exams and processed over 119 Terabytes of data. In 2018, the Secret Service had 1,265 partners that were examiners, as part of these partners Maxwell was ranked 17th in the country with the amount of exams conducted and data processed. For the year 2019, Maxwell currently ranks at 11th in the Country. On behalf of the United States Secret Service, Agent Bush presented Detective Lisa Maxwell with a commemorative plaque for Top Computer Forensics Examiner from the National Computer Forensics Institute. Maxwell received a standing ovation and was commended for her service.

Proclamation for the 2020 Census.
Executive Director, Human resources & Community relations, Kha McDonald, presented a proclamation declaring the City of Thomasville’s support of April 1st as Census Day. The Census is mandated by the United States Constitution and it is Thomasville and Thomas County’s opportunity to participate in order to receive our share of $675 Billion per year in federal funds for needed improvements, schools, hospitals and many other projects. Census data is used in various different ways to serve communities. This proclamation declares the City of Thomasville’s Complete Count Committee will work with closely with the US Census Bureau, the State of Georgia, and Thomas County to strive for a complete an accurate count for the 2020 Census through various events and promotions.

ADOPT AGENDA
City Manager Carson requested Item C (Motion to approve contract amendment for purchase of Carbon Credits at the Thomasville Municipal Solid Waste Landfill) as additional bids were not available at this time as had been requested by Council at Workshop.

Councilmember Mobley moved to approve the printed agenda with the amendment to remove Item C as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Scott seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mayor Hobbs, Mayor Pro Tem Scott and Councilmembers Flowers, and Mobley.

OLD BUSINESS
There were no Old Business items for consideration at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS
First reading of an ordinance to amend text of the Permitted Use Table, Section 22-106 #11 Home Occupation to include both Agriculture and R-1B as a permitted use.
City Planner, Kenneth Thompson, presented. “Home Occupation” is generally defined as any activity carried on within a dwelling by a resident of that dwelling for the purpose of earning income. This can include home businesses such as a single chair beauty shop, seamstress, photographer, insurance agent, or tax consultant. The use is allowed in all residential districts, with the exception of (A) Agriculture and (R-1B) Single Family Residential. A text amendment to the Use Table would allow the home occupations to also be allowed in these zoning districts.
Especially with the rise of online businesses and e-commuting, a home operated business has become an attractive option for many small business owners. Contrary to what the name implies, the primary intent of the Agriculture district is not for farming, but is intended to provide single-family homes with lot sizes greater than 15,000 square feet while also permitting some rural agricultural uses. Additionally, the R-1B zoning is also intended to provide moderately large single family lots. Under current zoning, people who own homes in these two zoning areas are unable to legally operate a business out of their home office. The City of Thomasville currently regulates Home Occupations by a series of requirements that ensure the business does not become a nuisance to the neighborhood. This includes restriction on number of customers, signs, parking, noise, and the types of businesses that are allowed. Allowing this use in the A and R-1B areas will not result in a negative impact on the surrounding property owners, and will provide more flexibility allowing residents to work from home.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott motioned to order the ordinance, to amend text of the Permitted Use Table, Section 22-106 #11 Home Occupation to include both Agriculture and R-1B as a permitted use, as read for the first time, passed and carried over. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

   A YES: Mayor Hobbs, Mayor Pro Tem Scott and Councilmembers Flowers, and Mobley.

The ordinance ordered read for the first time, passed and carried over follows:

   AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE BY AMENDING SUBPARAGRAPH 11 CAPTIONED “HOME OCCUPATION’ OF SECTION 22-106 CAPTIONED “SCHEDULE OF PERMITTED USES’ OF ARTICLE IV CAPTIONED “PERMITTED USES’ OF CHAPTER 22 CAPTIONED “ZONING’ BY ADDING A-AGRICULTURE ZONING DISTRICT AND R-1B, RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT TO THE TABLE OF PERMITTED USES AS A BY RIGHT USE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Motion to approve a one-day alcohol event permit for Dinner on the Bricks, September 21, 2019.
Manager-Tax, Collections & Licensing, Emily Phillips, presented. All One-Day alcohol permits that are held on City property are required to be approved by the City Council. Non-Profit Applicant, Vashti Center, 1815 East Clay Street, Thomasville, Georgia, has requested to hold their annual fundraising event "Dinner on the Bricks" at The Ritz Amphitheater on September 21, 2019. The application was reviewed by the Chief of Police and no issues were found.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott motioned to approve Vashti Center’s request for a One-Day Permit for sale of Alcoholic Beverage by Bona Fide Charitable & Non-Profit Civic Organization (Consumption Only). Councilmember Mobley seconded. It was noted that this annual event provides necessary funding for Vashti Center and has taken place for over six years. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

   A YES: Mayor Hobbs, Mayor Pro Tem Scott and Councilmembers Flowers, and Mobley.

Approval of reimbursement to Thomas County for the shared purchase of paving improvements of the Jail Justice Center Parking Lot as per the Facility Sharing Agreement with Thomas County.
Chief Financial Officer, Ashley Cason, presented. On March 26, 2018, the City Council approved a reimbursement to Thomas County for the shared purchase of paving improvements to the Jail Justice Center Parking lot. At that time, the total project was estimated to be $53,928.16, with the City’s share amounting
to $26,964.08 which was 50% of the total cost. Since that date, the paving and parking lot improvement work was completed. The final amount invoiced to the City totaled to be $36,396.79. As the final amount was larger than anticipated, CFO Cason requested Council’s approval of the final amount.

Councilmember Flowers motioned to approve Vashti Center’s request for a One-Day Permit for sale of Alcoholic Beverage by Bona Fide Charitable & Non-Profit Civic Organization (Consumption Only). Councilmember Mobley seconded. It was noted that this annual event provides necessary funding for Vashti Center and has taken place for over six years. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mayor Hobbs, Mayor Pro Tern Scott and Councilmembers Flowers, and Mobley.

Bids and award for the purchase of (1) one camera/video van and software for the Wastewater Department.

Wastewater Superintendent, Antonio O’Neal, presented. This purchase will consist of (1) camera van and software for the Wastewater Dept. to replace an existing unit that is 14 years old and has reached end service life, do to down time and expensive repairs. This unit is used to CCTV sewer mains and sewer services on a daily bases. This unit inspects approximately 140,000 ft. (26.5 miles) of sewer mains and services a year. Based on contract price, at $2.15 per ft. it would cost the city approximately $300,000 annually. Additionally, this unit contracts out to other municipalities for CCTV inspections at $200.00 dollars an hour for this service. There were (5) bids received by the purchasing department, with all bids received checked for accuracy. Only 2 of the 5 met the minimum specifications outlined on the camera/video portion of the bid. This purchase is included in the 2019 Capital Budget. The following is a summary of bids received:

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Mayor Pro Tern Scott motioned to approve Bids and award for the purchase of (1) one camera/video van and software for the Wastewater Department to Wade Ford in the amount of $278,432.00 as presented, utilizing 2019 Sewer Capital funds with third-party financing if necessary. Councilmember Mobley seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mayor Hobbs, Mayor Pro Tern Scott and Councilmembers Flowers, and Mobley.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Hobbs noted the Consent Agenda item was presented in Council Workshop on August 21, 2019 and was considered as routine and/or non-controversial items. The sole item on the Consent Agenda was a motion to ratify the adoption of the August 12, 2019 resolution honoring Mrs. Cheryl Presha so as to ensure for historical purposes that the resolution would be spread upon the meeting minutes of the Council of the City of Thomasville.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott motioned to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented, with no exceptions and thereby approving each item as presented collectively with one motion. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mayor Hobbs, Mayor Pro Tem Scott and Councilmembers Flowers, and Mobley.
The adopted resolution, ratified under the Consent Agenda as presented, follows on the next page:

RESOLUTION

Cheryl Presha

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2019, Cheryl Presha was appointed to the Council of the City of Thomasville, where she has served faithfully for the past three months; and

WHEREAS, during this time Councilmember Presha has served diligently as a District 1 representative on the Council of the City of Thomasville, addressing the civic needs and concerns of not only the citizens of District 1, but all of Thomasville’s citizens; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Presha’s overall mission throughout her time in office has been to utilize her skills and life experience to maintain and improve the quality of life which has made Thomasville “a place apart;” and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Presha holds a distinctive and historic honor as the first African American female to serve as a Councilmember for the Council of the City of Thomasville.

THEREFORE, I, Terry Scott, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Thomasville, do hereby extend, on behalf of the Council of the City of Thomasville and the citizens of the City of Thomasville, our most sincere and heartfelt thanks to Cheryl Presha for her hard work and faithful service to the City of Thomasville during her time in office on the Council.

SO DONE, this the 12th day of August 2019.

REPORTS

City Manager Carson reported having completed eight months of service with the City of Thomasville. Prior to arriving in Thomasville he noted having watched live streamed Council Meetings; particularly the Citizens to be Heard portion of the Agenda with disparaging comments made by citizens and directed towards City of Thomasville staff. Carson further noted that since his arrival, he has found no truth in any of the things that have been talked about and the City of Thomasville staff continues to exemplify outstanding service to the community. He reported from this point forward, his intent is to correct invalid and unfair comments directed towards staff made during the Citizens to be Heard portion of the agenda. Carson reported the comment made by Mr. Keith Thomas earlier in this meeting in reference to his [Mr. Thomas] payment to an Assistant Chief of Police for the removal of a ticket will also be reviewed. He further noted that the City of Thomasville Staff continues to look for the best solution for the community when challenges arise.

Councilmember Flowers echoed City Manager Carson’s sentiments; noting having been on Council for seven years. He further noted that many City departments have 20-year employees as a result of good
leadership and job enjoyment. He commended City Staff for their superior and award winning actions through serving the community and its citizens. Mayor Pro Tem Scott and Councilmember Flowers thanked citizens for attending and also echoed the City Manager's sentiments. Mayor Hobbs thanked everyone for attending and also thanked those who have addressed Council with favorable comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business to discuss, the Thomasville City Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM.

Mayor, Greg Hobbs

ATTEST: City Clerk

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