The Council of the City of Thomasville met in regular session with Mayor Greg Hobbs presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Mayor Pro Tem David Hufstetler; and Councilmembers Jay Flowers, Todd Mobley and Wanda Warren. Also present was 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, Thomasville, Georgia.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Greg Hobbs called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

INVOCATION
Councilmember Jay Flowers led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Pro Tern David Hufstetler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Mayor Pro Tern Hufstetler motioned to approve the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of February 10, 2020 as presented. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

PRESENTATIONS
There were no special presentations given at this meeting.

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

1. Demetrius Hadley, 105 Cannon Street, Thomasville, Georgia, voiced his concerns regarding how the articles printed in the newspaper and posted online were not consistent with the City’s rezoning process. He also requested to know why the first reading of the rezoning ordinance for 105 Cannon Street was not included on the agenda for consideration. Mayor Hobbs reported the request was returned to the Planning & Zoning Commission for further review.

ADOPT AGENDA
Councilmember Mobley motioned to approve the agenda as presented, with no exceptions. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

OLD BUSINESS
Second reading of an ordinance to amend text of Chapter 5 Building Construction to ensure compliance with minimum mandatory codes as set forth by the Department of Community Affairs.

Chief Building Official, Mark Harmon, reported there had been no changes from the first reading of this ordinance on February 10, 2020. It was noted the City of Thomasville is not adopting any new code type that was not previously referenced within its ordinances. These amendments are clarifying language to agree with the mandates of the State. Additionally, Harmon reviewed the modified section pertaining to pool discharge. The Environmental Protection Division (EPD) of Georgia does not allow discharge of water with elevated levels of chlorine into the storm water system. Currently City of Thomasville Code Chapter 5, Section 266 states “water may be discharged into a storm sewer provide permission is obtained from the City Engineer”. The Engineering department feels the best resolution is to direct any discharge of pool water into the sanitary sewer system.

Councilmember Flowers motioned to order the ordinance to amend text of Chapter 5 Building Construction to ensure compliance with minimum mandatory codes as set forth by the Department of Community Affairs, read for the second time, passed and adopted as presented. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

The ordinance title to amend Chapter 5, captioned “Building Construction” read for the second time, passed and adopted follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 5 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA TO ADOPT CERTAIN STANDARDIZED CODES AS ADOPTED BY THE STATE OF GEORGIA; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

SECTION ONE

BE IT ORDAINED that Section 5-12, Article I, Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Thomasville, captioned “Life Safety Code adopted; Fire Code adopted.” is hereby amended to read as follows:


There is hereby adopted by the City of Thomasville for the purpose of establishing rules and prescribing regulations relative to life safety for fire and like emergencies, covering the construction, protection, and occupancy features to minimize danger to life from fire, smoke fumes, or panic before buildings are vacated, that certain code known as the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, as published by the National Fire Protection Association, 2012 Edition, as adopted by the State of Georgia with Georgia State Amendments and including any chapters(s) pertaining to Administration and appendices included in the Life Safety Code but not adopted by the State of Georgia, as revised and the whole thereof of which one (1) copy is filed in the office of the building inspection department, and such code is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein, and the provisions thereof shall be controlling for life safety in the construction or occupancy of all buildings and other structures therein contained within the corporate limits of the City.

There is hereby adopted by the City of Thomasville for the purpose of regulating and safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials, and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises, that certain code known as the International Fire Code with Georgia State Amendments, as adopted by the State of Georgia, with Georgia State Amendments and including any chapters(s) pertaining to Administration and appendices included in the International Fire Code but not adopted by the State of Georgia, as revised and the whole thereof and such code is hereby adopted as fully as if set out at length herein. One (1) copy is filed in the office of the building inspections department and is available for review by the general public upon request.”

SECTION TWO
BE IT ORDAINED that Section 5-13, Article I, Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Thomasville, captioned “International Property Maintenance Code.” is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 5-13 International Property Maintenance Code

There is hereby adopted by the City of Thomasville, for the purposes of establishing rules and regulations for the maintenance of existing buildings and structures within the City, with exceptions and modifications as set out below, the International Property Maintenance Code as adopted by the State of Georgia with Georgia State Amendments and including any chapters(s) pertaining to Administration and appendices included in the International Property Maintenance Code but not adopted by the State of Georgia, as revised and the whole thereof (hereinafter the “IPMC”). Further, the purpose of the adoption of the IPMC is to provide minimum standards in order to safeguard life and limb, health, property and public welfare by controlling the use, occupancy, and maintenance of all residential and non-residential buildings and structures located within the corporate limits of the City, and as set forth at Sections 101.2 and 101.3 of the IPMC. Except as set out below, the IPMC is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length in this article, and the provisions shall be controlling with respect to minimum standards for the maintenance of existing buildings and structures within the corporate limits of the City. One (1) copy is filed in the office of the building inspections department, and is available for review by the general public upon request.”

SECTION THREE

BE IT ORDAINED that Section 5-14, Article I, Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Thomasville, captioned “International Existing Building Code Adopted.” is hereby amended to read as follows:

“5-14 International Existing Building Code Adopted.

There is hereby adopted by the City of Thomasville, for the purposes of establishing rules and regulations for existing buildings and structures within the City, with exceptions and modifications as set out below, the International Existing Building Code as permitted by the State of Georgia with Georgia State Amendments and including any chapters(s) pertaining to Administration and appendices included in the International Existing Building Code but not adopted by the State of Georgia, as revised and the whole thereof (hereinafter the “IEBC”). Further, the purpose of the adoption of the IEBC is to provide additional standards for regulating and governing the repair, alteration, change of occupancy, addition and relocation of existing buildings, including historic buildings within the corporate limits of the City, and as set forth at Section 101.2 and 101.3 of the IEBC. Except as set out below, the IEBC is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein. One (1) copy is filed in the office of the building inspections department, and is available for review by the general public upon request.”

SECTION FOUR

BE IT ORDAINED that Section 5-31, Article II, Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Thomasville, captioned “Adopted.” is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 5-31 Adopted.

There is hereby adopted by the city for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations for the construction, alteration, removal, demolition, equipment, use and occupancy, location and maintenance of buildings and structures, including permits and penalties, the International Building Code as adopted by the State of Georgia with Georgia State Amendments and including any chapters(s) pertaining to Administration and appendices included in the International Building Code but not adopted by the State of Georgia, as revised and the whole thereof, and such code is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length in this article, and the provisions thereof shall be controlling in the construction of all buildings and other structures therein contained within.
the corporate limits of the city. One (1) copy is filed in the office of the building inspections department, and is available for review by the general public upon request.

In addition to any other requirements established by this section for the issuance of a building permit by virtue of the adoption of the Standard Building Code, each owner of property for which such building permit is sought will execute a hold harmless and indemnity agreement as specified in subsection (c) of Section 5-318.

There is hereby also adopted, for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations pertaining to the accessibility of buildings and structures to the handicapped and disabled, that certain building code known as the O.C.G.A. Georgia Accessibility Code, as adopted by the State of Georgia and the whole thereof, and such code is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length in this article, and the provisions thereof shall be controlling in the construction of all buildings and other structures therein contained within the corporate limits of the city. One (1) copy is filed in the office of the building inspections department, and is available for review by the general public upon request."

**SECTION FIVE**

BE IT ORDAINED that Section 5-81, Article IV, Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Thomasville, captioned “Adopted.” is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 5-81 Adopted.

There is hereby adopted by the city for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations relative to installation of electrical conductors and equipment within or on public and private buildings or other structures, that certain code known as the NFPA 70, National Electrical Code, as adopted by the State of Georgia with Georgia State Amendments, and including any chapters(s) pertaining to Administration and appendices included in the National Electric Code but not adopted by the State of Georgia, as revised and the whole thereof and such code is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length in this article. One (1) copy is filed in the office of the building inspection department, and is available for review by the general public upon request.”

**SECTION SIX**

BE IT ORDAINED that Section 5-106, Article V, Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Thomasville, captioned “Adopted.” is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 5-106 Adopted.

There is hereby adopted by the city for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations for the construction, alteration, removal, location and maintenance of all natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas systems, including permits and penalties, that certain gas code known as the International Fuel Gas Code, as adopted by the State of Georgia with Georgia State Amendments, and including any chapters(s) pertaining to Administration and appendices included in the International Fuel Gas Code but not adopted by the State of Georgia, as revised and the whole thereof, save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified, or amended and the same is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein controlling in the construction, alteration, removal, location and maintenance of all natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas systems within the corporate limits of the City. One (1) copy is filed in the office of the building inspection department, and is available for review by the general public upon request.”

**SECTION SEVEN**

BE IT ORDAINED that Section 5-131, Article VI, Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Thomasville, captioned “Adopted.” is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 5-131 Adopted.
There is hereby adopted by the city for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations to promote public safety, health, and general welfare, through structural strength, stability, sanitation, adequate light and ventilation, and safety to life and property from fire and other hazards incident to the construction, alteration, repair, removal, demolition, use and occupancy of dwellings, apartment houses, buildings, structures or premises used as such, that certain code known as the International Residential Code for One – and Two – Family Dwellings as adopted by the State of Georgia, with Georgia State Amendments, and including any chapter(s) pertaining to Administration and appendices included in the International Residential Code for One – and Two – Family Dwellings but not adopted by the State of Georgia, and such code is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length in this article, and the provisions thereof shall be controlling in the matters of occupancy and habitation in all buildings and other structures therein contained within the corporate limits of the City. One (1) copy is filed in the office of the building inspection department, and is available for review by the general public upon request.”

SECTION EIGHT

BE IT ORDAINED that Section 5-171, Article VIII, Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Thomasville, captioned “Adopted.” is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 5-171 Adopted.

There is hereby adopted by the City of Thomasville for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations for the installation of mechanical systems, including alterations, repairs, replacement, equipment, appliances, fixtures, fittings and appurtenances, including ventilation, heating, cooling, air conditioning, incinerators, and other energy-related systems, that certain mechanical code known as the International Mechanical Code as adopted by the State of Georgia with Georgia State Amendments, and including any chapter(s) pertaining to Administration and appendices included in the International Mechanical Code but not adopted by the State of Georgia, and such code is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length in this article. One (1) copy is filed in the office of the building inspection department, and is available for review by the general public upon request.”

SECTION NINE

BE IT ORDAINED that Section 5-216, Article IX, Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Thomasville, captioned “Adopted.” is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 5-216 Adopted.

There is hereby adopted by the City of Thomasville for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations for the construction, alteration, removal, location and maintenance of all plumbing, sewerage and storm drain systems, including permits and penalties, that certain plumbing code known as the International Plumbing Code, as adopted by the State of Georgia with Georgia State Amendments, and including any chapter(s) pertaining to Administration and appendices included in the International Plumbing Code but not adopted by the State of Georgia, and such code is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length in this article, controlling in the construction, alteration, removal, location and maintenance of all plumbing, sewerage and storm drain systems within the corporate limits of the City. One (1) copy is filed in the office of the building inspection department, and is available for review by the general public upon request.”

SECTION TEN

BE IT ORDAINED that Section 5-265, Article X, Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Thomasville, captioned “General Requirements.” is hereby deleted in its entirety and substituted therefore with the following:
"Section 5-265 General requirements.

There is hereby adopted by the city for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations to promote public safety, health, and general welfare, stability, sanitation, adequate light and ventilation, and safety to life and property, that certain code known as the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code as adopted by the State of Georgia, with Georgia State Amendments, and including any chapter(s) pertaining to Administration and appendices included in the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code but not adopted by the State of Georgia, and such code is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length in this article. One (1) copy is filed in the office of the building inspection department, and is available for review by the general public upon request."

SECTION ELEVEN

BE IT ORDAINED that Section 5-266, Article X, Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Thomasville, captioned “Operation and Maintenance.” is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 5-266 Operation and maintenance.

(a) Wastewater. The disposal or discharge of pool wastewater must be accomplished in such a way that nuisance or damage to other property is avoided. Wastewater water must may be discharged into a storm-sanitary sewer or other acceptable method as provided permission is obtained from permitted by the city engineer.

(b) Health hazard or nuisance prohibited. No pools shall be used, kept, maintained or operated if such use, keeping, maintaining or operating shall constitute or be the occasion of any nuisance of any kind, or shall be dangerous to life or limb, or detrimental to health in any way.

(c) Each person or organization operating a commercial swimming pool or a semiprivate pool shall designate a person or persons who will be responsible for the maintenance of the pool and the landscaped areas required by this article and related matters. The name, address and telephone number of each such person shall be furnished by the organization to the chief building official for the city and shall be kept current at all times.

(d) Each organization operating a semiprivate pool by way of a membership plan shall establish bylaws which govern the operation and maintenance of the pool.”

SECTION TWELVE

BE IT ORDAINED that Section 5-401, Article XIV, Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Thomasville, captioned “Adopted.” is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 5-401 Adopted.

There is hereby adopted by the City of Thomasville for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations relative to the design of building envelopes for adequate thermal resistance, low air leakage, the design and selection of mechanical, electrical, service water heating and illumination systems and equipment which will enable the effective use of energy and new building construction that certain code known as the International Energy Conservation Code as adopted by the state of Georgia with Georgia State Amendments, and including any chapter(s) pertaining to Administration and appendices included in the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code but not adopted by the State of Georgia and such code is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out in this article. One (1) copy is filed in the office of the building inspection department, and is available for review by the general public upon request.”

SECTION THIRTEEN
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION FOURTEEN

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the provisions of this ordinance shall be made a part of the official codified ordinances of the City of Thomasville.

SECTION FIFTEEN

This ordinance was introduced and read at a lawful meeting of the Council of the City of Thomasville held on February 10, 2020, and read the second time, passed and adopted in like meeting held on February 24, 2020.

SO ORDAINED, this 24th day of February, 2020.

Second reading of an ordinance to amend text of Chapter 12 Public Safety to ensure compliance with minimum mandatory codes as set forth by the Department of Community Affairs.

Chief Building Official, Mark Harmon, reported there had been no changes from the first reading of this ordinance on February 10, 2020. It was noted the City of Thomasville is not adopting any new code type that was not previously referenced within its ordinances. These amendments are clarifying language to agree with the mandates of the State.

Councilmember Warren motioned to order the ordinance to amend text of Chapter 12 Public Safety to ensure compliance with minimum mandatory codes as set forth by the Department of Community Affairs, read for the second time, passed and adopted as presented. Councilmember Mobley seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

The ordinance title to amend Chapter 12, captioned “Public Safety” read for the second time, passed and adopted as follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 12-71 OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA TO ADOPT THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AS ADOPTED BY THE STATE OF GEORGIA WITH GEORGIA STATE AMENDMENTS, INCLUDING ANY CHAPTER(S) PERTAINING TO ADMINISTRATION AND APPENDICES INCLUDED IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE BUT NOT ADOPTED BY THE STATE OF GEORGIA; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

SECTION ONE

BE IT ORDAINED that Section 12-71, Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Thomasville, captioned “Adopted.” is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 12-71 Adopted. There is hereby adopted by the city council for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire and explosion, a certain code known as the Standard Fire Prevention Code, 2000 Edition with State Amendments, the entire 2000 Edition being adopted - The International Fire Code as adopted by the State of Georgia with Georgia State Amendments and including any chapter(s) pertaining to Administration and appendices included in the International Fire Code but not adopted by the State of Georgia, as revised and the whole thereof. One (1) Copy of such code is on file in the office of the building inspection department, and the code is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein. The provisions thereof shall be controlling within the limits of the city.”

SECTION TWO
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION THREE

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the provisions of this ordinance shall be made a part of the official codified ordinances of the City of Thomasville.

SECTION FOUR

This ordinance was introduced and read at a lawful meeting of the Council of the City of Thomasville held on February 10, 2020, and read the second time, passed and adopted in like meeting held on February 24, 2020.

SO ORDAINED, this 24th day of February, 2020.

Resolution to approve Citizen Board Appointment for Tree & Landscape Board.
Mayor Greg Hobbs noted there was a misunderstanding regarding Councilmember communications for this board appointment. Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler motioned to table this item for further discussion. Councilmember Warren seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:
AYES: Mayor Hobbs, Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler and Councilmembers Flowers, Mobley and Warren.

NEW BUSINESS

First reading of an ordinance to rezone 523 North Madison Street and 209 West Calhoun Street from C-1 to C-1, CU (Manufacturing, Processing and Packaging – Light).
City Planner, Kenneth Thompson, reported that although there are two addresses for this parcel, it is one building. The applicant is requesting seeking a conditional use for their property at 523 North Madison Street and 209 West Calhoun Street. While not technically a rezoning, the proposed use is listed as “conditional” meaning that several factors should be considered prior to recommending approval. For a conditional use, additional restrictions or standards may be imposed as necessary to protect the health and safety of community members, and to protect the value and use of property in the general neighborhood. The Conditional Use that the owner is seeking for their property is Manufacturing, processing and packaging-Light. This parcel is zoned C-1; however, C-1 does not allow for on-site manufacturing. In 2017, the city adopted a new use “Light Manufacturing” to accommodate lower intensity manufacturing, where the desire for shopfront retail, need for an “online presence”, and interest in so-called “maker-trades” are blurring the lines between old-fashioned shopfront retail, manufacturing / office, and traditional wholesaling. The applicant would like to utilize this use to operate a retail shopfront where candles, soaps, and other wooden objects are made and sold “in house” to support the non-profit’s other goals.

The rezoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of the adjacent and nearby property.
- The conditional use for light manufacturing will allow the property owner to use the existing building and sell goods made in-house. Under this use, the following conditions must be met:
  1. The operation shall not emit or produce smoke, noise, odor, dust, vibration or fumes.
  2. Goods may be displayed or sold on site
  3. All supplies, goods, etc. shall be maintained inside the facility only.

For a conditional use, additional restrictions or standards may be imposed as necessary to protect the health and safety of community members, and to protect the value and use of property in the general neighborhood, as set forth in Section 22-382 of the Thomasville Municipal Code. In recommending this conditional use to Council, the Planning and Zoning Commission requested the following condition be placed on the property:
1. Site improvements shall be reviewed with the Planning Department. Site improvements include but are not limited to the reconfiguring of the parking area, landscaping, vehicular travel routes and curb cuts.

Councilmember Mobley motioned to approve the conditional use (Manufacturing, processing and packaging-Light) with the recommended conditions, as per the recommendation of City Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission; thereby ordering the ordinance to rezone 523 North Madison Street and 209 West Calhoun Street from C-1 to C-1, CU (Manufacturing, Processing and Packaging - Light) as read for the first time, passed and carried over as presented. Councilmember Warren seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

The ordinance title to rezone 523 North Madison Street and 209 West Calhoun Street read for the first time, passed and carried over follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA, OF 1971, AS AMENDED WHICH IS SET FORTH IN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE AS CHAPTER 22, CAPTIONED “ZONING”, BY EXCLUDING A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND FROM PARCEL 8 OF SECTION 22-81 CAPTIONED “C-1, COMMERCIAL”, TO DESCRIBE SAID EXCLUDED TRACT AND TO DESIGNATE THE SAID SAME TRACT AS PARCEL 75 OF SECTION 22-81 CAPTIONED “C-1 CU, COMMERCIAL CONDITIONAL USE (MANUFACTURING, PROCESSING AND PACKAGING-LIGHT) WITH CONDITIONS”. TO ESTABLISH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Resolution to Distribute LOST Funds for Recreation to the Cities of Barwick, Boston, Coolidge, Meigs, Ochlocknee and Pavo.

Chief Financial Officer, Ashley Cason, presented. On November 3, 1992, the voters of Thomas County, Georgia approved a referendum for Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) in the amount of 1%. This one percent is split between the City and County for various purposes that will mutually benefit the community. A percentage of those funds are designated for the purposes of recreational activities for the City of Thomasville and for the cities of Barwick, Boston, Coolidge, Meigs, Ochlocknee, and Pavo. The Thomasville-Thomas County Recreation Advisory Board has recommended the sum of $5,000 each be distributed to the cities of Barwick, Boston, Coolidge, Meigs, Ochlocknee, and Pavo in support of their recreational efforts. Appropriations for these distributions are included in the 2020 Parks & Recreation’s operating budget.

Councilmember Flowers motioned to approve the resolution to distribute LOST Funds for Recreation to the Cities of Barwick, Boston, Coolidge, Meigs, Ochlocknee and Pavo as presented. Councilmember Mobley seconded. Councilmember Warren requested to know if there was a reporting process in place regarding what the funding is spent on by these cities. Cason noted there was not for past years; however, the cities will be notified of the new reporting requirements for future years. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

The approved resolution follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on November 3, 1992, the voters of Thomas County, Georgia, approved by referendum a Local Option Sales Tax (the “LOST”), also known as a Joint County and Municipal Sales and Use Tax, in the amount of one percent (1%); and

WHEREAS, from the proceeds of the LOST, certain funds are designated to be remitted to the City of Thomasville to be administered for purposes of miscellaneous recreation activities for
the City of Thomasville and for the cities of Barwick, Boston, Coolidge, Meigs, Ochlocknee and Pavo; and

WHEREAS, from those funds, the sum of $5,000.00 per fiscal year, as appropriated by the City Council for the City of Thomasville, may be allocated to the cities of Barwick, Boston, Coolidge, Meigs, Ochlocknee and Pavo for use in the recreation programs of these cities; and

WHEREAS, the Thomasville – Thomas County Recreation Advisory Board has recommended that the sum of $5,000.00 be distributed as soon as possible hereafter to each of the smaller cities referred to above, to be used by each such city for miscellaneous recreation purposes during the balance of fiscal year 2020; and

WHEREAS, upon review and consideration by the City Council for the City of Thomasville of the recommendation of the Thomasville-Thomas County Recreation Advisory Board as described above, the City Council deems the recommendation to be prudent and consistent with the objectives of the LOST with respect to funding miscellaneous recreation activities in Thomas County, Georgia;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council for the City of Thomasville that the recommendation of the Thomasville-Thomas County Recreation Advisory Board be, and it is hereby, accepted and adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Manager Alan Carson and Chief Financial Officer Ashley Cason are authorized to make the distributions set out above from LOST monies remitted to the City of Thomasville and to forward those distributions to the mayors of the cities of Barwick, Boston, Coolidge, Meigs, Ochlocknee, and Pavo, along with appropriate instructions on the conditions under which the funds are distributed, as soon as practicable hereafter.

SO RESOLVED this 24th day of February, 2020.

Bids and award of Construction Contract for the 2018 CDBG Water, Storm Drainage and Transportation Improvements.

City Engineer, Wayne Newsome, presented. The City of Thomasville was awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in October of 2018, for infrastructure improvements in the Fletcherville neighborhood. The $750,000 award is funding potable water and sanitary sewer improvements in the neighborhood. A sanitary sewer rehabilitation and upgrade project was bid in August of 2019 and work on that project will be completed in March 2020. Bids were received on January 23, 2020 for construction of potable water system upgrade and rehabilitation, storm drainage upgrades and transportation improvements on multiple streets in the CDBG target area. A total of four bids were received, with H&H Paving of Quitman, Georgia being the lowest bidder. Carter and Sloope Engineers conducted a review of the bids and a review of the qualifications of the low bidder. H&H Paving has done work for the City previously, recently completing sidewalk, drainage, and street improvements on South Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and previously completed the resurfacing of East Clay Street in 2018. Carter and Sloope’s review of the low bidder’s qualifications includes concerns expressed by City staff regarding H&H’s performance on the two reference projects. City Staff also expressed concern that the bid received for this project was substantially below the other bids received. However, Carter and Sloope, the City’s consultant for this project, ultimately determined that H&H Paving met the qualifications required for the project and have confirmed with H&H Paving that they stand by the unit prices, and bid amounts submitted. City Staff expressed its concerns regarding the bid amount and past performance of this contractor. But upon review, Carter and Sloope confirmed the bid amount with the Contractor, and also determined that H&H Paving, LLC was qualified to perform the work. If approved, this project will be funded through a combination of 2018 CDBG funds, 2020 Water System Mains Capital fund, and budgeted 2018 SPLOST funds. A summary of bids received follows.

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Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler motioned to award the construction contract for 2018 CDBG Water, Storm Drainage, and Transportation Improvements to H&H Paving, LLC, of Quitman, Georgia, in the amount of $1,529,829.20 as being the lowest qualified bid received, as presented. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was brief discussion regarding Council Workshop discussion of staff concerns relating to contractor’s performance on prior projects. Mayor Hobbs noted Council would like to be informed of any discrepancy concerns of future contracts. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

CONSENT AGENDA
There were no items for consideration on the Consent Agenda at this meeting.

REPORTS
Councilmember Flowers informed citizens of the importance of participating in the upcoming 2020 Census Count. The 2020 Census counts every person living in the 50 states, District of Columbia and five U.S. Territories. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding are allocated to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data received during the official Census Count. The 2020 Census Day has been designated as April 1, 2020.

Councilmember Hufstetler commended City of Thomasville Staff for their quick response to citizens’ concerns of fading road markings along portions of East Pinetree Boulevard. Recent maintenance work has corrected portions of the unsafe areas and the remaining areas of concern will be corrected soon.

ADJOURNMENT
Having no other business to discuss, the Thomasville City Council meeting was adjourned at 6:16 PM.

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Mayor, Greg Hobbs

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ATTEST: City Clerk