

City of Thomasville Council Meeting of July 24, 2017

The Council of the City of Thomasville met in regular session with Mayor Hobbs presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Beverly, Scott, Sims. Also present were Assistant City Manager/City Engineer, Jerry Pionessa; City Attorney, George Lilly; other staff; members of the press; and citizens.

Mayor Hobbs called the meeting to order. Councilmember Scott gave the invocation. Mayor Pro-Tem Sims led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Councilmember Scott, and seconded by Councilmember Beverly, the minutes of the meeting on June 21, 2017 were unanimously approved as presented.

Mayor Hobbs opened the meeting to citizens to be heard on non-agenda items. Ms. Annalee Morris, business address of 210 West Jackson Street, Thomasville, Georgia, 31792, addressed the Council. Ms. Morris stated she wanted Council to be aware that she had been in contact with the Mayor, City Attorney and others in reference to the workings of the various boards, committees and subcommittees of the City of Thomasville. She noted receiving some of the requested information from the City Attorney. Ms. Morris also stated that she had met with the City Manager as well. Ms. Morris wanted Council to know that the timeline of her requests/meetings and amount of information she has received have not been in a timely manner as per the Open Records Act of 2012. Ms. Morris cited her timeline beginning in mid-June with her meeting with the City Attorney, mid-July meeting with the City Manager and several emails with the City Clerk to present and stated she is still has not received all of the requested information. Ms. Morris also stated in full disclosure she had contacted the Attorney General's office regarding this matter and potential mediation services they offer to cities who need help with their records requests. Ms. Morris provided her phone number and welcomed Councilmembers to contact her directly to discuss.

Mr. Mark Davis, 102 Maple Street, Thomasville, Georgia, 31792, address the Council. He stated in 2001 Mayor Roy Campbell stated that Maury Street would be paved with the year with SPLOST funds; however, it was only recently paved and now everyone in the neighborhood have received bills for approximately \$1,200. Mr. Davis wanted to know why they were receiving bills for something that SPLOST should have paid for completely. Mr. Davis also wanted to know why there were so many issues with the new cable boxes that everyone was told they had to have in order to get cable. Mr. Davis questioned the mowing maintenance at the cemeteries and stated the grass is over ankle high in some areas.

Mayor Hobbs asked ACM/City Engineer Pionessa to address Mr. Davis' concerns regarding SPLOST and cemetery mowing. ACM/City Engineer Pionessa cited the history of paving assessments and explained when the SPLOST referendum was voted in Council had determined there would still be a minimum assessment of \$7.00 per linear foot of roadway frontage. He noted that this is a fraction of the entire cost and was done so that each property owner shares a portion of the cost. ACM/City Engineer Pionessa stated cemeteries are currently on a two-week cycle of mowing; however, the recent rains had enabled the rapid growth of grass and crews were having a difficult time mowing as scheduled. ACM/Lynn Williams addressed Mr. Davis regarding the cable box issues. She noted that technicians would be appointed to Mr. Davis residence to work on a solution for this issue. Mr. Davis agreed to give his contact information to the City Clerk following the meeting.

Under new business, Council considered bids and award for the purchase of Sidewalk Construction on North Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. Asst. City Engineer Wayne Newsome stated the work will include a new five-foot wide sidewalk along N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive from Campbell Street to West Jackson Street. New concrete driveways will be constructed at existing driveway locations along the route. The 2017 budget allocated \$450,000 in the 2012 SPLOST fund towards sidewalk replacement and new construction. Approximately \$115,000 has been spent thus far in 2017. The following bids were received for this project:

**Bid Tabulation for  
Sidewalk Construction on North Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive**

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Standard Contractors, Inc., Valdosta, Georgia	\$175,147.15
James Warren & Associates, Valdosta, Georgia	\$227,261.00
David Taylor Construction, Moultrie, Georgia	\$250,000.00
Capital Asphalt, Tallahassee, Florida	\$261,143.50

On motion of Mayor Pro-Tem Sims, and seconded by Councilmember Scott, Council unanimously award the contract for Sidewalk Construction on North martin Luther King, Jr. Drive to Standard Contractors Inc. of Valdosta, Georgia in the amount of \$175,147.15 utilizing 2012 SPLOST funds on-hand.

Council considered bids and award for the purchase of wet well lining and pipe replacement. ACM/City Engineer Pionessa presented. The 2017 Sewer Capital Budget includes \$65,883 to line the wet wells in lift stations Nos. 15, 16 & 20. Staff requested bids on June 15<sup>th</sup> for lining the concrete wet wells and replace corroded piping. After receiving unit costs bids, staff prioritized the work and revised the scope to include only Lift Stations 16 & 20 to stay within budget. The following bids were received for the project:

**Bid Tabulation for  
Wet Well Lining and Pipe Replacement  
For Lift Station Nos. 16 & 20**

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>	
	<u>Original Scope</u>	<u>Revised Scope</u>
James Warren & Associates	\$172,550.00	\$155,900.00
RPI Underground, Inc.	\$92,817.55	\$68,804.10

On motion of Councilmember Beverly, and seconded by Councilmember Scott, Council unanimously awarded the contract to line wet wells at Lift Stations 16 & 20 to RPI Underground, Inc. in the amount of \$68,804.10 as per staff recommendation with third party financing if necessary.

Council considered bids and award for the purchase of 2017 SPLOST/LMIG Street Improvements. Asst. City Engineer Newsome presented. The project includes resurfacing the following streets:

- Mimosa Drive (South Broad Street to Gordon Avenue)
  - North Spair Street (East Webster Street to End)
  - South Dawson Street (Smith Avenue to Street Broad Street)
  - Lansing Street (East Walcott Street to Georgia Avenue)
  - Carrol Street (Old Albany Road to Cassidy Road)
  - Ayries Drive (Robin Drive to End)
  - West Jefferson Street (Smith Avenue to Lee Street) – includes trail and sidewalk construction
  - North Stevens Street (West Jackson Street to West Jefferson Street) – includes trail construction
  - Stevens & Jackson Parking Lot
  - Blackshear Street (Park Avenue to Colton Avenue)
  - Bennet Street (Smith Avenue to Remington Avenue)
- This project also includes restriping East Jackson Street (from North Crawford Street to East Pinetree Boulevard), repairs on Old Albany Road from a water main break,

and improvements to the training areas at Fire Station No. 2 (driveways and burn pad).

The following bids were received for this project:

**Bid Tabulation for  
2017 SPLOST/LMIG Street Improvements**

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
The Scruggs Company, Hahira, Georgia	\$1,559,218.06
Capital Asphalt, Tallahassee, Florida	\$1,838,727.00

On motion of Mayor Pro-Tem Sims, and seconded by Councilmember Beverly, Council unanimously approved the award of contract to The Scruggs Company of Hahira, Georgia as per staff recommendation in the amount of \$1,559,218.06 utilizing funding of 2012 SPLOST (\$1,200,000 resurfacing, \$200,000 bike/walk trail, \$20,000 sidewalk construction), 2017 LMIG Safety Action Plan (\$100,000), Fire Protection Capital (\$39,971) and Water (\$5,000).


Council considered bids and award for the purchase of Gravity Sewer Main to replace Lift Station No. 1. ACM/City Engineer Pionessa presented. Lift Station Number 1 has reached the end of its service life. It lies within a floodway and serves little purpose but to pump wastewater across the CSX rail yard. Removal of the lift station will eliminate annual operating costs and the service life of the gravity sewer is longer than the lift station components. Two attempts to bore the sewer main were ceased on order by CSX prior to project completion. CSX has approved the use of a specialized slurry micro tunneling process to bore the sewer main under the rail yard and the following bids were received for the project:

**Bid Tabulation for  
Gravity Sewer Main to replace Lift Station No. 1**

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
RPI Underground, Inc. Valdosta, Georgia	\$1, 640,385.00
James Warren & Associates, Valdosta, Georgia	\$1,677,725.00
Doyle Hancock & Sons, Doerun, Georgia	\$1,831,832.00
Popco, Inc. Albany, Georgia	\$2,118,730.04

On motion of Councilmember Beverly, and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Sims, the Council unanimously awarded the bid for installation of the Gravity Sewer Main to replace Lift Station No. 1 to RPI underground, Inc. of Valdosta, Georgia as per staff recommendations and further authorized the Mayor to sign a letter requesting the GEFA increase GEFA Loan No. CW2016040 from \$1,500,000 to \$1,860,000 to cover the increased cost of the project.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Greg Hobbs, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Felicia Brannen, City Clerk