

The Council of the City of Thomasville met in regular session with Mayor Hobbs Presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Scott, Councilmembers Flowers, Hufstetler and Mobley. Also present were the Interim City Manager/Director of Human Resources and Community Relations, Kha McDonald; City Attorney, Tim Sanders; other staff; members of the press and citizens.

Mayor Hobbs called the meeting to order and reported Councilmember Hufstetler was joining the meeting by teleconference due to illness. Councilmember Flowers gave the invocation. Mayor Pro-Tem Scott led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Councilmember Scott, and seconded by Councilmember Mobley, the minutes of the regular meeting held January 8, 2018 were unanimously approved as presented.

Mayor Hobbs opened the meeting to citizens to be heard on non-agenda items. There being no citizens to be heard, Council moved on to the agenda.

Mayor Hobbs reported there was no old business to be discussed. Under new business, Council considered resolutions to appoint Councilmembers to Boards and Authorities.

On Motion of Councilmember Flowers, and seconded by Councilmember Mobley, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, that Councilmember David Hufstetler is appointed to serve on the Thomasville-Thomas County Land Bank Authority Board for a four-year term expiring on December 31, 2021 or until his term expires as City Councilmember.

So Done, this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018.

On Motion of Councilmember Mobley, and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, that Councilmember David Hufstetler is appointed to temporarily fill the City of Thomasville's vacant member seat on the South Georgia Governmental Services Authority Board of Directors as the second member pursuant to the Act and for a term to conclude on the permanent employment of a City Manager/Utilities Superintendent for the City of Thomasville.

So Done, this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018.

On Motion of Mayor Pro-Tem Scott, and seconded by Councilmember Mobley, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, that Councilmember David Hufstetler is appointed to serve on the City of Thomasville Downtown Development Authority Board until his term expires as City Councilmember or until the City Council replaces him on the City of Thomasville Downtown Development Authority Board.

So Done, this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018.

On Motion of Councilmember Flowers, and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, that Councilmember Jay Flowers and Councilmember Todd Mobley are appointed to serve on the E-911 Users Board until their terms expire as City Councilmembers or until the City Council replaces them on the E-911 Users Board.

So Done, this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018.

On Motion of Councilmember Flowers, and seconded by Councilmember Mobley, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, that Councilmember Todd Mobley is appointed in place of Councilmember Jay Flowers on the Recreation Advisory Board for the remainder of Councilmember Flowers' term and expiring on December 31, 2018.

So Done, this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018.

On Motion of Councilmember Mobley, and seconded by Councilmember Flowers, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, that the following Councilmember is unanimously recommended for appointment to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Council:

Terry Scott, City elected official

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following Regional Commission Council member is unanimously recommended for appointment, contingent upon their appointment by the Thomas County Board of Commissioners:

Non-Public: Donnie Baggett  
Additional Member: Elaine Mays

So Done, this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018.

Council Considered a resolution for the City of Thomasville to submit a 2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application. Assistant City Engineer Wayne Newsome reported to Council that as designated PlanFirst Community, the City of Thomasville is eligible to apply for CDBG funding each year during the PlanFirst Designation Period of 2018-2020. Therefore, the intent is to submit a CDBG FY 2018 application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The 2018 application would be Phase 2 in the Fletcherville area and would consist primarily of infrastructure work similar to plan of the 2017 CDBG.

On motion of Councilmember Mobley, and seconded by Mayor-Pro Tem Scott, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

#### **Resolution**

A RESOLUTION by the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, to authorize submission of a FY 2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, find that the program is necessary and desirable in order to improve the living conditions of low and moderate income persons living in the City of Thomasville, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desire that a FY 2018 CDBG application be submitted to the Georgia DCA for funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, that:

The Mayor of the City of Thomasville, or his/her successor, is hereby authorized to submit to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs a FY 2018 Community Development Block Grant application and such supporting and collateral material as shall be necessary.

READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Thomasville, Georgia and adopted on this 29th day of January, 2018.

Council considered a request for approval and authorization to execute the Motorola System Upgrade Agreement (SUA II) for the regional radio system. Assistant Utilities Superintendent Chris White reported to Council that the City of Thomasville Technical Services department manages the Motorola

regional radio system on behalf of Thomasville and Thomas County. The regional radio system includes partners of Albany, Dougherty County, Lee County, Decatur County, Bainbridge, Grady County, Cairo and Whigham. He noted that Sumter County/Americus are projected to be online near term. Assistant Utilities Superintendent White further reported Motorola has presented Thomasville/Thomas County with a Support and Maintenance plan appropriately named the SUAII or System Upgrade Agreement. This is a 10-year plan with a fixed annual expense of \$232,629.66 for the Thomasville/Thomas County radio system, E911 radio equipment and our pro-rata share of the Albany Master site. The SUAII program keeps the system fully upgraded along the term of the 10-year agreement, thus avoiding large capital improvements during and at the end of the term. Since this is a regional system, sharing a Master site all users must participate in the SUAII program. All of our regional partners have agreed to take advantage of the SUAII agreement and Motorola has granted a deadline extension that expires January 31, 2018. Assistant Utilities Superintendent White noted the annual expense of \$232,629.66 is comprised of \$140,312.89 for the radio system infrastructure and \$92,316.77 for E911 consoles and digital logging equipment. This expense will be included in the annual City's operating budget for the "Radio System" and funded through monthly subscriber fees collected from City and County radio subscribers. This will be an over budget expenditure of \$46,158 (50% of \$92,316.77) for the City of Thomasville 2018 budget.

On motion of Mayor Pro-Tem Scott, and seconded by Councilmember Mobley, Council unanimously approved the authorization to execute the SUAII agreement with Motorola at an annual expense of \$232,629.66 fixed for the term of the agreement.

Council considered approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Thomas County for 800 MHz Radio System. Assistant Utilities Superintendent White reported the 911 Radio System Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Thomas County Board of Commissioners and the City of Thomasville is an agreement which outlines the mutual agreement for the Countywide Interoperable radio system. City Attorney Sanders stated this agreement is not effective until both parties have agreed. He further stated the Thomas County Board of Commissioners would include this item at their first Commission meeting in February.

On motion of Mayor Pro-Tem Scott, and seconded by Councilmember Flowers, Council unanimously approved the 911 Radio System Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Thomas County Board of Commissioners and the City of Thomasville and authorized Mayor Hobbs to sign the agreement pending like approval and signature by the Thomas County Board of Commissioners.

Council considered the approval and purchase of eighteen Police In-Car Video Systems. Chief of Police Troy Rich reported to Council this is an approved item in the 2018 Budget. Chief Rich further reported the purchase will have replaced all remaining older in-car video systems that are no longer supported or serviced by the manufacturer.

On motion of Councilmember Flowers, and seconded by Councilmember Mobley, Council unanimously approved the purchase of eighteen WatchGuard 4RE Video Systems from WatchGuard Video in the amount of \$100,260.00, with third party financing if needed.

Council considered the approval of 2018 Pawn Broker licenses. Councilmember Hufstetler declared recusal from the discussion and voting for this item on the agenda due to a conflict of interest as an owner of American Pawn. CFO Michelle Juarez reported those businesses with a pawn broker license annually renew those licenses and Thomasville Municipal Code requires this action to be approved by Council. License fees for 2018 have been collected from pawn brokers as listed in the following table.

2018 Pawn Brokers Renewal List as of 1/22/18				
License #	Year	Business and Address		Charges
58	2018	AMERICAN PAWN SHOP 1306-A E JACKSON ST THOMASVILLE, GA 31792  PAWNBROKER – GENERAL	OCC TAX	\$150.00
1237	2018	SHEPARDS BAIT & TACKLE & PAWN 1006 W JACKSON ST THOMASVILLE, GA 31792  PAWNBROKER – GENERAL		\$150.00
1311	2018	SPEEDEE CASH OF GEORGIA INC 1210 E JACKSON ST C THOMASVILLE, GA 31792  PAWNBROKER - VEHICLE	OCC TAX	\$2,500.00
2550	2018	AMERICAN PAWN SHOP 1306-A E JACKSON ST THOMASVILLE, GA 31792  PAWNBROKER - VEHICLE	OCC TAX	\$2,500.00
2701	2018	TITLEBUCKS OF THOMASVILLE 1308 E JACKSON ST THOMASVILLE, GA 31792  PAWNBROKER - VEHICLE	OCC TAX	\$2,500.00
3368	2018	TITLEMAX OF THOMASVILLE 15177 US HIGHWAY 19 S THOMASVILLE, GA 31792  PAWNBROKER - VEHICLE	OCC TAX	\$2,500.00
4142	2018	EXPRESSPAY TITLE PAWN 325 E JACKSON ST THOMASVILLE, GA 31792  PAWNBROKER - VEHICLE	OCC TAX	\$2,500.00
4452	2018	EASY PAY TITLE PAWN 914 E JACKSON ST THOMASVILLE, GA 31792  PAWNBROKER - VEHICLE	OCC TAX	\$2,500.00
4456	2018	EXPRESSPAY, LLC 325 E JACKSON ST THOMASVILLE, GA 31792  PAWNBROKER - GENERAL	OCC TAX	\$150.00

Mayor Pro-Tem Scott moved the 2018 Pawn Brokers Renewal List as of January 22, 2018 be approved as listed and presented. Councilmember Mobley seconded the motion. Mayor Hobbs, Mayor Pro-Tem Scott, Councilmember Flowers and Councilmember Mobley voted in favor of the motion. Councilmember Hufstetler abstained.

Council considered the approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Thomas County for Pinetree Boulevard Rights of Way. City Attorney Sanders reported the agreement defines ownership of Rights of Way on Pinetree Boulevard, Georgia Law of annexation of property, maintenance responsibilities, and future road improvements utilizing the grant from Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). City Attorney Sanders noted the agreement also states City of Thomasville agrees to take responsibility of Pinetree Boulevard from West Jackson Street to East Jackson Street; and, Thomas County agrees to take responsibility of Pinetree Boulevard, from East Jackson Street to West Jackson Street. City Attorney Sanders noted the agreement is not effective until City Council and County Board of Commissioners have signed the agreement.

On motion of Councilmember Mobley, and seconded by Councilmember Flowers, Council unanimously approved the Intergovernmental Agreement Thomasville-Thomas County Pinetree Boulevard, pending approval of the same document by Thomas County Board of Commissioners.

Councilmembers thanked members of the community for attending Council meetings. Councilmember Hufstetler thanked those present for allowing him to attend and participate by telephone.

Having no further business to discuss, the City Council meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.



Greg Hobbs, Mayor



Felicia Brannen, City Clerk