

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, Councilmembers Jay Flowers, David Hufstetler (participated by teleconference), and Todd Mobley. Also present were the Interim City Manager, Kha McDonald; Interim Utilities Superintendent, Keith Bass; Asst. Utilities Superintendent, Chris White; City Attorney, Tim Sanders; Honorary Councilmember Pastor Denny Blake, other staff, members of the press and citizens. The meeting was held in Council Chambers at 144 East Jackson Street in Thomasville, Georgia.

Mayor Hobbs called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. In memory of Ms. Karis Mills, Mayor Hobbs called for a twenty-two seconds of silence. Following the moment of silence, Councilmember Flowers reported that Team Thomasville Member, Ms. Karis Mills had passed away unexpectedly. Ms. Mills was the Customer Service Director and had worked with the City of Thomasville for twenty-two years. Councilmember Flowers requested the community keep her family, friends and her co-workers in their prayers through this difficult time. Councilmember Flowers gave the invocation. Mayor Pro Tem Scott led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Scott, and seconded by Councilmember Flowers, the minutes of the City Council meeting held on July 23, 2018 were unanimously approved as presented.

Mayor Hobbs opened the meeting to citizens to be heard on non-agenda items. Mr. Roy Campbell, former Thomasville Mayor and Councilman, addressed Council and voiced his concerns regarding the poor road condition of Crawford Street in downtown Thomasville. Mr. Campbell also offered his assistance to Council regarding South Pinetree Boulevard Road Improvements.

Keith Thomas, Thomasville resident, addressed Council and extended his condolences to Ms. Mills' family and the City of Thomasville; noting her customer service and personality will be greatly missed. Mr. Thomas publically apologized to anyone he may have offended when he last addressed Council regarding salaries. He reported that this information was public information and can be obtained through Open Records Requests. Mr. Thomas again voiced concerns regarding salaries and suggested the reduction of the high level salaries as a means to increase funding for lower level salaries within the City of Thomasville. He also reported having an anonymous conversation with Chief Building Official, Mark Harmon in which Mr. Harmon was untruthful. Mr. Thomas reported the incident to the Interim City Manager; who requested he submit a grievance letter regarding the incident. Interim City Manager McDonald acknowledged having spoken to Mr. Thomas regarding Mr. Harmon's actions and assigned staff to contact Mr. Thomas to begin the grievance process. She reported staff had contacted Mr. Thomas and requested him to submit the grievance letter. McDonald reported staff would take appropriate action upon receipt of the grievance letter. Mr. Thomas acknowledged he had not submitted the letter by the time of the meeting and would submit it in the near future.

Joe Brown, Thomasville resident, addressed Council and inquired if Council knew the estimated cost of staff time it would take to compile the information needed for Council's requested agreed upon procedures audit conducted by Mauldin & Jenkins. He also inquired if the cost of staff's time was included as part of the \$25,000 approved cost for the audit. Interim City Manager McDonald noted that staff time was not logged for compilation efforts. She further noted that the majority of the documentation had already been compiled.

Mayor Hobbs thanked those citizens who addressed Council and moved on to the printed agenda.

Council considered second readings of five separate ordinances to demolish structures at the following locations: 506 Oak Street, 804 Fletcher Street, 418 West Monroe Street, 808 Fletcher Street and 304 Horrix Street. Chief Building Official, Mark Harmon, reported the ordinances remained unchanged from the first readings. He further reported all of the structures represented are on the list of dilapidated structures that is currently maintained in the Building Department. Each of the structures have long been abandoned and have been in a deteriorating state without utilities for a decade or more. All were brought before the City Manager in an advertised hearing where an order was lawfully issued to demolish these structures. The time limit on each order expired on July 6, 2018. The required appraisals have been completed to confirm that they meet the threshold for demolition. Title searches were performed, notices of the orders were mailed to all parties identified, orders were posted on site, and printed in the required intervals in the legal section of the Times Enterprise per the requirement by COT ordinances and Georgia Law.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Scott, and seconded by Councilmember Mobley, the following ordinance was unanimously ordered read for the second time, passed and adopted (It was noted that Councilmember Hufstetler cast an AYE vote on this motion by teleconference):

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 506 OAK STREET, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY CATHERINE WALLACE; TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sub-section 5-288c of the City of Thomasville Municipal Code (the "Code"), the City of Thomasville has previously ordered the owner of the property located at 506 Oak Street, Thomasville, Georgia; to either repair, alter, improve, or demolish the structure located on the property; and

WHEREAS, the owner of such property has failed to comply fully with such order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of The City of Thomasville that the City Manager of the City of Thomasville is hereby authorized and directed to demolish the structure(s) and clean up the property located at 506 Oak Street, Thomasville, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the point formed by the intersection of the northwesterly margin of the right-of-way of West Clay Street and the northeasterly right-of-way of North Oak Street, run North 39 degrees 30 minutes no seconds west a distance of 66.00 feet to an iron pin set at the POINT OF BEGINNING of the property herein conveyed. Thence run North 51 degrees 44 minutes no seconds East a distance of 50.41 feet to an established fence post. Thence run along an established fence line North 51 degrees 58 minutes 50 seconds East a distance of 32.00 feet to a fence post; thence run North 33 degrees 10 minutes 47 seconds West a distance of 11.16 feet along a continuation of the fence line to another fence post; thence run South 52 minutes 40 seconds West along an existing fence a distance of 29.68 feet to a point; thence continue south 52 degrees 51 minutes 40 seconds West along said fence line and then beyond it to an iron pin set a distance of 50.44 feet from the last point of reference; thence run South 39 degrees 30 minutes no seconds East a distance of 28.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances of the City of Thomasville in conflict herewith be and the same hereby are repealed for purposes of this ordinance only.

SECTION III

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the provisions of the ordinance shall not be made a part of the official codified ordinances of the City of Thomasville but shall nevertheless be made a part of the public minutes of the City of Thomasville.

SECTION IV

This ordinance was introduced and read at the lawful meeting of the Council of the City of Thomasville held July 23, 2018, and read the second time, passed, and adopted on August 13, 2018.

On motion of Councilmember Mobley, and seconded by Councilmember Flowers, the following ordinance was unanimously ordered read for the second time, passed and adopted (It was noted that Councilmember Hufstetler cast an AYE vote on this motion by teleconference):

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 804 FLETCHER STREET, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY THOMASVILLE INVESTMENTS, LLC; TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sub-section 5-288c of the City of Thomasville Municipal Code (the "Code"), the City of Thomasville has previously ordered the owner of the property located at 804 Fletcher Street, Thomasville, Georgia; to either repair, alter, improve, or demolish the structure located on the property; and

WHEREAS, the owner of such property has failed to comply fully with such order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of The City of Thomasville that the City Manager of the City of Thomasville is hereby authorized and directed to demolish the structure(s) and clean up the property located at 804 Fletcher Street, Thomasville, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia, and more particularly described as follows: To reach a point of beginning commence at the intersection of the west margin of Fletcher Street with the south margin of Bibb Street and run southwesterly along the west margin of Fletcher Street a distance of 50 feet to the POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING: from said point of beginning run southwesterly along the west margin of Fletcher Street a distance of 50 feet to the point; thence run westerly parallel to Bibb Street 100 feet to a point; thence run northeasterly parallel to Fletcher Street a distance of 50 feet to a point; thence run easterly parallel to Bibb Street a distance of 100 feet to the point and place of beginning.

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AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 418 WEST MONROE STREET, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY ROBBIE LEE ALEXANDER; TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sub-section 5-288c of the City of Thomasville Municipal Code (the "Code"), the City of Thomasville has previously ordered the owner of the property located at 418 West Monroe Street, Thomasville, Georgia; to either repair, alter, improve, or demolish the structure located on the property; and

WHEREAS, the owner of such property has failed to comply fully with such order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of The City of Thomasville that the City Manager of the City of Thomasville is hereby authorized and directed to demolish the structure(s) and clean up the property located at 418 West Monroe Street, Thomasville, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

One house and lot located at 418 West Monroe Street, in the City of Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia, bounded on the east by Monroe Street, north and west (now or formerly) by Lucille Everette; south (now or formerly) by Fannie Everett; and being the same property as described in a deed from the Commissioners of Roads and Revenues of Thomas County, Georgia, to W.N. Hamilton, dated August 12, 1947, and recorded in Deed Book 6-X, page 544, in the office of the Superior Court of Thomas County, Georgia.

SECTION II

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On motion of Councilmember Flowers, and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Scott, the following ordinance was unanimously ordered read for the second time, passed and adopted (It was noted that Councilmember Hufstetler cast an AYE vote on this motion by teleconference):

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 808 FLETCHER STREET, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY GENE VINSON; TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sub-section 5-288c of the City of Thomasville Municipal Code (the "Code"), the City of Thomasville has previously ordered the owner of the property located at 808 Fletcher Street, Thomasville, Georgia; to either repair, alter, improve, or demolish the structure located on the property; and

WHEREAS, the owner of such property has failed to comply fully with such order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of The City of Thomasville that the City Manager of the City of Thomasville is hereby authorized and directed to demolish the structure(s) and clean up the property located at 808 Fletcher Street, Thomasville, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

Lot of Land No. 43 according to plat recorded in Book CC, Page 446, Clerk's Office, Thomas Superior Court, being that tract of land known as "Malette's Fletcherville Addition" to the City of Thomasville. Said lot fronting on Fletcher Street 46 feet, and running back 100 feet, and having a frontage of 40 feet on the back, and known as No. 808 on the north side of Fletcher Street.

SECTION II

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SECTION III

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On motion of Councilmember Flowers, and seconded by Councilmember Mobley, the following ordinance was unanimously ordered read for the second time, passed and adopted (It was noted that Councilmember Hufstetler cast an AYE vote on this motion by teleconference):

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 304 HORRIX STREET, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY MAPLE P. HOWARD; TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sub-section 5-288c of the City of Thomasville Municipal Code (the "Code"), the City of Thomasville has previously ordered the owner of the property located at 304 Horrix Street, Thomasville, Georgia; to either repair, alter, improve, or demolish the structure located on the property; and

WHEREAS, the owner of such property has failed to comply fully with such order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of The City of Thomasville that the City Manager of the City of Thomasville is hereby authorized and directed to demolish the structure(s) and clean up the property located at 304 Horrix Street, Thomasville, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

Lots 5 and 6 in Block B of R.E. Lester Subdivision, a plat of same being recorded in Book JJ, page 520 of the Deed Records of Thomas County, Georgia; each lot fronting 50 feet on the northern margin of Horrix Street, extending back of uniform width 116 feet to the southern margin of Duren Street, known as 304 Horrix Street.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances of the City of Thomasville in conflict herewith be and the same hereby are repealed for purposes of this ordinance only.

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There being no further items under Old Business, Council moved on to items under New Business. Mayor Hobbs recognized Payroll Development Director, Shelley Zorn. Ms. Zorn reported Sweet Grass Dairy has been planning an expansion of their manufacturing facility for three plus years. Following negotiations with the Payroll Development Authority, they determined to remain in Thomasville. They chose a location on Roseway Drive, next the Second Harvest Food Bank and across from the Americold building. The site on Roseway Drive is 25 acres and owned by the City of Thomasville. Three years ago, the city promised and voted to transfer the land to the PDA, and the PDA promised and voted to do a 25-year, long term lease with Sweet Grass as an incentive to keep them in Thomasville. Sweet Grass Dairy has completed their due diligence and

planning is complete and they are ready to begin construction within the next sixty days. Sweet Grass will retain the 45 jobs they currently have in Thomasville and over a two year period will create 25-30 new jobs, for a total of 75 jobs. In addition to the 75 jobs, Sweet Grass will invest \$3.5 million in their new facility. The Thomasville Payroll Development Authority voted at their July 23, 2018 board meeting to request the 25 acres on Roseway Drive now be officially transferred from the city to the PDA. On behalf of the PDA, Director Zorn, respectfully requested the Council of the City of Thomasville to consider an ordinance to transfer certain real property (approximately 25 acres) located on Roseway Drive to the Thomasville PDA for the purpose of aiding the Sweet Grass Dairy Expansion Project, contingent upon stipulations of PDA.

On motion of Councilmember Flowers, and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Scott, the following ordinance was unanimously ordered read for the first time, passed and carried over (It was noted that Councilmember Hufstetler cast an AYE vote on this motion by teleconference):

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THOMASVILLE, THOMAS COUNTY, GEORGIA, FROM THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE TO THE THOMASVILLE PAYROLL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Council Consider resolution appointing Mr. David Archer to conduct an investigation on behalf of the City of Thomasville into the claims asserted in Ante Litem notices from Howell Law Firm dated June 6, June 11 and June 14, 2018, and allegations in an eleven-page letter drafted by Sgt. Parker. As per City Attorney Sanders this is a recommendation of Gallagher & Bassett, who services claims through GIRMA. Pursuant to Thomasville Municipal Code, this requires Council vote to pass the resolution to begin the investigation process. It was noted the resolution directed the Interim City Manager to designate a City employee to serve as liaison and contact point for Mr. Archer for the purposes of scheduling interviews with City employees and providing Mr. Archer with City records and documents. Councilmember Hufstetler inquired if a Councilmember could be the liaison and point of contact. Mayor Hobbs noted the liaison would schedule interviews and not be present during the interviews. Interim City Manager McDonald reported Administrator/HR & Community Relations, Christine Forbes, would serve as the liaison, providing the resolution was approved by Council.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Scott, and seconded by Councilmember Flowers, Council unanimously approved the following resolution (It was noted that Councilmember Hufstetler cast an AYE vote on this motion by teleconference):

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.15 of the Charter of the City of Thomasville, the City may make inquiries and investigations into the affairs of the City and conduct of any department, office or agency thereof; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it is in the best interest of the City to institute investigations into the following matters: (i) the claims asserted in Ante Litem Notices addressed to the City of Thomasville from Robert D. Howell, dated June 6, 2018, June 11, 2018 and June 14, 2018; and (ii) allegations made in the eleven page letter drafted by Sgt. Waylon Parker;

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds it is in the best interest of the City to engage David G. Archer, attorney at law, to conduct the forgoing investigations and to direct the Interim City Manager to designate an employee of the City to serve as liaison and contact point for Mr. Archer for the purposes of scheduling interviews with City employees and providing Mr. Archer with City records and documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the authority of this Council, that investigations into the following matters shall be opened and conducted: (i) the claims asserted in Ante Litem Notices addressed to the City of Thomasville from Robert D. Howell, dated June 6, 2018, June 11, 2018 and June 14, 2018; and (ii) allegations made in the eleven page letter drafted by Sgt. Waylon Parker.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the authority of this Council that David G. Archer, attorney at law, is hereby appointed and authorized to conduct the forgoing investigations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the authority of this Council that the Interim City Manager is hereby directed to designate a City employee to serve as liaison and contact point for Mr. Archer for the purposes of scheduling interviews with City employees and providing Mr. Archer with City records and documents.

SO RESOLVED this 13th day of August, 2018.

Council considered a motion to approve the application for a Pawnbroker License-Vehicle Only for First Choice Title. Asst. Chief of Police, Eric Hampton, reported the applicant, Paul Dearing Fulwood, IV CFO Secretary/Treasurer of First Choice Title, has completed the application and background check for a Pawnbroker License-Vehicle Only at 914 E Jackson St. The Background check was completed and did not reveal any problems or concerns. Councilmember Hufstetler inquired if he should recuse his vote for this item. City Attorney Sanders noted Hufstetler should only recuse if there was a direct or inherent conflict of interest. Councilmember Hufstetler reported there were none.

On motion of Councilmember Mobley, and seconded by Councilmember Flowers, Council unanimously approved the application of Paul Dearing Fulwood, IV, First Choice Title, for a Pawnbroker License-Vehicle Only for First Choice Title, located at 914 East Jackson Street, Thomasville, Georgia. It was noted that Councilmember Hufstetler cast an AYE vote on this motion by teleconference.

Council considered a motion to approve cost increase for purchase of one three-quarter ton cargo van for the Technical Services Department. Purchasing Administrator Anthony Choice reported at a regular scheduled meeting held on June 20, 2018, The Council awarded a 2018 Transit Van to Tallahassee Ford in the amount of \$26,998.00. Staff submitted a Notice of Award and a Notice to Proceed in the form of a purchase Order to the vendor. Subsequently it was discovered that Ford Motor Company had shut down the order bank on June 21, 2018 for all 2018 orders. Because of this action by Ford, a 2019 model was offered with same specifications and an increase of \$714.00 in total cost. Choice reported the unit is a necessity for department operations and requested Council approve the purchase cost increase.

On motion of Councilmember Mobley, and seconded by Councilmember Flowers, Council unanimously approved amendment of the June 20, 2018 bid and award to reflect the increase of

cost as presented for a 2019 cargo van to Tallahassee Ford in the amount of \$27,712.90. It was noted that Councilmember Hufstetler cast an AYE vote on this motion by teleconference.

Council considered bid and award for the upgrade of Northrop Grumman Route Manager System and Versaterms. Asst. Utilities Superintendent, Chris White, noted this purchase will consist of the upgrade of our current Route Manager Software application and handheld units or Versaterms. This system, or application, provided is utilized by the Utilities Services department to read electric, gas and water meters; both through manual entries as well as Automated Readings (AMR). The 2018 Technical Services Capital budget includes \$25,000 for this purchase. This is a single source bid. Bidder Northrop Grumman in the amount of \$31,236.00.

On motion of Councilmember Mobley, and seconded by Councilmember Flowers, Council unanimously awarded the purchase of one (1) upgrade OD Route Manager System and new Versaterms to Northrop Grumman in the amount of \$ 31,236.00, utilizing 2018 Technical Services Capital funds with third party financing if necessary. It was noted that Councilmember Hufstetler cast an AYE vote on this motion by teleconference.

Council considered bids and award for the purchase of an Electric Motor Starter for the Water Treatment Plant. Asst. Utilities Superintendent White reported This purchase will consist of (1) electric 2300/2400 volt motor starter and start up for High Lift Pump # 5 at the Water Plant. This new motor starter will replace an existing 1995 unit that has reached the end of its service life. The 2018 Water Capital budget include \$55,000 for this purchase. Bids received were checked for accuracy. The following is a summary of bids received:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Mayer Electric Supply	\$34,965.00
Rexal Electrical & Datacom	\$35,806.45
Graybar Electric	\$36,195.65

On motion of Councilmember Flowers, and seconded by Councilmember Mobley, Council unanimously awarded the purchase of one (1) Electric Motor starter to Mayer Electric Supply of Thomasville, Georgia in the amount of \$ 34,965.00, utilizing 2018 Water Capital funds with third party financing if necessary. It was noted that Councilmember Hufstetler cast an AYE vote on this motion by teleconference.

Council considered bids and award for the purchase of repair and lining, discharge pipe replacement, Lift Station 15. City Engineer, Wayne Newsome reported this will provide all labor, materials, and equipment to repair and apply polymer liner in accordance with plans and specifications for sanitary sewer wet well (Lift Station 15). Project also includes replacement of the existing ductile iron pump discharge piping with High Density Polyethylene piping meeting specifications. This project was advertised for bids in accordance with City of Thomasville purchasing requirements. There were only two plan holders for the project, and only one of those two submitted a bid for the project. Application of the specified liner material is highly specialized work requiring Contractors certified in the application of the liner material. As a result, the number of Contractors qualified to do this work, in this region of the country, are very limited. This work was anticipated in the 2018 Sewer Capital budget, and the bid received is below the 2018 budget amount (\$34,250.00) for this work. Bid Received from RPI Underground, Inc. of Valdosta, Georgia in the amount of \$33,300.00.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Scott, and seconded by Councilmember Mobley, Council unanimously awarded the purchase of Repair and Lining, Discharge Pipe Replacement for Lift Station 15 to RPI Underground, Inc., Valdosta, GA, in the amount of \$33,300.00, utilizing 2018 sewer capital funds on-hand. It was noted that Councilmember Hufstetler cast an AYE vote on this motion by teleconference.

Council considered approval of Transfer of Cemetery Spaces at Laurel Hill Cemetery as Cemeteries, transfer of spaces must be approved by Council. The owner, Doris Gilmore and Shirley Lunz Pauley, the sole survivors of Mrs. Pearl Nelson, submitted an affidavit on June 29, 2018 to the Cemetery Administrator requesting the transfer of cemetery spaces.

On motion of Councilmember Mobley, and seconded by Councilmember Flowers, Council unanimously approved the Transfer of Cemetery Spaces for Lot 51 South ½ and Lot 53 North ½ on 13th Street, in Laurel Hill Cemetery from Doris Gilmore and Shirley Lunz Pauley, the sole survivors of Mrs. Pearl Nelson, to Emory and Wanda Gilmore. It was noted that Councilmember Hufstetler cast an AYE vote on this motion by teleconference.

Mayor Hobbs reported the conclusion of the printed agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Scott introduced Honorary Councilmember Pastor Denny Blake. Rev. Blake thanked Council for the opportunity to participate and gain knowledge about the proceedings of government.

Council again thanked the community for their understanding and patience during recent days following the death of Team Thomasville Member Karis Mills. Mayor Hobbs requested Interim City Manager McDonald to let Council know if Council could assist staff during the coming days.

Councilmember Hufstetler reported Cherokee Lake Park had recently reopened following recent renovations and park improvements.

Having no further discussion, the City of Thomasville Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.



Mayor, Greg Hobbs



City Clerk