

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, and Todd Mobley. Also present were the Interim City Manager, Kha McDonald; Asst. Utilities Superintendent, Chris White; 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.

Mayor Greg Hobbs called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilmember Flowers gave the invocation. Mayor Pro Tem Scott led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion Mayor Pro Tem Scott, and seconded by Councilmember Flowers, the minutes of the City Council meeting held on October 22, 2018 were unanimously approved as presented.

Mayor Hobbs acknowledged a special presentation to be made by Thomasville Fire Department Members. Marshall Green, President of Thomasville Professional Firefighter Association Local 2084, explained the mission of the TPFA Local 2084 and its affiliation with the International Firefighter Association (IFA). Green acknowledged Corey Thompson as Vice President, Greg Owens as Secretary/Treasurer and noted the fundraising efforts of the TPFA Local 2084 such as the annual 9-11 Memorial Stair Climb, Smoked Boston Butt drive, Sponsor-a-Brick Campaign; and, most recently bi-monthly Tee-Shirt Sales. It was noted these fundraisers are not expenditures of the TFR or the City of Thomasville. Green noted the IFA provides support in various different ways to the TPFA Local 2084 and the members of the Thomasville Fire Department. It was noted that during Hurricane Michael earlier this month, the IFA and TPFA Local 2084 purchased generators for the families of Firefighters who were on duty and did not have power. On behalf of the TPFA Local 2084, Green and Thompson presented each Councilmember with a tee-shirt to help support Alzheimer's awareness. The tee-shirts fundraiser was created to help raise additional awareness for various organizations such as the local Kickin' Cancer Chapter for Breast Cancer Awareness and the Alzheimer Organization. Council commended the efforts of the TPFA Local 2084.

Joe Brown, 1112 Gordon Avenue, Thomasville, Georgia, addressed Mayor Pro Tem Scott with concerns regarding the findings listed in Attorney David Archer's recent investigation reported at least four separate findings of apparent Code of Ethics violations. Mr. Brown requested if Mayor Pro Tem Scott would support further investigation of Archer's findings. Mayor Pro Tem Scott replied with No Comment.

Wallace Goodman, 116 North Dawson Street, Thomasville, Georgia addressed Council with concerns regarding Councilmembers' actions. He stated citizens have collectively voiced their requests and opinions for the South Pinetree Boulevard Road Improvement Project for over a year; however, it appears that Mayor Hobbs and Councilmember Hufstetler were stalling the project by requesting more details. Mr. Goodman conveyed the community is monitoring current Councilmembers closely due to alleged actions, pending lawsuits and questionable ethics related violations. Councilmember Hufstetler replied to Mr. Goodman noting that additional details were needed for clarification for the Pinetree Project and stated Councilmembers were seated in office as a result of the majority vote by their constituents. Mr. Goodman continued, and addressed lack of support between Councilmembers, election campaign tactics and questionable motives of campaign supporters. He reported providing Mayor Pro Tem Scott with a list of questions following the last Council meeting, which have yet to be answered. Mr. Goodman also addressed Attorney David Archer's investigation report findings and inquired what will become of the findings. He noted Archer's report stated findings of the preponderance of evidence regarding allegations of Mayor Hobbs indicate Mr. Goodman conveyed allegations of insurance carriers considering out of court settlements and stated this could be perceived negatively in regards to councilmembers' fault in these allegations. Councilmember Hufstetler responded, and requested Mr. Goodman provide him proof of said

allegations and to provide the list of questions to which he referred. Mayor Hobbs interjected and advised Councilmember Hufstetler to allow Mr. Goodman to continue, as Mr. Goodman was watched on the live-stream and recording. Mr. Goodman continued and noted there were concerns of the details, which included potential expenditure amounts, of the drafted City Manager's contract. He concluded in noting that it was difficult for the public to discern a Councilmember's vote on agenda items without a visible show of hands. Mr. Goodman requested of Council to adopt the show-of-hands method for all future votes.

Ken O'Neal, Jefferson Street, Thomasville, Georgia addressed Council with concerns of transparency of Councilmembers. He noted citizens' concerns also with the numerous Freedom of Information Act requests, various conflicts of interests, and questionable fiscal responsibilities of Councilmembers. Mr. O'Neal also conveyed citizens have made their wishes known regarding the South Pinetree Boulevard Project; however, Council refuses to move forward based on what voters and residents have voiced. He concluded by stating Councilmembers' actions have led citizens to view all actions as ulterior motives. Moving forward, Mr. O'Neal stated, Council should focus upon repairing the trust of its citizens.

Keith Thomas, 710 Raleigh Avenue, Thomasville, Georgia addressed regarding fiscal responsibilities in relation to the Building Department. He noted that Mayor Hobbs and Mayor Pro Tem Scott should work together with the best interest of the City of Thomasville and not be persuaded by others. Mr. Thomas noted that Councilmembers should be held accountable for their actions.

There being no more citizens to be heard, Councilmember Flowers called Boy Scout member Jack Saussy to the podium. Jack Saussy, 1203 Evergreen Drive, Thomasville, Georgia, reported achieving Life Scout status and would begin striving for Eagle Scout status. Councilmember Flowers asked Saussy pledge the following: "I, Jack Saussy, pledge in front of this audience to stay in scouting and to earn Eagle Scout status." With right hand raised, Mr. Saussy completed the pledge. Councilmembers and citizens applauded Mr. Saussy's efforts in his endeavors. Councilmember Flowers encouraged Mr. Saussy to pitch his project to Council when the project was confirmed.

Having no Old Business to discuss, Mayor Hobbs moved on to agenda items listed under New Business. Council considered on first reading, an ordinance to amend Thomasville Municipal Code Chapter 5, Article XIII, Sections 5-350 through 5-362 as required by the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act (O.C.G.A. 12-7-8(a)(2)). City Engineer Wayne Newsome reported to as the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act, Local Issuing authorities must amend their ordinances to incorporate any amendment to the Act. It was noted that the amended changes will not significantly affect how the City permit and inspect projects within the City's jurisdiction. A majority of the changes revolve around final stabilization and 25-foot buffer. Copy of amended ordinance and list of certified inspectors, designers, and reviewers are to be sent to Frank M. Carubba with EPD Watershed Protection Branch by end of January 2019.

On motion of Councilmember Hufstetler, and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Scott, the following ordinance was unanimously ordered read for the first time, passed and carried over:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE XIII, SOIL EROSION, POLLUTION, AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL OF THE CODE OF THOMASVILLE, GEROGIA, TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Council considered a motion to approve plans for South Pinetree Boulevard Road Improvements. Councilmember Flowers moved to table this item for further discussion pending appointments with state officials regarding the funding. Councilmember Hufstetler seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council considered a resolution to extend the current Service Delivery Strategy and to ratify the Mayor's Signature on the Certification for Extension. ACM/Economic Development and Communications, Lynn Williams, reported Council approved a resolution to extend the SDS deadline with Thomas County on June 11, 2018. She further reported that Thomas County was unable to file the final SDS with DCA by the October 31, 2018, deadline; therefore, to remain in compliance with the Service Delivery Strategy mandate, the City needs to agree to extend the current SDS until February 28, 2019. This additional extension is needed to allow Thomas County the time it needs to complete the SDS with all of the municipalities in Thomas County. In order to file the extension in a timely manner, the Mayor signed the second extension request earlier this month. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Scott, and seconded by Councilmember Mobley, Council unanimously approved the following resolution:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in order to provide adequate time for Thomas County to file the Service Delivery Strategy documentation with the Department of Community Affairs, Thomas County, the City of Thomasville, and the associated municipalities in Thomas County need to extend the effective date of the current SDS to February 28, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville that the current Service Delivery Strategy in place between the City of Thomasville and Thomas County be extended until February 28, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council does hereby ratify the Mayor's signature on the Certification of Extension of the current Service Delivery Strategy.

SO DONE, this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

Council considered approval of a motion to adopt the updated Language Access Plan to comply with DCA Requirements for Accommodations of Persons with Limited English Proficiency. City Engineer, Wayne Newsome, reported On October 10, 2018, the City of Thomasville was awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Infrastructure Improvements (\$750,000) in the Fletcherville Community. Special Condition #1 of the grant award requires that the City adopt a Language Access Plan (LAP) that addresses the needs of persons in the 2018 CDBG Target area with limited English proficiency as a spoken language. Councilmember Flowers moved to formally adopt the updated Language Access Plan (LAP) so as to assure compliance with Special Condition #1 of the 2018 CDBG Multi-infrastructure Grant. Councilmember Mobley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council considered bids and award for the purchase of one ¾ Ton Crew Cab Service Truck for the Water Department. Director of Utility Operations, Chris Hayes, reported the purchase of this vehicle will replace an existing 2004 unit #10414, which has reached the end of its service life. The 2018 Water capital budget includes \$50,000 for this purchase. The following is a summary of bids received by the Thomasville Purchasing Department:

*(bid summary listed on following page)*

**BID SUMMARY**

One (1) 2019 Ford F-250, ¾ ton, crew cab service truck  
City of Thomasville Water Department

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Truck Equipment Sales <i>Cantonment, FL</i>	\$48,497.00
Allan Vigil <i>Marrow, GA</i>	\$41,931.00
Tallahassee Ford <i>Tallahassee, FL</i>	\$48,498.00

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Scott, and seconded by Councilmember Mobley, Council unanimously approved the purchase of one (1) 2019 Ford F-250, ¾ ton, crew cab service truck to Allan Vigil Ford of Morrow, Georgia, in the amount of \$41,931.00, utilizing 2018 Water capital funds with third party financing if necessary.

Council considered bids and award for the purchase of construction contract for the 2018 Thomasville Community Trail Phase 5 Project (S. MLK. Jr. Dr.). City Engineer, Wayne Newsome, reported bids were received for the above project, which includes furnishing of all labor, material, and equipment and performing all work required to construct the following: The work includes a new eight foot wide concrete multi-use trail along the west side of S. MLK Jr. Drive between W. Jackson Street and Varnedoe Street and on the south side of Varnedoe Street to an existing undeveloped City right-of-way into Balfour Park. Additionally, the trail will be constructed through the park to connect to S. Pinetree Boulevard. A new five foot sidewalk will be constructed between Varnedoe Street and South Pinetree Boulevard on the west side of S. MLK Jr. Drive. All of S. MLK Jr. Drive will be overlaid. Curb and gutter, storm drain and inlets, will be added to both sides of S. MLK Jr. Drive between W. Jackson Street and S. Pinetree Boulevard. Additionally, the intersection of W. Jackson Street and S. MLK Jr. Drive will be adjusted and re-aligned, which will include removing the right turn lane. Newsome reported costs would be offset by GTIB Grant and available SPLOST Funds. A total of three (3) bids were received and are listed as follows:

**BID SUMMARY**

Construction Contract for the 2018 Thomasville  
Community Trail Phase 5 Project (S. MLK. Jr. Dr.)

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
H&H Paving and Construction, LLC	\$998,296.55
The Scruggs Company	\$1,187,047.28
Flint River Construction	\$1,054,781.75

Councilmember Flowers moved to award the purchase of construction contract for the 2018 Thomasville Community Trail Phase 5 Project (S. MLK. Jr. Dr.) to H&H Paving and Construction, LLC, of Quitman, GA, with a total base bid of \$998,296.55 as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Scott seconded. The motion carried unanimously, with the following vote recorded:

AYE: Mayor Pro Tem Scott, Councilmembers Flowers, Hufstetler and Mobley.  
NAY: None.

It was noted that Mayor Hobbs did not vote due to a conflict of interest in regards to property ownership within the construction area.

Council considered bids and award for the purchase of Geotechnical Services along Remington Avenue. City Engineer, Wayne Newsome, reported proposals were received for the above project, which includes furnishing all labor and equipment to perform all work required for the following Geotechnical services: The work includes performing preliminary subsurface investigation of both the existing roadway base and shoulder soil characteristics for a potential widening of Remington Avenue. The project limits will begin at the Remington Avenue intersection with Smith Avenue, and extend 150 feet east of the Remington Avenue intersection with East Pinetree Boulevard. The request for proposal (RFP) was properly advertised and additionally, emailed to four companies that provide the requested service. A total of four (4) proposals were received. It was noted that the work will be funded utilizing available 2012 SPLOST funds on hand. Following is the summary of bids received:

**BID SUMMARY**

for the purchase of Geotechnical Services along Remington Avenue

<u><b>BIDDER</b></u>	<u><b>AMOUNT</b></u>
TTL, Inc., <i>Albany, GA</i>	\$9,000.00
Cornerstone, <i>Tifton, GA</i>	\$11,400.00
EMC Engineering Services, Inc., <i>Leesburg, GA</i>	\$13,770.00
United Consulting, <i>Norcross, GA</i>	\$80,220.00

On motion of Councilmember Mobley, and seconded by Councilmember Hufstetler, Council unanimously approved the purchase of contract for Geotechnical services along Remington Avenue to TTL, Inc., Albany, Georgia in the amount of \$9,000.00 as presented.

Council considered bids and award for the purchase of two Dell Servers for expansion of Virtual Server Infrastructure. I.T. Director, Clint Wilkerson, reported the City of Thomasville’s server infrastructure uses virtualization technology for resiliency, reliability, and cost savings. This technology allows COT to run hundreds of virtual servers on just a few hardware boxes. As the number of applications being used by the City has grown, and the system requirements of our applications have become more intensive, COT has a need to add additional hardware to our virtual infrastructure. It was noted that the request is for the purchase of two servers of the same specifications; one server will be added to the existing server cluster in the Central Office and one server will be installed at the Headend. This configuration will allow the COT to run applications from a diverse location in the event that the Central Office loses connectivity. As only Dell products are used, three quotes were requested from Dell vendors. Wilkerson reported these items are budgeted for in the 2018 IT Capital Budget. The following is a summary of bids received:

**BID SUMMARY for the purchase of two Dell Servers  
for expansion of Virtual Server Infrastructure**

<u><b>BIDDER</b></u>	<u><b>AMOUNT</b></u>
Network Technology Solutions	\$51,244.42
Dell, Inc.	\$44,907.56
Presidio	\$59,598.56

On motion of Councilmembers Flowers, and seconded by Councilmember Mobley, Council unanimously approved the purchase of two Dell Servers for expansion of Virtual Server Infrastructure to Dell, Inc. of Round Rock, TX in the amount of \$44,907.56, with 3rd party financing if required.

Council considered bids and award for the purchase of one ½ Ton Extended Cab Truck for Utilities Services Department. Purchasing Administrator, Anthony Choice, reported the purchase will consist of (1) ½ ton–extended cab truck for the Utilities Services Department. This vehicle will replace existing 2006 unit # 10610, which has reached the end of its service life with over 200k miles. The 2018 Technical Services capital budget includes \$32,000 for this purchase. It was noted this acquisition is being proposed from State of Georgia contract pricing and is consistent with bids received on previous sealed bids. The vehicle is on the dealer lot and ready for delivery.

On motion of Councilmember Hufstetler, and seconded by Councilmember Mobley, Council unanimously approved the purchase of one (1) 2018 Ford F-150 extended cab service truck to Allan Vigil Ford of Morrow, Georgia, in the amount of \$25,636.00, utilizing 2018 Technical Services capital funds with third party financing if necessary.

Mayor Hobbs reported the conclusion of the printed agenda and inquired of additional reports. Interim City Manager, McDonald acknowledged and commended Veterans present for their service to the United States and the Thomasville Community. She encouraged Mr. Saussy to contact her for Eagle Scout project ideas. McDonald concluded her report with announcements of the City of Thomasville’s Annual Fall Extravaganza Event taking place on October 27, 2018 in Paradise Park and the rescheduled event “Let’s Discuss Utilities” taking place at Harper Elementary School beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Hobbs acknowledged Ms. Wanda Warren as the Honorary Councilmember for the month of November 2018. Ms. Warren noted she was a Thomasville native, having recently relocated back to Thomasville, and thanked Council for the opportunity to participate.

Councilmembers collectively acknowledged Veterans present and thanked them for their military and community service. Citizens were encouraged to participate in the upcoming community events, and it was noted that a Charrette was being planned for the Paradise Park Project.

Mayor Hobbs reported citizens are granted an opportunity to be heard during Council meetings. He stated that there were appropriate times and places for extended discussions to be held. Mayor Hobbs concluded the meeting with a reminder to citizens that Council meetings are live-streamed and comments recorded can be used against those citizens at a later date.

Having no further business to discuss, the City Council meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.



Mayor, Greg Hobbs



City Clerk