

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 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 of Mayor Pro Tem Scott, and seconded by Councilmember Flowers, the minutes of the City Council meeting held on September 24, 2018 were unanimously approved as presented.

Mayor Hobbs opened the meeting to citizens to be heard on non-agenda items. Joe Brown, 712 Gordon Avenue, Thomasville, Georgia, addressed Council and inquired if background checks had been completed on the candidates for position of City Manager. Mayor Hobbs responded and noted the City of Thomasville contracted with S. Renee Narloch & Associates, who specializes in conducting executive searches for organizations. It was also noted candidate follow up would be conducted by the consultant team as part of the contracted services. Mr. Brown also inquired if any of the candidates had expressed opinions referencing the current, and proposed, reporting structure of Utilities Superintendent. Mayor Hobbs responded and noted that each candidate was well aware of the current Charter and proposed reporting structure. Councilmember Hufstetler noted candidates had expressed they would be open to operate with either reporting structure. Mayor Hobbs reported final interviews with the candidates would be scheduled in the coming weeks.

There being no more citizens to be heard, Council moved on to the printed agenda. It was noted there was no Old Business for discussion. Under New Business, Council considered approval of motion to purchase a John Deere 2500E Hybrid Greens Mower for Country Oaks Golf Course. Golf Course Director, Mike Owens, reported a specialty mower is required to maintain the greens and tee boxes at Country Oaks Golf Course. Owens further reported the Golf Course keeps three (3) of these specialty mowers in inventory to maintain the greens and tee boxes of the Golf Course. It was noted that \$27,500 was placed in the 2018 budget for the purchase of a new greens mower. It was anticipated that the oldest greens mower would be used as a trade to complete the purchase. Following is a summary of the quotes received:

**Country Oaks Golf Course
Quotes Received for One (1) John Deere 2500 E Hybrid Greens Mower**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Quote Price</u>	<u>Trade Allowance</u>	<u>Net Quote Price</u>
Greenville Turf & Tractor <i>Piedmont, SC</i>	\$28,948.00	\$2,500	\$26,448.00
Finch Services <i>Westminster, MD</i>	\$32,813.22	\$2,500	\$30,813.22
Beard Equipment <i>Mobile, AL</i>	\$29,800.00	\$2,500	\$27,300.00

On motion of Councilmember Mobley, and seconded by Councilmember Flowers, Council unanimously approved the purchase of one (1) John Deere 2500E Hybrid Greens Mower for Country Oaks Golf Course from Greenville Turf & Tractor of Piedmont, South Carolina as presented, with third party financing if necessary.

Council considered bids and award for the purchase of Pipe Fusion Machine for Water Department. Asst. Utilities Superintendent, Chris White, reported a new pipe fusion machine would replace existing unit 101, a 2004 model that is nearing the end of its service life. The pipe fusion machine is used to fuse together to water main pipes for distribution. White further reported that due to specialized tooling and equipment of this item, three (3) bids were solicited and received. The 2018 Water Capital budget included \$45,000 for this purchase. Following is a summary of bid received:

**Water Department
Bids Received for One (1) McElroy 412 Pipe Fusion Machine**

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Consolidated Pipe & Supply <i>Albany, GA</i>	\$44,300.10 – In-stock
Ferguson Waterworks, <i>Tallahassee, FL</i>	\$44,300.10 – 3-4m delivery
Core & Main <i>Tallahassee, FL</i>	\$44,600.00 – In-stock

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Scott, and seconded by Councilmember Flowers, Council unanimously awarded the bid for the purchase of One (1) McElroy 412 Pipe Fusion Machine to Consolidated Pipe & Supply of Albany, Georgia, for the purchase amount of \$44,300.10, with third party financing if necessary.

Council considered bids and award for the purchase of Topographic and Right-Of-Way Surveying Services along Remington Avenue. City Engineer, Wayne Newsome, reported the project includes furnishing of all labor and equipment to perform all work required to provide a topographic and right-of-way survey along 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. Following is a summary of bids received:

**Engineering Department, Bids Received for
Topographic and ROW Surveying Services along
Remington Avenue**

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid</u>
EMC Engineering Services, Inc. <i>Leesburg, GA</i>	\$29,200.00
SAM Surveying & Mapping, LLC. <i>Tallahassee, FL</i>	\$41,800.00

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Scott, and seconded by Councilmember Flowers, Council unanimously awarded the purchase of Topographic and Rights-Of-Way Surveying Services to EMC Engineering Services, Inc. of Albany, Georgia in the amount of \$29,200.00, utilizing available funding of the 2012 SPLOST funds.

Council considered bids and award for the purchase of two Vertical Bales at the Bale Center. Asst. Solid waste Superintendent, Jimmy Smith, Jr., reported the City of Thomasville Solid Waste Bale Center Division accepts a variety of recyclable items daily such as; corrugated cardboard, plastics, newspaper, magazines, aluminum, and tin. Corrugated cardboard is currently the most recycled item, potentially ships out monthly loads weighing over 65 tons and can generate revenue up to \$6,800. There are currently four (4) balers at the center, with three (3) of those having been manufactured in the mid-1990s. The balers

have reached the end of their useful life, which has resulted in extended production downtime, limited replacement parts availability and technical expertise for in-house maintenance. Smith reported Solid Waste had budgeted \$350,000 in transportation capital to purchase (2) CNG Trash Knuckle Boom units. However, they were only able to purchase (1) unit at \$204,385, resulting in an excess in funding for a total of \$145,615 in the transportation budget. Smith requested to have a portion of the excess funds allocated to purchase (2) Vertical Balers to replace the current worn and outdated balers. Following is a summary of bids received:

Solid Waste Bale Center, Bids Summary for Vertical Balers

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Freight and Installation, Two Balers</u>
Harris	Selco V5-HD-15 60	\$20,875.00
Marpan	Marathon 6030 HD Balers	\$27,480.00
SFJJNC	Marathon 6030 HD Balers	\$26,504.00

On motion of Councilmember Hufstetler, and seconded by Councilmember Flowers, Council unanimously awarded the purchase of Two (2) Selco V5-HD-15 60 Vertical Balers to Harris, in the amount of \$20,875.00 as presented and with third party financing if necessary.

Council considered bids and award for the purchase of a Skid Steer Loader with a Bucket Grapppler. Asst. Solid waste Superintendent, Jimmy Smith, Jr., reported the current 2010 John Deer Skid Steer Loader has reached the end of its useful life due to excessive use, resulting in down production time and costly repairs. Smith again reported Solid Waste had budgeted \$350,000.00 in transportation capital to purchase (2) CNG Trash Knuckle Boom units. However, Solid Waste only purchased one (1) unit at \$204,385.00, resulting in an excess of funding for a total of \$145,615.00 in the transportation budget. Smith requested to have a portion of the excess funds allocated to purchase one (1) Skid Steer Loader with a Bucket Grapppler to replace the current worn and outdated Skid Steer Loader.

**Solid Waste Bale Center Bid Summary
Skid Steer Loader with Bucket Grapppler**

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Delivery</u>
H&E Equipment, <i>Midway, FL</i>	Bob Cat S540	\$32,000.00	75 days
Flint Equipment <i>Albany, GA</i>	John Deere 320G	\$47,485.00	195 days
AG Pro <i>Thomasville, GA</i>	John Deere 320G	\$48,192.88	120 days
Mackinnon Equipment <i>Tifton, GA</i>	JCB 300 Tier 4	\$51,873.65	90 days

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Scott, and seconded by Councilmember Flowers, Council unanimously awarded the purchase of one (1) Bob Cat S540 Skid Steer Loader with Bucket Grapppler, as presented in the amount of \$32,000.00 to H & E Equipment of Midway, Florida, with third party financing if necessary.

Council considered the approval of purchase of Mobil Grandstands to be used for event seating. Asst. Public Works Superintendent, Stephen Stewart, reported the city has used Grandstands that were built in the 1970s. That unit has a seating capacity of 266, a setup time of approximately five hours and a

breakdown time of approximately three hours. The current Grandstands have become a safety concern for the workers setting them up; as well as the public who uses them. Stewart reported the Public Works Department has conducted research to find a safer alternative unit. He reported locating a vendor in Indiana, Century Industries, who can provide Mobile Grandstands TSP8VIP-45, prior to the next Rose Show Festival. The unit has a seating capacity of 216, with a setup time of one hour and the same for breakdown. Stewart noted the setup time of this unit will greatly reduce the time streets are blocked for thru traffic prior to use during an event. Stewart reviewed a real-time video demonstrating the setup of the recommended unit. Also reviewed were photographs of the existing Grandstand unit illustrating structural inadequacies.

On motion of Councilmember Mobley, and seconded by Councilmember Hufstetler, Council unanimously approved the purchase of Mobile Grandstands TSP8VIP-45, as presented, in the amount of \$74,198.00 to Century Industries of Sellersburg, Indiana, with delivery to City of Thomasville.

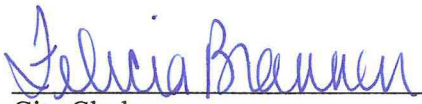
Council considered approval of Transfer of Cemetery lots and grave spaces at Laurel Hill Cemetery as presented by City Clerk, Felicia Brannen. Pursuant to Thomasville Municipal Code, Chapter 6 – Cemeteries, transfer of spaces must be approved by the City Council. City Clerk Brannen reported completed affidavits had been received for the following:

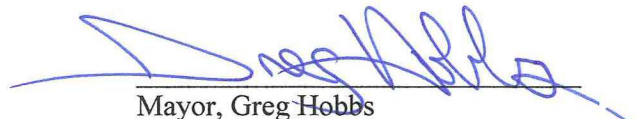
1. Ollie Eugene Taylor requests transfer of Grave Space #3 of Lot 55 Section NN on Kansas Street in Laurel Hill Cemetery to Nancy Marie Smith.
2. Mike Truitt requests transfer of Lot 19; and, Grave Spaces #3 and #4 of Lot 15 in Section T in Laurel Hill Cemetery to James Frederick Truitt Jr.

On motion of Councilmember Flowers, and seconded by Councilmember Hufstetler, unanimously approved the Transfer of Cemetery for the Cemetery Lots at Laurel Hill Cemetery as presented.

Interim City Manager McDonald requested Assistant City Manager/Economic Development & Communications, Lynn Williams, provide an update in reference to imminent storm Hurricane Michael. Williams reported having attended the 6:00 PM Thomas County Emergency Services briefing and stated Thomas County had been placed in the hurricane warning area. Tropical storm force winds are expected to begin at daybreak on Wednesday and continue for a duration of approximately twelve hours. Hurricane force wind gusts were also expected. Williams further reported Hurricane Michael is considered to be a major hurricane and there would be significant impacts to this area as it moves through. Seven to ten inches of rain; widespread, and lengthy, power outages are expected and Citizens should prepare immediately. It was noted storm and outage updates would be provided on various forms of Social Media. Interim City Manager McDonald reported the cancellation of the Utilities Committee Meeting scheduled for October 9th and the City of Thomasville offices will close at Noon Tuesday, October 9th to give employees time to prepare for Hurricane Michael. Councilmember Flowers noted that although the City's electrical systems will be compromised, the water and natural gas systems would remain plentiful due to their infrastructure. Councilmembers encouraged citizens to prepare for Hurricane Michael and to continue to keep everyone affected by Hurricane Michael in their thoughts and prayers during this time.

Having no further discussion, the City of Thomasville Council meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.


City Clerk


Mayor, Greg Hobbs