

City of Thomasville Council Meeting, September 9, 2019

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; and Councilmembers Jay Flowers, David Hufstetler and Todd Mobley. Also present were the City Manager, J. Alan Carson; 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.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hobbs called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

INVOCATION

Given by Councilmember Jay Flowers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Terry Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to approve the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of August 26, 2019 as presented. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mayor Hobbs, Mayor Pro Tem Scott and Councilmembers Flowers, Hufstetler and Mobley.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Hobbs acknowledged the following citizens as listed on the Citizens to be Heard Sign in sheet:

1. Anne Walden, 5604 Hwy 93 South, Thomasville, Georgia, addressed voiced concerns regarding property she owns in the Fletcher Street area. She reported having unsuccessful negotiations with City representatives in 2018 in reference to the City's potential purchase of the parcel. Walden requested follow up correspondence in reference to this matter be mailed to her. She further reported City related construction equipment and vehicles being placed on the parcel recently without her permission. Mayor Hobbs noted the equipment/vehicles were not city-owned; however, the contractors would be requested to move them. City Manager Carson noted the follow-up correspondence would be mailed to Ms. Walden.
2. Cadence Kidwell, 207 Lester Street, Thomasville, Georgia commended Councilmembers, City staff, merchants and the community for their collective efforts relating to the West Jackson Street Streetscape project. She noted a portion of the construction was completed and has exceeded expectations. Kidwell also applauded the efforts of the Main Street and Marketing Staff for their efforts to keep everyone informed throughout the entire process.
3. Edgar Ford, 144 Crimson Circle, Thomasville, Georgia commended City staff for the response to the Crimson Circle water and snake issues. He reported there were still snakes in the area; however, the water issues seemed to be somewhat relieved.
4. Shonese Mills, 510 Old Albany Road, Thomasville, Georgia addressed Council with safety concerns of pedestrian traffic on Old Albany Road. There are no sidewalks leading from Villa North and Hunter's Chase Apartments into Thomasville on this road. Mills noted that the pedestrian access gate leading from Villa North Apartments to Cassidy Road remains locked.

- a. LaQuan Howard Bryant, 722 North Young Street, Thomasville, Georgia, (not listed on sign in sheet) also addressed Council regarding safety concerns for this area. She inquired if City Staff could contact management of Villa North and request the pedestrian access gate remain unlocked for safety reasons. City Manager Carson noted staff would examine the area in reference to the safety concerns.
5. Cheryl Presha, 504 South Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Thomasville, Georgia addressed Council with concerns about allegations brought against Assistant Chief of Police, Eric Hampton. She encouraged the community as a whole to work together and rise above the controversy of name calling, revenge and retaliation.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations given at this meeting.

ADOPT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to approve the printed agenda as presented. Councilmember Mobley seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mayor Hobbs, Mayor Pro Tem Scott and Councilmembers Flowers, Hufstetler and Mobley.

OLD BUSINESS

Second reading of an ordinance to transfer Pretreatment Facility, real property, from the City of Thomasville to the Thomasville Payroll Development Authority.

City Attorney, Tim Sanders, presented. Sanders reported the ordinance conveys .62 acres more or less on Roseway Drive, which joins the former Caterpillar building and on which is located a water pretreatment facility, to the Thomasville Payroll Development Authority for the Check-Mate Industries project. It was noted that current statutes do not allow the City of Thomasville to oversee its own permitting which is required for the operation of the pretreatment facility. Sanders noted there are no changes to this ordinance since it passed and carried over on first reading on July 15, 2019. Attorney Sanders reported the Payroll Development Authority (PDA) has requested the property be conveyed to the PDA.

Councilmember Hufstetler moved to order the ordinance to transfer the Roseway property to the PDA as presented as read for the second time, passed and adopted. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mayor Hobbs, Mayor Pro Tem Scott and Councilmembers Flowers, Hufstetler and Mobley.

The ordinance ordered read for the second time, passed and adopted follows:

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.

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville owns that certain real property located on Roseway Drive, consisting of Sixty Two One Hundredths of an acre (.62 acres) more or less, on which is located a water pretreatment facility, more particularly described as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land more particularly described on that plat of survey prepared for Thomasville Payroll Development Authority by Frank E. Carlton, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 1544 dated September 24, 1998, and recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 760, among the deed records of Thomas County, Georgia, and being the same property conveyed by Caterpillar Inc. to City of Thomasville by Quit Claim Deed dated October 22, 1998, and recorded in Deed Book 668, Page 249, among the deed records of Thomas County, Georgia, such survey attached hereto as Exhibit A ("Property").

WHEREAS, the Thomasville Payroll Development Authority ("PDA") is a development authority and public body corporate and politic duly created by local amendment to the Georgia Constitution, Ga. L. 1960, p. 1329, ratified by electors in 1960, and continued by the Thomasville Payroll Development Authority Act, Ga. L. 1985, p. 4552;

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville deems it in the best interest of the City of Thomasville to transfer the Property to the PDA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that the City of Thomasville does transfer the Property to the PDA and the Mayor Pro Tempore is authorized and directed to sign all documents and deeds, to be recorded or otherwise, relating to the transfer and conveyance of the Property to the PDA.

SECTION I

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its final adoption.

SECTION II

All ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION III

This ordinance shall not be made a part of the official codified ordinances of the City of Thomasville, but shall nevertheless be spread upon the public minutes and records of the City of Thomasville.

SECTION IV

The ordinance was introduced and read at a lawful meeting of the City Council for the City of Thomasville held on July 15, 2019 and read a second time, passed and adopted in a like meeting held on September 9, 2019.

Second reading of an ordinance to amend text of the Permitted Use Table, Section 22-106 #11 Home Occupation to include both Agriculture and R-1B as a permitted use.

City Planner, Kenneth Thompson, presented. It was noted there were no changes since the first reading of this ordinance. Thompson briefly reviewed the need for the amendment as under current zoning, people who own homes in the affected two zoning areas are unable to legally operate a business out of their home office. The City of Thomasville currently regulates Home Occupations by a series of requirements that ensure the business does not become a nuisance to the neighborhood. This includes restriction on number of customers, signs, parking, noise, and the types of businesses that are allowed. Allowing this use in the

A and R-1B areas will not result in a negative impact on the surrounding property owners, and will provide more flexibility allowing residents to work from home.

Councilmember Mobley motioned to order the ordinance, to amend text of the Permitted Use Table, Section 22-106 #11 Home Occupation to include both Agriculture and R-1B as a permitted use, as read for the second time, passed and adopted. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mayor Hobbs, Mayor Pro Tem Scott and Councilmembers Flowers, Hufstetler and Mobley.

The ordinance ordered read for the second time, passed and adopted follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE BY AMENDING SUBPARAGRAPH 11 CAPTIONED "HOME OCCUPATION" OF SECTION 22-106 CAPTIONED "SCHEDULE OF PERMITTED USES" OF ARTICLE IV CAPTIONED "PERMITTED USES" OF CHAPTER 22 CAPTIONED "ZONING" BY ADDING A-AGRICULTURE ZONING DISTRICT AND R-1B, RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT TO THE TABLE OF PERMITTED USES AS A BY RIGHT USE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that the Code of the City of Thomasville is hereby amended by adding A-Agriculture zoning district and R-1B, Single-family residential zoning district to the Table of permitted uses as a by right use of subparagraph 11 captioned "Home Occupation" of section 22-106 captioned "Schedule of permitted uses" of Article IV. captioned "Permitted Uses" of Chapter 22 captioned "Zoning";

Section 22-106 Schedule of Permitted Uses.

11. HOME OCCUPATION.

Add Permitted By Right Zoning Districts: A-Agricultural & R-1B, Single-family residential

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its final adoption and passage.

SECTION III

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed for the purposes of this ordinance only.

SECTION IV

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that upon its final adoption the provisions of this ordinance shall be made a part of the official codified ordinances of the City of Thomasville.

SECTION V

This ordinance was read for the first time at a lawful meeting of the Council of the City of Thomasville on August 26, 2019, and read the second time, passed and adopted in a like meeting held on September 9, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution of emergency for the first and second reading at this meeting of an ordinance to set the 2019 Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate for the City of Thomasville.

Manager-Tax, Collections & Licensing, Emily Phillips, presented a resolution of emergency for the first and second reading at this meeting of an ordinance to set the 2019 Tax Millage Rate for the City of Thomasville.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott motioned to approve the resolution of emergency as presented. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mayor Hobbs, Mayor Pro Tem Scott and Councilmembers Flowers, Hufstetler and Mobley.

The approved resolution follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that due to the time required to prepare the 2019 ad valorem tax bills, there exists an emergency status of need requiring the adoption of an ordinance to set the 2019 City Ad Valorem Property Tax millage rate on first and second readings at this one meeting.

SO DONE this the 9th day of September 2019.

First and second readings, under resolution of emergency, the adoption of the 2019 Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate for the City of Thomasville.

Manager-Tax, Collections & Licensing, Emily Phillips, reported the City of Thomasville has not had to levy an Ad Valorem (property) tax since 2012; therefore, the 2019 City of Thomasville Millage Rate will remain at zero (0) mills.

Councilmember Flowers motioned to order on first and second readings, under a resolution of emergency, the adoption of the 2019 Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate for the City of Thomasville for zero (0) mills. Councilmember Hufstetler seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mayor Hobbs, Mayor Pro Tem Scott and Councilmembers Flowers, Hufstetler and Mobley.

The ordinance ordered read for the first and second time, passed and adopted, under resolution of emergency, follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE CITY AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT FOR 2019, AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE LAW BASED ON THE EVALUATION, BY THE BOARD OF SUCH TAX ASSESSORS OF THOMAS COUNTY FOR 2019 COUNTY TAX PURPOSES, OF EACH SUCH TAXABLE ITEM WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY; TO SET THE TAX RATE FOR 2019 TO BE LEVIED UPON ALL SAID PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Thomasville by the authority vested in them by the charter, charter amendments, and ordinances of said City, and in conformity with State law, that the

City ad valorem property tax assessments for 2019 are hereby established based on the evaluation, by the Board of Tax Assessors of Thomas County for 2019 County tax purposes, of each such taxable item within the corporate limits of said City, such assessments totaling \$673,878,027 exclusive of assessments on motor vehicles which have already been taxed, by operation of State Law of 1985.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that upon all of said assessment as hereby established, and compiled into the 2019 Tax Digest together with the assessments established by the State Revenue Commissioner upon properties of public utilities, there be, and hereby is, set and levied a tax rate of:

00.00 mills for General Government.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed for the purposes of this ordinance only.

This ordinance was read the first and second times in lawful meeting of the Council of the City of Thomasville held this the 9th day of September, 2019, in accordance with resolution adopted previously declaring an emergency requiring first and second readings at this one meeting, passed and adopted after proper vote.

Resolution of emergency for the first and second reading at this meeting of an ordinance to set the 2019 School Millage Rate for the Thomasville Board of Education.

Manager-Tax, Collections & Licensing, Emily Phillips, presented a resolution of emergency for the first and second reading at this meeting of an ordinance to set the 2019 Tax Millage Rate for the Thomasville City Board of Education.

Councilmember Flowers motioned to approve the resolution of emergency as presented. Councilmember Mobley seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mayor Hobbs, Mayor Pro Tem Scott and Councilmembers Flowers, Hufstetler and Mobley.

The approved resolution follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that due to the time required to prepare the 2019 ad valorem tax bills, there exists an emergency status of need requiring the adoption of an ordinance to set the 2019 City School Tax millage rate on first and second readings at this one meeting.

SO DONE this the 9th day of September 2019.

First and second readings, under resolution of emergency, the adoption of the 2019 School Millage Rate for the Thomasville Board of Education.

Manager-Tax, Collections & Licensing, Emily Phillips, reported as stated in Section 11.2 of the Charter as the levying authority, the City Council levies the millage rate recommended by the Thomasville Board of Education. It was reported the City School Board has met and adopted the 2019 school tax millage rate of 18.611 mills. This will be a decrease in the millage rate of .204 from 2018. The net digest for school purpose is \$667,764,823, which means that each mill of tax will produce approximately \$667,000. This represents approximately a 1.18 percent decrease in the mill value. The City of Thomasville completed the

roll back rate calculation for the City Schools. This calculation was determined to be 18.611. The City School Board has advertised and recommended the school tax rate to be at 18.611 mills. As the levying authority, the City of Thomasville is responsible for levying and collecting the tax on the City schools' behalf. It was noted these actions are state mandated.

Mayor Pro Tem motioned to order on first and second readings, under a resolution of emergency, the adoption of an ordinance to set the school tax millage rate for the Thomasville City Board of Education at 18.611 mills. Councilmember Mobley seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mayor Hobbs, Mayor Pro Tem Scott and Councilmembers Flowers, Hufstetler and Mobley.

The ordinance ordered read for the first and second time, passed and adopted under resolution of emergency, follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE CITY AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT FOR CITY SCHOOL TAX FOR 2019, AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE LAW BASED ON THE EVALUATION, BY THE BOARD OF SUCH TAX ASSESSORS OF THOMAS COUNTY FOR 2019 COUNTY TAX PURPOSES, OF EACH SUCH TAXABLE ITEM WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY; TO SET THE CITY SCHOOL TAX RATE FOR 2019 TO BE LEVIED UPON ALL SAID PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE FOR DISCOUNTS TO BE ALLOWED ON PAYMENT OF 2019 TAXES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Thomasville by the authority vested in them by the charter, charter amendments, and ordinances of said City, and in conformity with State law, that the City ad valorem property tax assessments for 2019 are hereby established based on the evaluation, by the Board of Tax Assessors of Thomas County for 2019 County tax purposes, of each such taxable item within the corporate limits of said City, such assessments totaling \$667,764,823 exclusive of assessments on motor vehicles which have already been taxed, by operation of State Law of 1985.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that upon all of said assessment as hereby established, and compiled into the 2019 Tax Digest together with the assessments established by the State Revenue Commissioner upon properties of public utilities, there be, and hereby is, set and levied a tax rate of 18.611 mills comprised of the following levies to meet the requirements for each purpose as listed:

For City School Tax 18.611 mills

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the following discounts be allowed on payments of 2019 taxes:

If paid on or before November 15, 2019 3 percent

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that as to any irregularity or error which occurs with regard to payment by the taxpayer and which is not the result of fault or oversight by the taxpayer and which occurs because of fault, oversight, time constraints or other action or inaction on the part of the administrative staff of the City of Thomasville, the City Manager shall have the authority, in his sole discretion, to allow the benefit of early payment, to waive any penalty for late payment which would otherwise be imposed, or take any other such action which he deems prudent and appropriate in the circumstances.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed for the purposes of this ordinance only.

This ordinance was read the first and second times in lawful meeting of the Council of the City of Thomasville held this the 9th day of September, 2019, in accordance with resolution adopted previously declaring an emergency requiring first and second readings at this one meeting, passed and adopted after proper vote.

Resolution in support of the submission of the Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund for the downtown project at 116-118 South Broad Street on behalf of Grassroots Coffee Company, LLC.

Main Street & Business Director, April Norton, presented. In 2018, Grassroots Coffee Company, LLC approached the Main Street Office with a project to renovate the upper floors of the property located at 116-118 S Broad Street for downtown housing and rooftop event space. An application was submitted through the DDA on behalf of Grassroots for a loan from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs' Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DDRLF) Program to complete this renovation. The requested DDRLF loan amount is \$149,156. This project will promote downtown development for the public good in the City and is in keeping with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan to promote the development of housing in the downtown area, particularly in the unused upper stories of downtown properties. As a part of the loan approval process, DCA requires evidence of municipal support for all projects that are the subject of a DD RLF application. In order to demonstrate the City's support of this project, we are requesting that the City Council adopt a resolution endorsing the submission of the DD RLF application on behalf of Grassroots Coffee Company, LLC for the project at 116-118 S Broad Street as described.

Councilmember Hufstetler motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Flowers seconded. It was noted the City of Thomasville assumed no financial obligation as a result of this application. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mayor Hobbs, Mayor Pro Tem Scott and Councilmembers Flowers, Hufstetler and Mobley.

The approved resolution follows:

CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs' Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DDRLF) Program is designed to assist cities, counties and development authorities in their efforts to revitalize and enhance downtown areas by providing below-market rate financing to fund capital projects in core historic downtown areas;

WHEREAS, Grassroots Coffee Company, LLC plans to acquire and renovate certain real property and improvements located at 116-118 South Broad Street in downtown Thomasville, Georgia.

WHEREAS, upon completion of the project, the renovated property will serve as residential housing on the upper floors as well as a rooftop event space.

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the project will promote downtown development for the public good in the City; and

WHEREAS, in order to help Grassroots Coffee Company, LLC finance the project, the Downtown Development Authority of Thomasville will apply for a Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund Loan from the Department of Community Affairs ("DCA"); and

WHEREAS, DCA requires evidence of municipal support for all projects that are the subject of a DD RLF application submitted by a Downtown Development Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the City Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia as follows:

That the City of Thomasville, Georgia endorses the submission of the DD RLF application by the Downtown Development Authority of Thomasville for the downtown project at 116-118 South Broad Street on behalf of Grassroots Coffee Company, LLC and agrees to support the development of the project.

SO RESOLVED, this 9th day of September, 2019

Motion to approve contract amendment for purchase of Carbon Credits at the Thomasville Municipal Solid Waste Landfill.

City Manager, J. Alan Carson, requested action on this agenda item be delayed to allow further research by staff. Consensus of Mayor and Councilmembers was to delay action for this item and place it on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting. There was no further discussion.

Bids and Award for the purchase of construction contract for the 2018 CDBG Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation.

City Engineer, Wayne Newsome, presented. Bids were received on August 20, 2019. The work shall consist of furnishing all products and performing all labor necessary to construct the following: Installation of approximately 12,650 L.F. of CIPP sewer rehabilitation, 350 L.F. of pipe bursting sewer rehabilitation, manhole rehabilitation, doghouse manholes, service transfers, clean-outs, erosion control measures, and all other appurtenances necessary to complete the project in accordance with the specifications and construction drawings. This project is being constructed as part of the 2018 CDBG grant award. The CDBG grant allocated \$487, 574 for sewer rehabilitation work, based on \$200,841 local participation. Work to be completed within 150 consecutive calendar days of Notice to Proceed. The rehabilitation work is to be funded through a combination of 2018 CDBG grant funding and 2019 Sewer Main Replacement Capital Funds. Sewer main rehabilitation work will occur on the following streets:

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| Fletcher Street | Lester Street | Wright Street |
| Magnolia Street | Augusta Street | Elizabeth Street |
| Dixon Street | Andrews Street | 1 st thru 6 th Avenue |
| Lowery Street | Bosser Street | Feinberg Street |
| Normal Street | Ruth Street | |

A summary of bids received for the rehabilitation work follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Insituform Technologies, LLC Tampa, FL	\$599,427.19
Gulf Coast Underground, LLC Theodore, AL	\$616,062.55
American Infrastructure Hanceville, AL	\$667,100.00
CaJenn Const. & Rehabilitation Services, Inc. Hoboken, GA	\$705,652.50
Vortex Services, LLC	\$706,173.09
IPR Southeast, LLC	\$843,632.75

The Renee Group, Inc.

\$1,093,977.75

Councilmember Mobley motioned to approve the bid award to Insituform Technologies, LLC, of Tampa, Florida, in the amount of \$599,427.19 as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Scott seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mayor Hobbs, Mayor Pro Tem Scott and Councilmembers Flowers, Hufstetler and Mobley.

Bids and award for the purchase of construction for Cell 5-A and Sediment Pond 3 at the City of Thomasville Municipal Solid Waste Facility.

City Engineer, Wayne Newsome, presented. City Council authorized staff to proceed with construction of 50 percent of Cell 5 at the Municipal Solid Waste Landfill (Cell 5-A) at the November 28, 2018 City Council Meeting. This construction is necessary as space is becoming limited in Cell 4. It is estimated that construction of Cell 5-A will provide up to an additional 7 years of operation. On September 10, 2018, City Council voted to award the design and bidding services for this project to Hodges, Harbin, Newberry, and Tribble, Inc., (HHNT). Plans and specifications were developed and advertised for bids starting in July of 2019. Bids were received on August 23, 2019. The project is to be funded utilizing 2019 Sanitary Landfill Capital funds. The following is a summary of bids received:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Peed Brothers, Butler, Georgia	\$3,250,304.60
T & K Construction, Vinemont, Alabama	\$3,283,167.69
Atlantis Commercial Group, Inc., Douglasville, Georgia	\$3,585,358.00

Councilmember Hufstetler motioned to approve the bid award to Peed Brothers of Butler, Georgia, in the amount of \$3,250,304.60 as presented. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mayor Hobbs, Mayor Pro Tem Scott and Councilmembers Flowers, Hufstetler and Mobley.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items for consideration on the Consent Agenda at this meeting.

REPORTS

City Manager Carson commended staff for their work on all items presented at this meeting. He respectfully requested the community to address any issues with staff, policies or procedures with the City Manager prior to seeking out Councilmembers individually to resolve issues.

Councilmember Flowers applauded the City of Thomasville's efforts of not levying an Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate for the residents of the City of Thomasville since 2012. He noted the tax bill that residents receive is reflective of the City Board of Education Millage Tax Rate.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott acknowledged a citizen from the audience to address Council. Mrs. Christine Ford (spouse of Mr. Edgar Ford who spoke earlier under Citizens to be Heard). Mrs. Ford expressed concerns regarding the issue of snakes located on Crimson Circle and inquired of steps to get rid of the snakes. City Manager Carson reported having spoken to Mr. Ford immediately prior to this meeting about this matter and explained the property on which the snakes are present is privately owned. He stated City of

Thomasville staff is not authorized to conduct such work on privately owned property. City Manager Carson encouraged the Fords to contact Animal Control or the Department of Natural Resources for solutions to snake eradication. Ms. Patricia Harper (neighbor to the Fords) also voiced concerns in reference to the Crimson Circle snake issue. She noted the issue is caused by City's drainage system in the area and requested the city to repair that problem.

Mayor Hobbs commented in reference to the Crimson Circle snake issue. He noted the City cannot work on privately owned properties and voiced concern that the water issue in that area is a result of the development located directly behind Crimson Circle. Mayor Hobbs also requested community concerns regarding staff, policies and procedures be directed to the City Manager for solutions prior to bringing the concern to a City Council meeting.

Councilmembers Mobley and Hufstetler commended City of Thomasville staff on West Jackson Street Streetscape project.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Scott motioned to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:35 PM. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mayor Hobbs, Mayor Pro Tem Scott and Councilmembers Flowers, Hufstetler and Mobley.



Mayor, Greg Hobbs



ATTEST: City Clerk

