

City of Thomasville Council Meeting, February 25, 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, Councilmembers Jay Flowers, David Hufstetler and Todd Mobley. Also present were the City Manager, J. Alan Carson; City Attorney, Tim Sanders; Honorary Councilmember, Mandy Flowers; 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 Greg Hobbs called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Councilmember Flowers gave the invocation. Mayor Pro Tem Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to approve minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of January 28, 2019 as presented. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

ADOPT AGENDA

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

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Hobbs acknowledged the following two citizens who signed in to address Council:

1. Cadence Kidwell, 207 Lester Street, Thomasville, Georgia, addressed Council as the Chairperson of the Main Street Advisory Board and as downtown Merchant (Fuzzy Goat). She spoke in favor of the upcoming West Jackson Street streetscape project.
2. Keith Thomas, 432 Woodgate Lane, Thomasville, Georgia, addressed Council regarding his concerns of gun violence in African American neighborhoods and requested additional police presence in those areas.

There being no further Citizens to be Heard and no Old Business to discuss, the Mayor moved on to New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider a resolution to extend the current Service Delivery Strategy and to ratify the Mayor's signature on the Certificate of Extension.

Assistant City Manager/Economic Development and Communications, Lynn Williams, presented. Periodic updates of the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) are required, and the original deadline for Thomas County and the associated municipalities in Thomas County was June 30, 2018. In order to

properly update the SDS, Thomas County and the associated municipalities in Thomas County extended the effective date of the SDS. The Regional Commission has reviewed the updated proposed SDS and recommended that we extend the current SDS in order to DCA ample time to review the SDS. The new extension deadline will be June 30, 2019. The extension does not have any negative impacts on local governments but is advisable to ensure that the City's Qualified Local Government (QLG) status is maintained.

Staff is recommending approval of a resolution to extend the current SDS until June 30, 2019. Staff is further recommending ratification of the Mayor's signature on the Certification of Extension.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott motioned to approve the resolution as presented and to ratify the Mayor's signature on the Certificate of Extension. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

The approved resolution follows.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in order to provide adequate time for the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to review the Service Delivery Strategy, Thomas County, the City of Thomasville, and the associated municipalities in Thomas County need to extend the effective date of the current SDS to June 30, 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 June 30, 2019; and

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

SO DONE, this the 25th day of February, 2019.

Consider approval of a motion to approve One-Day Alcohol Event Permit.

Tax Coordinator, Melissa Creel, presented. All one-day alcohol event permits held on City property are recommended to be approved by City Council. The Thomasville Center for the Arts' event *Due South/Concert* event scheduled at The Ritz Amphitheater on April 13, 2019. It was noted the organization is not-for-profit.

Councilmember Mobley motioned to approve the One Day Alcohol Event Permit for the April 13, 2019 Due South event and concert as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Scott seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

Consider bid and award for the purchase of Hydraulic Rescue Tools for Thomasville Fire Rescue.

Assistant Fire Rescue Chief, Greg Owens, presented. The purchase of the Hydraulic Rescue Tools replaces an out of service, and end of life, Hydraulic Rescue System and meets the National Fire

Protection Association (NFPA) 1936 Standard for Rescue Tools. It was noted this item was included as an approved capital expenditure in the 2019 budget. Hydraulic Rescue Tools are more commonly known as the “Jaws of Life” tools. Rescue Systems Unlimited, LLC, is the proprietary dealer of Genesis Rescue Systems for the Thomasville area and therefore a sole source bid was received from Rescue Systems Unlimited, LLC of Tallahassee, Florida, in the amount of \$28,630.00.

Councilmember Mobley motioned to approve the bid award for purchase of Hydraulic Rescue Tools to Rescue Systems Unlimited, LLC of Tallahassee, Florida, in the amount of \$28,630.00 as presented. Councilmember Hufstetler seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

Consider bids and award for the purchase of a Drone (Unmanned Aircraft – UA) for Thomasville Police Department.

Chief of Police, Troy Rich, presented. An approved item in the 2019 budget, the Drone will be utilized for mapping highly frequented locations in preparation of potential future threats and/or events, documenting crime scenes, surveying disaster sites, Search & Rescue incidents, accident and traffic management, bomb and hazardous material incidents, covert surveillance when applicable, and multiple other incidents as situations arise. The following is a summary of bids received:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Patriot Drones (Sales & Consulting, LLC) <i>(Includes training and FAA submission)</i>	\$24,628.00
Gresco <i>(does not include training and FAA submission)</i>	\$24,125.28
RMUS UAV Experts	\$25,799.39

Staff recommended the Drone be purchased through Patriot Drones (Sales & Consulting, LLC.) which provided a guaranteed purchase price. Patriot Drones (Sales & Consulting, LLC.) pricing is a “bundle package” that includes the DJI Matrice 210 Drone, multiple accessories, high powered zoom camera/lens, FLIR (for night time operations), assistance in completion of FAA regulations requirements and all training required to operate the Drone in a law enforcement capacity. The training also allows those that meet the requirements to pilot the Drone the capability to train others in the future. Strict federal FAA regulations require specialized training and specific documentation to legally operate a Drone in a law enforcement capacity. The “bundle package” that Patriot Drones (Sales & Consulting, LLC) provides will satisfy all requirements needed to operate a Drone program for the Thomasville Police Department as well as satisfy all legal requirements.

Councilmember Hufstetler motioned to approve the bid award for the purchase of a DJI Matrice 210 Drone Package to Patriot Drones (Sales & Consulting, LLC) in the amount of \$24,628.00 as presented. Councilmember Mobley seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

Consider bids and awards for the purchase of equipment for Electric operations.

Director of Electric Engineering and Operations, Bruce Whittington, presented for three separate items of equipment as needed for Electric Operations as follows.

Equipment Item No. 1: The Electric department's tree trimming truck, unit #10714, has reached its end of economic life cycle. This unit is a 2007 70' Altec elevation bucket truck that is used on a daily basis by our right of way tree trimming crews. This purchase is included in the 2019 Electric Operations Capital Budget at a maximum cost of \$190,000.00. The following is a summary of bids received:

BID TABULATION – (1) 70' HYDRAULIC TREE TRIMMING BUCKET TRUCK

Vendor	Manufacturer	Meets All Specs Y/N	Estimated Delivery	Warranty (Chassis)	Price
VERSALIFT SOUTHEAST	TIME/ VERSALIFT/ KENWORTH	N	270-300 Days	24 Months 250,000 Miles 6250 hrs	\$181,421.0 0
TRANSPOWER	ALTEC/ KENWORTH	Y	300-330 Days	24 Months 250,000 Miles 6250 hrs	\$183,914.0 0
PERFORMANC E PETERBUILT	ALTEC/ PETERBUILT	Y	300-330 Days	60 Months 100,000 Miles	\$202,344.0 0
ALTEC	ALTEC/ KENWORTH	Y	300-330 Days	24 Months 250,000 Miles 6250 hrs	\$181,465.0 0

Councilmember Mobley motioned to approve award of bid for the purchase of (1) 70' Hydraulic Tree Trimming Bucket Truck to Altec Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$181,465.00 as presented and with third party financing if necessary. Mayor Pro Tem Scott seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

Equipment Item No. 2: The Electric Operations Department Digger Derrick Truck, unit #10408, has reached its end of economic life cycle. This unit is a 2004 International/Altec Digger Derick that is used on a daily basis by our Operations staff. This truck purchase is listed in the Electric Operations 2019 Capital Budget at a maximum cost of \$240,000.00. The following is a summary of bids received:

BID TABULATION – (1) 45' HYDRAULIC DIGGER DERRICK UNIT

Vendor	Manufacturer	Meets All Specs Y/N	Estimated Delivery	Warranty (Chassis)	Price
VERSALIFT SOUTHEAST	TIME/ VERSALIFT/ KENWORTH	N	280 Days	24 Months 250,000 Miles 6250 hrs	\$236,231.00 (CNG Ready)
TRANSPOWER	ALTEC/ KENWORTH	Y	300-330 Days	24 Months 250,000 Miles 6250 hrs	\$231,636.53 (Diesel)

PERFORMANC E PETERBUILT	ALTEC/ PETERBUILT	Y	NA	60 Months 100,000 Miles	\$248,844.00 <i>(Diesel)</i>
ALTEC	ALTEC/ KENWORTH	Y	300-330 Days	24 Months 250,000 Miles 6250 hrs	\$225,201.53 <i>(Diesel)</i> \$266,851.53 <i>(CNG ready)</i>

Councilmember Flowers motioned to approve bid award of purchase for (1) One Altec DMR45BR Digger Derrick Diesel Unit to Altec Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$225,201.53 as presented and with third party financing if necessary. Councilmember Mobley seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

Equipment Item No. 3: The Electric right-of-way maintenance tree trimming 12” Drum Chipper, unit #1143E, was destroyed by an engine fire in 2018. This unit was a 2014 Vermeer 12” Drum Chipper that was used on a daily basis by right of way crews. The chipper purchase is listed in the Electric Operations 2019 Capital Budget at a maximum cost of \$40,000.00. The following is a summary of bids received:

BID TABULATION – (1) 12” DRUM CHIPPER

Vendor	Manufacturer	Meets All Specs Y/N	Estimated Delivery	Warranty (Chassis)	Price
Mason Tractor Co.	BANDIT	Y	45-60 Days	36 Months / 3500 hrs	\$28,017.84
ALTEC	ALTEC	Y	60 Days	12 Months / 2000 hrs	\$29,220.00
VERMEER	VERMEER	Y	30 Days	12 Months / 1000 hrs	\$30,522.32

Mayor Pro Tem Scott motioned to approve the bid award for the purchase of one (1) Twelve-Inch Drum Chipper Unit (Bandit) to Mason Tractor Company in the amount of \$28,017.84 as presented and with third party financing if necessary. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

REPORTS

Councilmember Flowers presented a commemorative plaque to Honorary Councilmember Mandy Flowers for her service as an Honorary Councilmember during the month of February 2019. Mrs. Flowers thanked Council for the opportunity serve as Honorary Councilmember for the month of February 2019.

Citizen Lucinda Brown, 103 Halcyon Way, Thomasville, Georgia, publically commended City Councilmembers, City of Thomasville employees and the community for their efforts of organizing and hosting the inaugural community events in celebration of Black History Month.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further discussion, the Thomasville City Council meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.



Mayor, Greg Hobbs



Attest: City Clerk