

## **City of Thomasville Council Meeting, March 11, 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, Keith Thomas; 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.

### **INVOCATION**

Given by Councilmember Flowers.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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 February 25, 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**

Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to adopt the printed agenda as presented, with no exceptions. 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.

### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

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

1. Keith Thomas, 432 Woodsgate Lane, Thomasville, Georgia, addressed Council regarding his concerns in reference to an incident in which he was recently involved and his concerns with the Thomasville Police Department (TPD). He stated the local newspaper did not fairly publish articles regarding TPD and requested a community survey be initiated to determine the community's perception of the TPD.
2. Ron Turner, 325 Lester Street, Thomasville, Georgia, listed "yield my topic" on the sign-in sheet. Turner chose not to address Council on a separate topic, noting he wanted to yield his three minute time to Mr. Thomas. City Manager Carson noted requests to yield time to another citizen would not be granted, as citizens were allotted three minutes individually in which to address Council on topics of their concern.
3. Joslynn Reynolds, 1304 North Dawson Street, Thomasville, Georgia, listed "yield my time to Mr. Thomas" on the sign-in sheet. Reynolds chose not to address Council on a separate topic, noting she wanted to yield her three minute time to Mr. Thomas as well. Mayor Hobbs noted

- if Reynolds did not wish to address Council on a specific topic, her time would not be yielded to Mr. Thomas.
4. Keith Thomas returned to address Council regarding citizens not being allowed to yield their time to another speaker as a means to enable that speaker with additional time to address Council. He stated he would contact the Department of Justice to address his concerns.
  5. LaQuan Howard-Bryant, 722 Young Street, Thomasville, Georgia, requested Council address safety concerns of pedestrian traffic on Georgia Highway 3 (between US Highway 84 and the 84 Bypass). She noted there are no sidewalks in that area, which results in children and adults having to travel the area on the roadway in an unsafe manner with speeding cars and large truck traffic. Bryant displayed photos as a reference of the area.

There were no further citizens to be heard.

### **PRESENTATION**

City Manager Carson addressed Council and reported Mauldin & Jenkins, CPA's audit of agreed-upon procedures had been completed as requested by Council. Meredith Lipson noted there were a total of fifteen items of which Mauldin & Jenkins reviewed, sampled and tested for compliance to the City of Thomasville's procedural policies as they pertained to each item for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017. Lipson reported this agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Lipson briefly reviewed the procedures and findings of each of the fifteen items.

Following the conclusion of Lipson's presentation, City Manager Carson reported the Mauldin & Jenkins' Independent Accountant's Report would be posted on the Thomasville.org website in its entirety for public review. The report will be kept in accordance to the City's record retention schedule.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Consider a resolution to update signatures on the MEAG Competitive Trust.**

Chief Financial Officer, Ashley Cason, presented. The signatures on the MEAG Competitive Trust are currently Mayor Greg Hobbs and Ashley Cason per a resolution adopted June 11, 2018. The June 11<sup>th</sup> resolution authorized Mayor Greg Hobbs and Ashley Cason, Interim Chief Financial Officer, to communicate City of Thomasville decisions with respect to the Trust by jointly executing written directions to MEAG Power. There will be no change in the authorized signers, only a change in title. Staff requests Council consider a resolution to update the title from Interim CFO to CFO on the MEAG Competitive Trust Resolution and the Incumbency and Signature Certificate.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott motioned to approve the resolution 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.

The approved resolution follows.

**Resolution of  
THOMASVILLE, GA**

WHEREAS, the City is a Beneficiary of the Municipal Competitive Trust (the “Trust”) that MEAG Power established as of January 1, 1999; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Trust, the City is allowed to transfer certain funds between accounts and withdraw certain funds from accounts by written direction to MEAG Power and the Trustee; and

WHEREAS, by official action of the City, a City official was delegated authority to make deposits to the Trust and to communicate City decisions with respect to the Trust to MEAG Power and the Trustee; and

WHEREAS, in order to improve the notification process, MEAG Power has requested that all written directions communicating City decisions with respect to the Trust be executed by two independent City officials; and

WHEREAS, the City, after due consideration, has determined that such procedural changes are in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that henceforth Greg Hobbs, Mayor and Ashley Cason, Chief Financial Officer (together, the “Authorized Officials”) are authorized to communicate City decisions with respect to the Trust by jointly executing written directions to MEAG Power and the Trustee; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City hereby authorizes the Authorized Officials to execute, and the City Clerk to attest and deliver, certificates specifying the names, titles, term of office and specimen signatures of the Authorized Officials and other certificates and documents that MEAG Power may require from time to time to effect the purposes of the Trust and this Resolution.

This the 11th day of March, 2019.

**Consider a motion to approve the Amended Final Plat for the Mitchell Place Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND).**

City Planner, Kenny Thompson, presented. Mitchell Place is a residential neighborhood that was rezoned to Traditional Neighborhood Development (R-TND) in 2005. When originally presented to City Council in 2005, a stipulation was added to the rezoning requirement that prevented the owner from making any changes to the approved concept plan. In 2018, City Council removed this stipulation, allowing the owner to alter the concept plan, therefore creating greater flexibility. The owner now wishes to complete the buildout of Mitchell Place with single-family homes. On January 9, 2006, City Council considered, and approved, a motion to approve the Final Plat of *Mitchel Place* subdivision. The applicant is requesting to amend that approved final plat for Mitchell Place, replacing the lots that were shown on the original concept plan as “Condominiums & Home Owner’s Association” with Single Family Homes. The affected area is limited to lots 24, 51-57. The new lots have been drawn and presented to meet the zoning requirements for the TND. Pursuant to Thomasville Municipal Code Chapter 17 *Subdivisions*, Section 67 *Review of final plat.*, Subsection (b) the amended final plat for Mitchell Place subdivision is forwarded to the City Council for action. Approval of the amended plat, as submitted and presented, is recommend by the Planning and Zoning Commission and City staff.

Councilmember Hufstetler motioned to approve the submitted Amended Final Plat 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 award for the purchase of half-ton Crew Cab Pickups for Electric, Water, Gas, Technical Services, and Sanitation Departments.**

Purchasing Administrator, Anthony Choice, presented. The approved 2019 Capital Budget included transportation equipment for the following departments: Electric, Gas, Sanitation, Water and Service Department. In order to fulfill the capital budget requests for each department, bids for a ½ ton 4 x 4 Crew Cab and a ½ ton 4 x 2 Crew Cab trucks were submitted to Purchasing by various vendors on February 7, 2019. The following is a summary of bids received:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNTS</u>	
	<u>Crew Cab 4x4</u>	<u>Crew Cab 4x2</u>
Stalling, Thomasville, Georgia	\$29,171.00	N/A
Stallings, Thomasville, Georgia	\$28,677.00	N/A
Langdale, Sylvester, Georgia	\$35,400.00	\$33,000.00
Dean Chrysler, Bainbridge, Georgia	\$33,647.00	\$27,361.00
Sunbelt Ford, Sylvester, Georgia	\$35,531.12	\$32,399.12
Gwinnett Place Ford, Duluth, Georgia	\$37,192.12	N/A
Cass Burch, Valdosta, Georgia	\$27,796.00	\$24,964.00

Staff requests council consider the award of three (3) 4x4 Crew Cab trucks to Stallings Motors of Thomasville, Georgia in the amount of \$86,031. Stallings was not the low bidder however, staff believes that the difference of \$881 is not justifiable enough to seek award to a non-local vendor.

Staff further requests Council consider the award of three (3) 4x2 Crew Cab Trucks to Cass Burch of Valdosta, Georgia in the amount of \$74,892.00.

Councilmember Flowers motioned to approve the bid award for purchase of half-ton Crew Cab Pickups for the departments as requested and 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 bids and award for the purchase of Robotic Total Station for Surveying and Engineering Services.**

City Engineer, Wayne Newsome presented. \$35,000.00 was included in the 2019 budget for Robotic Total Station surveying equipment. Quotes were received from Florida Level & Transit and Duncan Parnell Geomatics for robotic surveying equipment. The City currently uses Leica Surveying equipment, Florida Level & Transit is a Leica Surveying equipment Dealer and Duncan Parnell Geomatics is a Trimble Survey equipment Dealer. A summary of bids received follows.

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
Florida Level & Transit	\$35,536.00
Duncan Parnell Geomatics	\$31,371.33

Staff recommends the purchase of a Leica Robotic Total Station from Florida Level & Transit in the amount of \$32,536.00. Justification for not considering Duncan Parnell Geomatics quote is that Leica systems will integrate with existing equipment currently in use, without upgrade or replacement of current GPS collectors and other surveying equipment.

Councilmember Mobley motioned to approve the bid award for the purchase of Leica Robotic Total Station from Florida Level & Transit in the amount of \$32,536.00, 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.

**Consider bids and awards for the purchase of a metal Storage Building for Dry Backfill Material for Operations and Public Works.**

Assistant Utilities Superintendent, Chris White, presented. In 2017, a proposal was made by Utilities & Public Works to erect a metal building in which to store dry materials such as clay, sand, top soil, lime rock, and crush road base. Dry backfill material is essential for day to day maintenance operations of utilities and public works infrastructure. This expenditure was included in the 2018 capital sewer fund at \$95,000, however due to several contributing factors, the project was not completed in 2018. This improvement will be located on Davenport drive between the bailing center and the electric pole yard. The proposed structure measures 35'W X 150' L x 35'D with a 10' awning on the front. Work is to be completed within 45 consecutive calendar days of Notice to Proceed. 2019 Sewer Capital funds have been re-allocated to fund this expenditure. The following is a summary of bids received:

<b><u>BIDDER</u></b>	<b><u>BID AMOUNT</u></b>
Tyson Steel Buildings, Doerun, Georgia	\$82,508.16
Matador Steel Buildings, Thomasville, Georgia	NO BID
Green's Backhoe Inc., Thomasville, Georgia	\$75,972.00

Councilmember Hufstetler motioned to approve the bid award for the purchase of one (1) Metal Storage Building to Green's Backhoe Inc., of Thomasville, Georgia, in the amount of \$75,972.00 utilizing 2019 Sewer Capital funds with third party financing if necessary. Mayor Pro tem Scott seconded. Mayor Hobbs inquired if Green's Backhoe would subcontract portions of this project. White confirmed the inquiry and it was noted that the subcontractor on this project should be added to future bid lists. 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 acknowledged members of Cub Scouts Troop 302 as present to complete badge requirements for Webelos 2. Councilmember Flowers asked the young men to present the Scout Salute and repeat the following: "I pledge to stick with scouting through thick and thin and all those

great outings until I obtain the rank of Eagle Scout, so help me God.” The following listed Cub Scout Troop 302 members collectively repeated the pledge as requested:

Noah Cason

Joseph Kimler

Riley Storey

Councilmember Mobley introduced Mr. Keith Thomas as the Honorary Councilmember for the month of March. Mr. Thomas thanked Mobley for the appointment and looked forward to gaining insight to the workings of City government.

Councilmember Hufstetler reported recently completing mandatory Newly Elected Officials Training. Having heard numerous positive comments during the training, he commended City staff in their efforts to promote Thomasville.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further discussion, the Thomasville City Council meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

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### **OFFICIAL RECORD OF APPROVAL:**

The foregoing Thomasville City Council Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2019 were approved by Thomasville City Council at a duly convened Thomasville City Council Meeting on March 25, 2019 with the following action taken:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Greg Hobbs, Mayor Pro Tem Terry Scott, and Councilmembers Jay Flowers and Todd Mobley.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT: Councilmember David Hufstetler.

RESULT: APPROVED AS PRESENTED, with no exceptions (4-0 Vote).

MOVER: Mayor Pro Tem Terry Scott.

SECONDER: Councilmember Jay Flowers.

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

Mayor Hobbs did affix his signature, attested by the City Clerk, to the original and official record of the Thomasville City Council Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2019. The original and official record of these minutes are retained permanently in the office of the City Clerk.

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