

## **City of Thomasville Council Meeting, March 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 and Todd Mobley. Councilmember David Hufstetler was absent from the meeting. 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 March 11, 2019 as presented. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mayor Hobbs, Mayor Pro Tem Scott and Councilmembers Flowers 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 City Manager Carson and Council regarding his concerns in reference to the Thomasville Police Department (TPD) and the management of the department.

### **ADOPT AGENDA**

Councilmember Mobley moved to adopt the printed agenda as presented, with no exceptions. Mayor Pro Tem Scott seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

### **PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITIONS**

Fire Marshall Connell introduced Fire Rescue Engineer, Jasmine Rice. Engineer Rice acknowledged the month of April has been designated nationally as Autism Awareness month. Thomasville Fire Rescue, with the support of Thomasville Professional Firefighter's Association, is helping to raise Autism Awareness during the month of April. The firefighters will be showing their support to the Autistic community by donning special grey shirts with the most recognizable symbol of Autism: the Puzzle Pattern Ribbon, which was created by the Autism Society. Engineer Rice continued by noting the goal of the firefighters is not

only to show awareness by wearing these shirts, but also by getting involved with citizens on the Autism Spectrum through various activities throughout the month of April and the remainder of the year.

Fire Marshall Connell recognized John Lambert, owner of Tally's Panhandle Detail, and Ethan Davis. Connell reported Fire Department personnel take great care to ensure fire engines and vehicles are kept in top shape; however, over time the chrome begins to fade and is increasingly difficult to maintain. Tally's Panhandle Detail provided a service of tolling the chrome to a like new finish. This service was provided at no cost to the Fire Department. Mr. Lambert and Mr. Davis were present and noted they provided this service to the Fire Department as a way to thank them for their services to the community.

City Manager Carson recognized Nate Tyler for his retirement of 41 years of service with the City of Thomasville. He called upon Direct Reports to read a Proclamation of Recognition of Service, Dedication and Integrity in honor of Mr. Nate Tyler and his years of service with the City of Thomasville and its Community. Asst. City Manager/Human Resources Kha McDonald concluded the Proclamation by noting Mr. Tyler exemplified the City's vision and exceeded customer service from April 28, 1978 to March 31, 2019. Following the reading of the proclamation, Mr. Tyler received a standing ovation. Mr. Tyler thanked the citizens, Councilmembers and the Team Thomasville family for allowing him to work with them and for them for so many years.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **First reading of an ordinance to amend text in Section 2-28 of the Thomasville Municipal Code to reflect change of time for Council Meeting Schedule.**

City Attorney presented. The amendment allows for the published Council meeting time to be changed from 7:00 PM to reflect the new time of 6:00 PM on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

Councilmember Flowers moved to order the ordinance read for the first time, passed and carried over as presented, with no exceptions. Councilmember Mobley seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

The following ordinance was ordered read for the first time, passed and carried over:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, SECTION 2-28 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA TO CHANGE THE TIME AT WHICH THE MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL ARE HELD; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

##### **First reading of an ordinance to change the name of 100 Caterpillar Way to 101 Check-Mate Way.**

City Planner, Kenneth Thompson, presented. The applicant, Check-Mate Industries, Inc., is relocating into the former Caterpillar building that is located off of the 319 Bypass, Thomasville, Georgia. As the new owner of the building, Check-Mate is requesting to rename the street and address to 101 Checkmate Way. Changes in street names are presented to Thomasville Planning & Zoning Commission for recommendation to City Council for approval. All street name changes occur through ordinance by

City Council. Staff recommends approving the request to change the name of 100 Caterpillar Way to 101 Checkmate Way.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to order the ordinance read for the first time, passed and carried over as presented, with no exceptions. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

The following ordinance was ordered read for the first time, passed and carried over:

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE STREET NAME OF 100 CATERPILLAR WAY TO 101 CHECK-MATE WAY; TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**First reading of an ordinance to rezone 325 West Jackson Street from M, Manufacturing, to C-2, Commercial.**

City Planner Kenneth Thompson, presented. The City is requesting for the portion of 325 West Jackson Street that is zoned M-Manufacturing be rezoned to C-2, Commercial to allow for the neighboring property, 313 W. Remington Avenue to also rezone to C-2. Currently, a majority of the parcel is zoned C-2 and occupied by Trinity Anglican Church; the portion that is zoned M-Manufacturing contains a grass strip and a sidewalk. Thompson noted Trinity Anglican Church was not aware of the current split zoning of the small sliver on back portion of the property. A rezoning of this area will achieve the requirement of contiguous zoning and allow the neighbor at 313 West Remington to present a rezoning request as well.

Councilmember Mobley moved to order the ordinance read for the first time, passed and carried over as presented, with no exceptions. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

The following ordinance was ordered read for the first time, passed and carried over:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA, OF 1971, AS AMENDED WHICH IS SET FORTH IN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE AS CHAPTER 22, CAPTIONED "ZONING", BY EXCLUDING A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND FROM **PARCEL 3** OF SECTION 22-81 CAPTIONED "**M, MANUFACTURING**", TO DESCRIBE SAID EXCLUDED TRACT AND TO DESIGNATE THE SAID SAME TRACT AS **PARCEL 59** OF SECTION 22-81 CAPTIONED "**C-2, COMMERCIAL**". TO ESTABLISH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**First reading of an ordinance to rezone 313 West Remington Avenue from M, Manufacturing, to C-2, Commercial.**

City Planner Kenneth Thompson, presented. The applicant is requesting 313 West Remington Avenue to be rezoned from M-Manufacturing to C-2, Commercial. Currently, the parcel consists of a historic warehouse building that has been abandoned for a number of years. Thompson noted this is in keeping with the zoning map and comprehensive plan. Councilmember Flowers disclosed a business relationship

with individual(s) interested in purchasing this property and stated due to the potential conflict of interest, he would abstain from this vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to order the ordinance read for the first time, passed and carried over as presented, with no exceptions. Councilmember Mobley seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 3-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mayor Hobbs, Mayor Pro Tem Scott and Councilmember Mobley.

ABSTAINED: Councilmember Flowers.

The following ordinance was ordered read for the first time, passed and carried over:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA, OF 1971, AS AMENDED WHICH IS SET FORTH IN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE AS CHAPTER 22, CAPTIONED "ZONING", BY EXCLUDING A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND FROM PARCEL 3 OF SECTION 22-81 CAPTIONED "M, MANUFACTURING", TO DESCRIBE SAID EXCLUDED TRACT AND TO DESIGNATE THE SAID SAME TRACT AS PARCEL 60 OF SECTION 22-81 CAPTIONED "C-2, COMMERCIAL". TO ESTABLISH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Resolution to authorize the Mayor as the certifying official for the 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application and to sign necessary related documents.**

City Planner, Kenny Thompson, presented. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is a federally funded program that focuses on providing resources for livable neighborhoods, economic empowerment, and decent housing. This grant is administered by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA), and provides funding for a wide range of community activities such as water and sewer lines, community facilities, and improving homes to substantially benefit moderate and low income neighborhoods. As a designated PlanFirst Community, the City of Thomasville is eligible to apply for CDBG funding every year. For the past two years, the City has received a CDBG grant that was used to repair and replace infrastructure within the Fletcherville neighborhood. Last year, the City also considered pursuing funding for housing within the CDBG target area. This process was postponed with the intent of pursuing a full CDBG housing grant in 2019. It is now the intent of the City to submit an application to the DCA for CDBG funding within the area that received an infrastructure grant in 2018. Thompson noted there were numerous documents requiring the signature of a certifying official.

Councilmember Flowers moved to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Mobley seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

The approved resolution follows:

**RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION by the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, to authorize the Mayor as the certifying official of the City of Thomasville to sign all necessary and related documents pertaining to the 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, find that the program is necessary and desirable in order to improve the living conditions of low and moderate income persons living in the City of Thomasville, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desire that a FY 2019 CDBG application be submitted to the Georgia DCA for funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, that:

The Mayor of the City of Thomasville, or his/her successor, is hereby authorized as the certifying official for the City of Thomasville;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it further resolved by the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, that:

The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all necessary and related documents pertaining to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs a FY 2019 Community Development Block Grant application and such supporting and collateral material as shall be necessary.

READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 25th day of March, 2019.

**Resolution to submit non-refundable application fee to Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (SWGA RC) for the development and preparation of the 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application.**

City Planner, Kenneth Thompson, presented. In February of 2019, the City Council adopted a resolution to use the services of the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (SWGRC) for the development and preparation of the CDBG Grant Application. While the \$500 application fee to the regional commission is well within the range of staff authorized payment, the CDBG application requires a resolution to submit a non-refundable application fee to the SWGRC.

Councilmember Mobley moved to approve the resolution as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Scott seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

The approved resolution follows:

**RESOLUTION FOR SWGA RC APPLICATION FEE**

WHEREAS, City of Thomasville will submit a 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the State of Georgia Department Community Affairs and,

WHEREAS, the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (SWGA RC) will provided technical assistance and support to the City in identifying a project which demonstrates the greatest need and will most benefit low-to-moderate income residents in the City of Thomasville;

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville's Mayor and Council Members have elected to use the services of the RC for the development and preparation of the City's 2019 CDBG application and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Thomasville's Mayor and Council Members have elected to submit the required non-refundable application fee of \$500 payable to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission.

Adopted the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

**Resolution to authorize preparation and submittal of the Revitalization Area Strategy (RAS) Application and to authorize the Mayor as the certifying official for the program.**

City Planner, Kenny Thompson, presented. The Revitalization Area Strategies (RAS) designation provides incentives to communities who implement comprehensive redevelopment activities for targeted areas in their city or county. A local government with a RAS designation may receive bonus points on its annual CDBG application and the ability to apply annually for CDBG funds for three years. The program rewards innovative local strategies and a commitment to redevelop a targeted area with a comprehensive, collaborative approach that includes private and public partners. Areas chosen for this program must be located in census block group(s) with 20% or greater poverty and also be located in an area where an Urban Redevelopment Plan has been adopted. The 2019 CDBG Target Area for Housing Rehabilitation is located within the RAS Boundary. Both are located within locally adopted Gateways Urban Redevelopment Plan area.

Councilmember Mobley moved to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

The approved resolution follows:

**RESOLUTION CITY OF THOMASVILLE  
Submission of the Revitalization Area Strategy (RAS)  
to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia find that there exist areas in which the structures and building, by reasons of dilapidation, deterioration, age or obsolescence, and the existence of conditions which endanger life and property by fire and is detrimental to public health, safety, morals and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia have adopted by Resolution pursuant to the authority granted by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 36-61-5, and Urban Redevelopment Area as defined by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 36-61-5; and

WHEREAS, according to the guidelines of the Revitalization Area Strategy established by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and for communities to be eligible for RAS designation must meet threshold requirements by establishing a local redevelopment area and plan pursuant to O.C.G.A. 36-64-1. The development of the RAS and designation of a redevelopment area is the City's effort in meeting this requirement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council Members of the City of Thomasville, Georgia that the City will submit for approval the City of Thomasville's Community Development Block Grant Revitalization Area Strategy to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all necessary and related documents pertaining to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Revitalization Area Strategy application and such supporting and collateral material as shall be necessary.

Adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

**Motion to approve a revised Language Access Plan (LAP) and authorize the Mayor as the certifying official to sign all necessary related documents.**

City Planner, Kenny Thompson, presented. In January of 2019, the Thomasville City Council approved a revised Language Access Plan, which is a special condition for receiving a CDBG Grant. The Language Access Plan (LAP) addresses the needs of persons in the 2019 CDBG Target area with limited English proficiency as a spoken language. Because the CDBG target area is the same as that of the 2018 CDBG, the city is able to use our existing LAP; however the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has requested that the City revise the LAP to reflect our current application. Revisions to the LAP include the 2019 CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Grant as a current applicable funded grant and updates the demographic table to reflect the 2013-2017 American Community Survey as requested by DCA.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to approve the revised Language Access Plan as presented and to authorize the Mayor as the certifying official to sign all necessary related documents. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

The approved resolution follows:

**RESOLUTION  
CITY OF THOMASVILLE  
ADOPTION OF LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN  
FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)**

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville will be applying for a FY 2019 Community Development Block Grant in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 from the State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Office of Community and Development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville CDBG grant is for the purpose of rehabilitation housing in a target area that will assisting low- and moderate- income persons.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Thomasville Mayor and City Council Members have adopted a Language Access Plan (LAP) pursuant to the requirement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Executive Order (EO) 13166, it will take timely and reasonable steps to provide Limited English Proficient (LEP) persons with Meaningful Access to programs and activities funded by the federal government and awarded by DCA. Access to this program and services will not be impeded as a result of an individual's inability to speak, read, write or understand English.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council Members that the adoption of the Language Access Plan (LAP) will be used to provide language assistance with the respect to ensure persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) gain meaning access to the City of Thomasville services, programs and services.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all necessary and related documents pertaining to the Language Access Plan and such supporting and collateral material as shall be necessary.

Adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

**Motion to approve modification of Loan Agreement and Resolution for GEFA Loan No. DW2016016 (S. Pinetree Water Main Replacement).**

City Engineer, Wayne Newsome, presented. In 2017, the City of Thomasville applied for and received a Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) Loan for \$1,250,000.00 to replace a water main on S. Pinetree Boulevard. The project is in construction and work is underway to complete installation of the new water main, along with a new sanitary sewer force main with an expected completion of work in early May 2019. In early March of 2019, the City requested an extension to the amortization commencement date until the end of May 2019. However, the modification GEFA is requesting will extend the amortization commencement date to as late as September 01, 2019. GEFA requires 100 percent payment and closeout on a project, before amortizing the loan. By extending the amortization commencement date of the loan, we are delaying the date when repayment starts on the loan, and allowing continued drafts against the loan until the new amortization commencement date.

Councilmember Flowers moved to approve the modification of Loan Agreement and resolution for GEFO Loan no. DW2016016. Councilmember Mobley seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

The approved resolution follows:

**RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY  
CITY OF THOMASVILLE  
GEFA LOAN NUMBER: DW2016016**

WHEREAS, the Borrower has borrowed \$1,250,000 from the GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY (the “Lender”), pursuant to the terms of the Loan Agreement (the “Loan Agreement”), dated June 1, 2017, between the Borrower and the Lender; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower’s obligation to repay the loan made pursuant to the Loan Agreement is evidenced by a Promissory Note (the “Note”), dated May 23, 2017, of the Borrower; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower and the Lender have determined to amend and modify the Note and the Loan Agreement, pursuant to the terms of a Modification of Promissory Note and Loan Agreement (the “Modification”) between the Borrower and the Lender, the form of which has been presented to this meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the form, terms, and conditions and the execution, delivery, and performance of the Modification are hereby approved and authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the terms of the Modification are in the best interests of the Borrower, and the governing body of the Borrower designates

and authorizes the following persons to execute and deliver, and to attest, respectively, the Modification, and any related documents necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Modification.

Signature of Person to Execute Documents: Mayor  
Signature of Person to Attest Documents: City Clerk

**Motion to approve Alcohol License for Packaged Beer and Wine for NS Foods, located at 501 North Madison Street, Thomasville, Georgia.**

Tax Coordinator, Melissa Creel, presented. Shikotar, LLC, owner/applicant Mr. Natvarlal Patel, has applied for an Alcohol License for Packaged Beer and Wine for NS Foods at 501 North Madison Street, Thomasville, Georgia. Creel reported that owner/applicant has met all requirements to receive the license.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to approve an Alcohol License for Packaged Beer and Wine for Shikotar, LLC, owner/applicant Mr. Natvarlal Patel, NS Foods, located at 501 North Madison Street, Thomasville, Georgia. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

Following the approval of the Alcohol License Mayor Hobbs addressed the owner/applicant, Mr. Patel, and explained to Mr. Patel the importance of strictly adhering to the City of Thomasville’s Alcoholic Beverage Sales ordinances and the required employee training programs. He also conveyed to the applicant that the Thomasville Police Department routinely conducts a “Mystery Shopper Program” so as to monitor the enforcement of the prohibition of sales of alcohol to underage persons. Mayor Hobbs presented to Mr. Patel a copy of the current City ordinances concerning the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

City Manager Carson reported the addition of the Consent Agenda. He noted items placed on the Consent Agenda for Council’s consideration are considered routine and/or non-controversial items. Consent Agenda items can be enacted collectively by one motion and one vote. If discussion is desired on any item, that item will be removed from the consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

Council member Mobley moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented, with no exceptions. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

Mayor Hobbs acknowledged the following items as approved as presented and recommended by staff, under the Consent Agenda:

**A. Bids and award for the purchase of a Skid Steer Track Loader & Cutting Head Attachment for Electric Operations Department.**

The Electric Operations Department Track Loader/Cutting Head unit #1095E has reached its end of economic life cycle. This unit is a 2009 Bobcat T-190 skid steer track loader with a Gyro-Trac cutting head that is used on a daily basis by our right of way crews. This equipment purchase is listed in the Electric Operations 2019 Capital Budget at a maximum cost of \$130,000.00.

Summary of bids received follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
H&E Equipment Services, Tallahassee, FL	\$93,870.00
Ditch Witch, Albany, GA	\$99,500.00
AG-PRO Companies, Thomasville, GA	\$91,024.00
Yancy Bros. Company, Albany, GA	\$102,132.00
Preferred Rental & Sales, Jasper, FL	\$86,215.00
Flint Equipment Company, Albany, GA	\$108,350.00
Flint Equipment Company, Albany, GA	\$106,700.00
AG-PRO Companies, Cairo, GA	\$87,889.00
Vermeer Southeast Sales & Service	\$173,275.00

After careful review of all bid submissions staff recommended the purchase of the Ag-Pro Companies of Cairo, GA bid in the amount of \$87,889.00, with third party financing if necessary.

**B. Bids and award for the purchase of Genesis Parkway Drainage Improvements.**

Proposals were received for the project, which includes furnishing all labor and equipment to perform all work required to accomplish the following:

The project includes the construction of a concrete flume to intercept the overland flow being conveyed through the vacant lot located at 109 Plantation Oak Drive and along Genesis Parkway. Additionally, rip rap will be furnished and installed both in the vacant lot and at the concrete flume's outfall to reduce the amount of erosion along Genesis Parkway. The Advertisement for Bids was displayed on the City's Procurement website, beginning on February 11, 2019 and ending on February 18, 2019. Additionally, the request for proposals were mailed to four local companies that provide the requested service on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Work is to be completed within 30 consecutive calendar days of Notice to Proceed. A total of two (2) proposals were received. CMI, Inc. with a total base bid of \$49,608.10 was determined to be qualified to perform the services and also the lowest priced proposal received. Staff negotiated a scope reduction with CMI, Inc. Their revised proposal was \$41,680.10.

Summary of bids received follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
CMI, Inc., Cairo, GA	\$49,608.10 (\$41,680.10 Revised)
Greens Backhoe, Thomasville, GA	\$79,667.14

Staff recommends awarding contract for Genesis Parkway Drainage Improvements to CMI, Inc. of Cairo, Georgia in the amount of \$41,680.10 as being qualified to perform the services, and the lowest cost proposal received. This work will be funded utilizing budgeted 2018 SPLOST funds.

**C. Bids and award for the purchase of Engineering, Design and Permitting Services for replacement/upgrade of Sanitary Sewer Lift Station #7.**

The Sanitary Sewer department wishes to replace the existing lift station #7, located at the southwest corner of Pinetree Boulevard and Old Monticello Road, with a new submersible pumping system replacing an existing flooded suction canned lift station. This is part of an ongoing program to upgrade all of the canned stations with submersible units, which are much safer for employees to maintain, and are much more reliable than the existing canned station. Proposals for professional engineering services were requested from two firms specializing in this type of work.

Summary of bids received follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Carter and Sloope Consulting Engineers	\$ 22,000.00
Watkins & Associates Consulting Engineers	\$ 15,500.00

Staff recommends award of a contract for professional engineering services to Watkins & Associates Consulting Engineers, Tifton, Georgia in the amount of \$15,500.00 to perform the scope of services outlined in the proposal (attached), being qualified to perform those services, and being the lower cost of the proposals received. This work will be funded through the 2019 Sewer Capital Distribution Mains account.

### REPORTS

City Manager Carson commended the Thomasville Fire Department on their efforts in working with Autism Awareness. He congratulated Mr. Tyler on his retirement, which begins in the coming days and noted he would see him next week when Mr. Tyler reported for work as a consultant during the transition of the departments Mr. Tyler directed.

Councilmembers collectively thanked Mr. Tyler for his service and wished him all the best in his retirement.

Councilmember Mobley presented a commemorative plaque to Honorary Councilmember Keith Thomas. Mobley noted that he and Mr. Thomas met playing basketball and the result has been a friendship lasting over 35 years. Mr. Thomas thanked Council and the community for the opportunity to serve as an Honorary Councilmember for the month of March 2019.

### ADJOURNMENT

Having no further discussion, the Thomasville City Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

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### OFFICIAL RECORD OF APPROVAL:

The foregoing Thomasville City Council Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2019 were approved by Thomasville City Council at a duly convened Thomasville City Council Meeting on April 8, 2019 with the following action taken:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tempore Terry Scott, and Councilmembers David Hufstetler, Jay Flowers and Todd Mobley.

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

MOVER: Councilmember Todd Mobley.

SECONDER: Councilmember Jay Flowers.

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Terry Scott did affix his signature, attested by the City Clerk, to the original and official record of the Thomasville City Council Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2019. The original and official record of these minutes are retained permanently in the office of the City Clerk.

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