

## City of Thomasville Called Council Meeting, April 15, 2020

The Council of the City of Thomasville met in a called session held entirely by teleconference pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(g) due to circumstances necessitated by the issuance of Georgia Governor Kemp's Executive Order 03.14.20.01, declaring a Public Health State of Emergency in Georgia, and the issuance of subsequent Executive Orders; including, but not limited to, Executive Order 04.02.20.01, issuing a statewide shelter in place to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Mayor Greg Hobbs presided over the meeting and the following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Pro Tem David Hufstetler; and Councilmembers Jay Flowers, Todd Mobley and Wanda Warren. Also present was City Manager, J. Alan Carson; City Attorney, Tim Sanders; and, other staff. Members of the press and citizens were granted simultaneous access to the meeting via the City of Thomasville's live stream feed located at [www.thomasville.org](http://www.thomasville.org).

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Greg Hobbs called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

### INVOCATION

Councilmember Jay Flowers led the Invocation.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem David Hufstetler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler motioned to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2020 as presented, with no exceptions. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

Councilmember Flowers motioned to approve the Emergency Called Council Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2020 as presented, with no exceptions. Councilmember Warren seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

Councilmember Mobley motioned to approve the Emergency Called Council Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2020 as presented, with no exceptions. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

Councilmember Warren motioned to approve the Emergency Called Council Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2020 as presented, with no exceptions. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Councilmember Warren motioned to approve the agenda as presented, with no exceptions. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business considered at this meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider a resolution of emergency for the first and second reading at this meeting of an amendment to Ordinance to Declaring a Local State of Emergency and Authorizing Meetings in conformity with §O.C.G.A. 50-14-1(g), to extend the state of emergency declared by the City Council.**

City Attorney, Tim Sanders, reported Thomasville Municipal Code § 2-2 allows for ordinances to be read on first and second readings at the same Council meeting under a resolution of emergency and must be passed by a super majority vote by Council. On April 8, 2020, Governor Kemp renewed the Public Health State of Emergency in Georgia to assist with the state’s response to Covid-19 (Executive Order 04.08.20.02). To comply with social distancing requirements, public health advisories and the Governor’s Executive Orders, there exists an emergency to adopt an extension of the Ordinance Declaring a Local State of Emergency declared by the City Council for the City of Thomasville. Councilmember Warren inquired if the extension of Council’s Declaration of Local State of Emergency would create any conflict with any of the issued Governor’s Orders or any orders issued by Thomas County. City Attorney confirmed there were no conflicts and the adoption of the ordinance would allow City of Thomasville to be eligible for funding, as well as the continuance of actions put into place by the original Local State of Emergency to assist the City of Thomasville and its citizens.

Councilmember Mobley motioned to approve the Resolution of Emergency as presented. Councilmember Mobley seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-1, with the following votes recorded:

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

NAY: Councilmember Warren.

The approved Resolution of Emergency follows.

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that in the interest of public health and safety and in an effort to curb the spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) in the City of Thomasville and surrounding communities, there exists an emergency status of need requiring an amendment to the Ordinance to Declaring a Local State of Emergency and Authorizing Meetings in conformity with §O.C.G.A. 50-14-1(g), to extend the state of emergency declared by the City Council of the City of Thomasville by that ordinance passed March 24, 2020, on first and second readings at this one meeting.

SO DONE this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

**Consider on first and second reading, under resolution of emergency, an amendment to Ordinance to Declaring a Local State of Emergency and Authorizing Meetings in conformity with §O.C.G.A. 50-14-1(g), to extend the state of emergency declared by the City Council.**

City Attorney, Tim Sanders, presented the amended ordinance to extend the Local State of Emergency previously declared by Council and noted this action aligns the Local State of Emergency with Governor Kemp’s Executive Order to renew the Georgia State of Emergency (Executive Order 04.08.20.02). It was noted that Council can terminate or extend this ordinance at any time through proper actions.

Councilmember Flowers motioned to order the Ordinance to amend the Declaration of a Local State of Emergency and Authorize Meeting in conformity with §O.C.G.A. 50-14-1(g), to extend the state of emergency declared by the City Council read for the first and second time, under resolution of emergency, passed and adopted at this meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler seconded. Discussion ensued.

It was noted the Declaration of Local State of Emergency (DLSE) had provided the City Manager to provide various measures to ensure social distancing of citizens. City Manager Carson provided a brief review of the measures in place to accommodate all health advisories related to stopping the spread of COVID-19 such as; but not limited to, closing governmental campuses to the general public and the suspension of the backyard-to-curbside service of garbage pickup; as well as the suspension of utility cutoffs for non-payment for the duration of the DLSE. City Manager Carson reported that although expenditures have been made for the normal replenishment of supplies for personal protection equipment (PPE); there were not yet expenditures directly related to the Public Health State of Emergency in Georgia for the coronavirus or COVID-19. It was further noted that specific tracking measures were being utilized to account for all pandemic related expenditures for reimbursement and other funding by Local, State and Federal agencies. City Manager Carson also reported the City of Thomasville continues close contact with Archbold Medical Center during this time with biweekly conference calls regarding COVID-19 and it was noted that two City of Thomasville employees had received positive test results following presumptive symptoms of COVID-19, those individuals' names were withheld. Attorney Sanders confirmed the passage of this ordinance would provide for the continuance of those measures to remain in place for the duration of the extended DLSE. Mayor Hobbs noted items to be considered on this meeting's agenda, which ratify his signature on documents, were completed so as to enable the City of Thomasville to continue to operate as an agency under the circumstances of the pandemic.

Following the discussion, it was noted the motion to order the ordinance read on first and second reading as presented, remained unchanged. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-1, with the following votes recorded:

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

NAY: Councilmember Warren.

The ordinance ordered read for the first and second times, under resolution of emergency, at this meeting, passed and adopted follows.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE, PASSED MARCH 24, 2020, UNDER RESOLUTION OF EMERGENCY ON FIRST AND SECOND READING, DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE PROLIFERATION OF THE NOVEL CORONA VIRUS 2019 (COVID-19) BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXPIRATION DATE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

#### SECTION ONE

WHEREAS, the President of the United States declared a National Public Health Emergency on Friday, March 13, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Georgia declared a Public Health State of Emergency in Georgia on March 14, 2020 and the Georgia General Assembly concurred with such declaration on March 16, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Georgia issued an Executive Order, No. 04.02.20.01, mandating, among other actions, a state-wide shelter in Place;

WHEREAS, by Executive Order 04.08.20.02, Governor Kemp extended the Public Health State of Emergency in Georgia until May 13, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. and the state-wide shelter in place order until April 30, 2020, at 11:59 p.m.;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is officially a global health pandemic according to the World Health Organization;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Prevention and Disease Control (“CDC”) has issued guidance on the rapidly evolving situation, including steps that can be taken to prevent the continued spread of the illness, including but not limited to social distancing;

WHEREAS, as of April 10, 2020, the Georgia Department of Public Health confirmed seventy two (72) cases of COVID-19 in Thomas County;

WHEREAS; a number of cities and unified governments, including but not limited to Atlanta, Athens-Clarke County, LaGrange, and Adel, have taken steps to attempt to curb the spread of COVID-19, including but not limited to (i) banning large public gatherings in public places; (ii) closing city offices and buildings to the general public; and (iii) authorizing the governing bodies of such cities and related boards and commissions to conduct public meetings and take votes by teleconference in conformity and accordance with §O.C.G.A. 50-14-1(g);

WHEREAS, Section 1.12(c)(8) of the Charter of the City of Thomasville provides that the City of Thomasville is authorized “To establish procedures for determining and proclaiming that an emergency situation exists within or without the city and to make and carry out all reasonable provisions deemed necessary to deal with or meet such an emergency for the protection, safety, health, or well-being of the citizens of the city;”

WHEREAS, as COVID-19 spreads in the City of Thomasville and the rest of Georgia, at a rate comparable to the rate of spread in other affected areas, it is likely to greatly strain the resources and capabilities of local and state governments, including those of the City of Thomasville;

WHEREAS, in the judgement of the City Council of the City of Thomasville, there exist emergency circumstances as a result of COVID-19 within the territorial limits of the City of Thomasville requiring extraordinary and immediate corrective actions for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Thomasville and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, additional measures may be required in the coming days and weeks to address and stem the spread of COVID-19, which is fluid and evolving, and such measures will likely need to be executed quickly and free from the usual formalities and procedures required for City action in light of the exigencies of the emergency situation resulting from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Thomasville, on March 24, 2020, passed an Ordinance Declaring a Local State of Emergency in response to the proliferation of the novel Corona Virus 2019 (COVID-19) March 24, 2020 on first and second reading under resolution of emergency (“Local State of Emergency Ordinance”).

## SECTION TWO

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the City Council adopts and makes the findings recited above as factual findings of the City Council.

## SECTION THREE

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that Section Three of the Local State of Emergency Ordinance is hereby amended to extend the state of emergency declared by the City Council until 11:59 p.m. on May 13, 2020, unless sooner terminated or extended by further action of the City Council of the City of Thomasville, effective immediately upon passage of this Ordinance.

## SECTION FOUR

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby suspended during the effective dates of this Ordinance and any extensions or modifications hereof and the terms of this Ordinance shall prevail.

#### SECTION FIVE

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, and it is hereby declared to the be intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Thomasville that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrase of this Ordinance are and were, upon their enactment, believed by the Mayor and the Council to be fully valid, enforceable, and constitutional.

#### SECTION SIX

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, and it is hereby declared by the Mayor and the Council of the City of Thomasville that (i) to the greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section paragraph sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is severable from every other section paragraph sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance and (ii) that to the greatest extent allowed by law, no section paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of his Ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other section paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of his Ordinance.

#### SECTION SEVEN

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, and it is hereby declared that in the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgement or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Thomasville that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or section of the Ordinance and that to the greatest extent allowed by law, all remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this Ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.

#### SECTION EIGHT

This ordinance was introduced and read at a lawful meeting of the Council of the City of Thomasville held on April 15, 2020, and read the second time, passed and adopted in like manner at the same meeting, under resolution of emergency pursuant to City of Thomasville Ordinance Section 2-2.

SO ORDAINED, this 15<sup>th</sup> of April, 2020.

#### **Motion to ratify the Mayor's signature and approval of bids and award for the purchase of one Tractor for Public Works Department.**

Executive Director Public Utilities, Chris White, reported this item was placed on the March 23, 2020 Council Meeting agenda prior to the meeting's cancellation. It was noted that this information was emailed to all Councilmembers for feedback prior to the Mayor signing of documents to allow the agency to move forward. Public Works is responsible for maintaining approximately 150 miles of city streets, including all Right of Way maintenance. Current responsibilities also includes ROW mowing of approximately 50 center line miles of ROW, inclusive of open ditches and steep ditch banks. This tractor will be equipped with a side-arm mower and used exclusively for ROW mowing within the city limits of Thomasville. Staff recommended the purchase of a John Deere 5075E from Ag-Pro Company of Thomasville, even though it was not the low bidder, as past experience has shown exceptional performance and service with the John Deere equipment and the local, reliable service from Ag-Pro of Thomasville. The purchase will be funded utilizing FY2020 budgeted capital funds of \$45,000.00, and with third party financing if necessary. The bid summary follows.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Ag-Pro Company <i>Thomasville, Georgia</i>	John Deere 5075E	\$42,300.00
Tidewater <i>Camilla, Georgia</i>	Case IH 75A	\$39,900.00
Atlantic Southern Equipment <i>Tifton, Georgia</i>	MF 4708	\$58,700.00

Councilmember Mobley motioned to ratify the Mayor’s signature and award of the bid to Ag-Pro Company of Thomasville, Georgia, in the amount of \$42,300.00 utilizing FY2020 budgeted capital funds, as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler seconded. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Warren voiced her concerns regarding this item, and each subsequent item on this agenda which ratifies the Mayor’s signature and approval. Councilmember Warren stated she did not agree with the Declaration of the Local State of Emergency and not continuing with Council Meetings on a regular schedule. She voiced further concerns regarding Councilmembers voting for something which has been “rubberstamped” and has already been completed without prior approval. Councilmember Warren expressed concerns that the “rubberstamping” needs to be stopped. Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler noted he was also in favor of Council returning to its regular meeting schedule by teleconference or video conference.

Following the discussion, Mayor Hobbs noted the motion to ratify the Mayor’s signature and award of the bid to Ag-Pro Company of Thomasville, Georgia, as presented, remained unchanged. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

**Motion to ratify the Mayor’s signature and approval of bids and award for the purchase of one Roll Off / Hook Truck for Solid Waste Department.**

Executive Director Public Utilities, Chris White, reported the Roll-off hook trucks are used by the Solid Waste Department primarily to provide containers for commercial construction services. It was noted that this information was emailed to all Councilmembers for feedback prior to the Mayor signing of documents to allow the agency to move forward. The containers are used by contractors and private citizens to remove larger construction debris from remodeling, new construction and property improvements. Upon reviewing the bids, it was determined that Four Star Freightliner had the best overall pricing package that met the needs of Solid Waste, in the amount of \$167,890.00, with third party financing if necessary. A summary of bids received follows.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Four Star Freightliner–Montgomery	2021 Frieghtliner114	\$167,890.00
Performance Peterbilt – Albany	2021 Peterbilt 567	\$188,172.00
Action Truck Center – Dothan	2021 Volvo VHD64B	\$186,190.00
Rush Truck Center – Valdosta	2021 HS International	\$180,999.00

Councilmember Flowers motioned to ratify the Mayor’s signature and award the bid for the purchase of one Roll Off/Hook Truck for Solid Waste Department to Four Star Freightliner of Montgomery, Alabama, in the amount of \$167,890.00, 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 Hufstetler and Councilmembers Flowers, Warren and Mobley.

**Motion to ratify the Mayor’s signature and approval of bids and award for the purchase of one (1) Cab/Chassis, Aerial Lift Unit and Associated Equipment.**

Executive Director Public Utilities, Chris White, reported the Electric Operations Department Service Bucket unit # 11108, Altec aerial lift unit used by the Electric Operations crews on a daily basis, has reached its end of economic life cycle. While not the lowest bidder, Executive Director White reported staff recommended the bid be awarded to Altec Industries, Inc. It was noted that this information, including the reasons stated for not awarding to the lowest bidder, was emailed to all Councilmembers for feedback prior to the Mayor signing of documents to allow the agency to move forward. This purchase was included in the FY2020 Electric Operations Capital Budget at a maximum cost of \$140,000.00. A summary of bids received follows.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Altec Industries, Inc.	\$138,954.00
Equipment Technology, LLC.	\$123,715.44
Dur-A-Lift	\$133,865.00
Versalift	\$127,806.00

Councilmembers inquired of chassis warranty and justification of the price differences provided by vendors. Executive Director White explained the warranty for the chassis is provided by the manufacturer of the chassis, while warranties of accessories are provided by Altec. He further explained the recommendation of staff to award bid to Altec Industries, Inc. was based on two items. The first, was that the other bids did not completely meet safety specifications and second, was Altec’s secured product, safety standards, fiber optic electric isolation measures and superior performance history throughout the industry and proven history with City of Thomasville.

Councilmember Mobley motioned to ratify the Mayor’s signature and award the bid to Altec Industries, Inc. for the purchase of one Cab/Chassis, Altec AT40G Telescopic Articulating Aerial Lift Unit and Associated Equipment 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:

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

**Motion to ratify the Mayor’s signature and approval of bids and award for the purchase of Large Directional Boring Machine for the Water Department.**

Executive Director Public Utilities, Chris White, reported the Water Department included in its FY2020 Water Capital Funds \$250,000 for the purchase of one new Large 24,000 lb. Directional Boring Machine for the replacement of an existing unit purchased in 2004 which has reached the end of its service life. This machine is utilized to install water mains, gas mains, sewer lines, electric conduits, and cable conduits under roadways, parking lots, and customer yards to minimize construction footprints. It was noted that this information was emailed to all Councilmembers for feedback prior to the Mayor signing of documents to allow the agency to move forward. Due to specialized tooling and electronics previously purchased, only two bids were received. A summary of bids follows.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Vermeer Southeast	\$241,088.33
Ditch Witch of Georgia	\$224,462.00

Councilmember Flowers motioned to ratify the Mayor’s signature and award the bid to Ditch Witch of Georgia in Albany, Georgia in the amount of \$224,462.00, utilizing 2020 Water Capital funds with third party financing if necessary, 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 Hufstetler and Councilmembers Flowers, Warren and Mobley.

**Motion to ratify the Mayor’s signature and approval of signature and approval of Change Order for Sinkhole Repair and Subgrade Stabilization, Cell 5A and Sediment Pond 3.**

Executive Director Public Utilities, Chris White, reported in January, 2020, a sinkhole was discovered in the footprint of Cell 5-A, which is under construction at the landfill. In early March, 2020, a sinkhole was discovered in Sediment Pond 3, which was also under construction. Due to the potential catastrophic nature of a future sinkhole developing beneath the loaded cell 5-A (after the cell is filled with municipal waste), an investigation was conducted of the entire cell 5-A footprint to determine what work needed to be done now to safely allow the new cell 5-A to be loaded with municipal waste in the future. Bunnell Lammons Engineering was hired to conduct the sinkhole and subgrade evaluation of Cell 5-A, and develop plans to repair the sinkhole that developed in January 2020, and to develop a plan to provide a safe subgrade for the cell that would future proof the cell against potential future sinkhole development. Based on these plans, the Contractor, Peed Brothers, Inc. was asked to provide pricing to make the necessary sinkhole repairs and to stabilize the Cell 5-A subgrade. The requested change order to their current contract includes repair of the sinkhole that developed in Cell 5-A in January, 2020, repair of the sinkhole that developed in Sediment Pond 3 in March, and installation of geogrid in each direction covering an area of approximately 288,000 square feet of Cell 5-A to stabilize the lined cell in the event of future sinkhole formation beneath the footprint of the cell. Executive Director White further reported that Peed Brothers, Inc.'s original contract price to construct Cell 5-A and Sediment Pond 3 was \$3,250,304.60. Change Order no. 1 to repair the sinkholes in both Sediment Pond 3 and Cell 5-A, and provide for subgrade stabilization of Cell 5-A will add \$728,056.80 to the contract, with the new contract amount being \$3,978,361.40. In order to keep the Contractor onsite working, it was imperative that we move forward on this change. It was noted that this information was emailed to all Councilmembers for feedback prior to the Mayor signing of documents to allow the agency to move forward. The shortfall created by Change Order no.1 will be accommodated in the budget by pushing the methane gas budgeted item further in the future, as it is not considered an emergency item.

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler motioned to ratify the Mayor's signature on the contract and approve Change Order no. 1 in the amount of \$728,056.80 for Sinkhole Repair and Subgrade Stabilization, Cell 5A and Sediment Pond 3 at the Municipal Solid Waste Landfill, as presented. Councilmember Flowers seconded. Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler requested staff to inform Thomas County of the expenditure. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

**Motion to approve bids and award for the purchase of a construction contract for sewer replacement patching for Loomis, North Spair, and Stevens Streets and ratify the Mayor's signature on the construction contract.**

Executive Director Public Utilities, Chris White, reported in advance of the 2020 SPLOST/LMIG resurfacing contract, the Sewer Department has recently replaced sewer mains and services on Loomis Street, North Spair Street, and Stevens Street. The work will be funded through budgeted FY2020 Sewer Capital Main Funds. It was noted that this information was emailed to all Councilmembers for feedback prior to the Mayor signing of documents to allow the agency to move forward. The summary of bids received follows.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
CMI, Inc. – Cairo, Georgia	\$28,950.50
Scoggins Dozier, Inc. – Ochlocknee, Georgia	\$28,015.60
Defnall Companies, LLC – Thomasville, Georgia	\$22,652.50

Councilmember Mobley motioned to approve the bid award to Defnall Companies, LLC for the purchase of a construction contract for sewer replacement patching for Loomis, North Spair, and Stevens Streets and ratify the Mayor's signature on the construction contract, as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

**Motion to approve payment of \$20,000 to Mauldin & Jenkins for additional time related to the FY2018 Audit and to extend contract for another year.**

Chief Financial Officer, Ashley Cason, reported in June 2018, In June 2018, City Council awarded Mauldin & Jenkins with a contract to provide the City of Thomasville with professional auditing services. Mauldin & Jenkins proposed

to provide annual financial auditing services to the City at a cost not to exceed \$69,500.00 for one year (FY2018), with two one-year renewals (FY2019 and FY2020) at the same fixed rate of \$69,500.00. This proposed price was primarily based on an estimated number of hours required to perform the audit. Upon completing the 2018 audit, Mauldin & Jenkins recognized that they incurred a significant amount of additional hours while conducting the audit, and billed the City of Thomasville for some of the additional costs incurred. The additional time outside their normal scope of audit work included significant work associated with interfund balances and pooled cash along with several other prior period adjustments. CFO Cason noted that Mauldin & Jenkins have confirmed they are confident that the additional time was a one-time event and the \$69,500.00 is still a reasonable amount for the upcoming years of audit work.

Councilmember Flowers motioned to approve payment of \$20,000.00 to Mauldin & Jenkins for additional time related to the FY2018 Audit and to extend contract for another year. Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler seconded. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Warren conveyed the discussion regarding the request to pay Mauldin & Jenkins an additional \$20,000.00 was reasonable as first year costs typically are higher; however, she did not agree with the one year extension of contract. It was noted that Mauldin & Jenkins had confirmed that the future years' contracted audit work would remain as the originally agreed upon yearly renewal expenditure amount of \$69,500.00 each year audited.

Following the discussion, the motion to approve payment of \$20,000.00 to Mauldin & Jenkins for additional time related to the FY2018 Audit and to extend contract for another year, as presented remained unchanged. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

**Bids and award for the purchase of equipment, hardware and installation of Cyclorama and Traveler Curtains for the Municipal Auditorium.**

Executive Director-Economic Development & Communications, Lynn Williams reported the Municipal Auditorium is used for more than 50 local productions in our community each year. It is a rentable facility, and agencies utilizing the auditorium pay a fee for its use. Currently, the cyclorama, or 'cyc', is the large white background that is located at the back of the stage. It is used to cover the back wall and hides ropes, cables and other material on that wall. It is also used with special lighting to create various illusions during performances. The black traveler curtains are used throughout performances to assist with depth and additional illusions during performances. Both, the cyc and the traveler curtains have reached their end of life and are badly damaged and frayed from repetitive use; as well as from water damage from roof leaks. Both items were budgeted to be replaced in 2020 following the roof repair in 2019. Due to the Governor's Executive Orders in relation to COVID-19, the Auditorium is not currently in use and this is an ideal time to complete the curtain replacements as budgeted. A summary of bids received follows.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
S&L Integrated <i>Thomasville, Georgia</i>	\$18,911.45
Power Tech Technologies <i>Tallahassee, Florida</i>	\$21,000.00
Reel Audio Broadcast Engineering <i>Thomasville, Georgia</i>	\$20,956.42

Councilmember Flowers motioned to award the bid to S&L Integrated in the amount of \$18,911.45 for the purchase of equipment, hardware and installation of Cyclorama and Traveler Curtains for the Municipal Auditorium, as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

**REPORTS**

City Manager Carson commended everyone’s patience and participation during the first completely teleconferenced meeting as a result of the current pandemic and social distancing actions required to slow the spread of COVID-19. It was noted the regular scheduled Council Meetings could resume as soon as it was safely possible to do so.

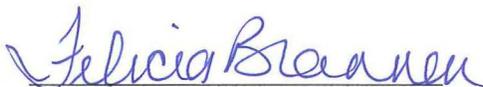
Councilmembers encouraged citizens to continue practicing social distancing and stay safe. They also acknowledged City of Thomasville team members for recent achievements and awards:

- Executive Director of Public Utilities, Chris White, was recently elected to serve on the Electric Cities of Georgia (ECG) Board of Directors.
- City of Thomasville’s Financial Services Division recently earned the Government Finance Officers Association’s (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting award for the City’s 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for eighteen consecutive years.
- Executive Director of Economic Development & Communications, Lynn Williams, announcement of retirement following more than 30 years of service with the City of Thomasville.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business to discuss, the Thomasville City Council Called Meeting was adjourned at 5:22 PM.

  
Mayor, Greg Hobbs

  
ATTEST: City Clerk

