

City of Thomasville Council Meeting, June 22, 2020

The Council of the City of Thomasville met in a regular session with Mayor Greg Hobbs presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Mayor Pro Tem David Hufstetler; and Councilmembers Todd Mobley and Wanda Warren. Also present were the City Manager, J. Alan Carson; City Attorney, Tim Sanders; other staff and members of the media. The meeting was held in Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 144 East, Jackson Street, Thomasville, Georgia.

This meeting was held in a manner that observes active Executive Orders and Health Advisories provided by Georgia Governor Kemp, Centers for Disease Control, Department of Health, and local health officials in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Seating was limited and additional safety measures were required such as, but not limited to, social distancing and wearing of facial coverings to ensure the health and safety of meeting participants and the citizens of Thomasville. Simultaneous access to the meeting was provided to those members of the press and citizens not present via the City of Thomasville's online live stream feed located at www.thomasville.org.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Greg Hobbs called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. It was reported that Councilmember Jay Flowers was absent from this meeting.

INVOCATION

Mayor Hobbs led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Warren motioned to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2020 as presented, with no exceptions. Councilmember Mobley seconded. There was not further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Hobbs acknowledged the following Citizens to be Heard, as listed on the sign in sheet:

1. Johnny Higdon, 511 North Stevens Street, Thomasville, Georgia, requested three actions to be taken by Council. 1) The allocation of 20% of Downtown Development Authority (DDA) budgeted funding for assistance specifically for African American owned businesses in Thomasville; 2) The assessment of Thomasville/Thomas County Confederate Monuments, Streets and various symbols for potential removal, relocation and/or renaming in an effort to heal the community's divisiveness; and, 3) A concerted effort of the rebuilding of the community's underserved areas, embracing of transparency, utilization of more African American contractors and partnerships with organizations such as Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to build up the community.
2. Andrea Collins, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, 80 Bent Oak Circle, Thomasville, Georgia, addressed Council in support of the opening of the 1861 Distillery and noted this new business would create an important economic impact for Thomasville.
3. Shelley Zorn, Executive Director of Thomasville Payroll Development Authority (PDA), 15386 Highway 319 North, Thomasville, Georgia, addressed Council in support of the opening of the 1861 Distillery. She

- reported owners Jill and Brian Higgins presented a solid business plan to the PDA and has received a tax abatement from PDA. Zorn reported the Higgins are locals who are willingly investing in their community.
4. Scott Sterling, 101 Imperial Drive, Thomasville, Georgia requested Council to not allow a cease in backdoor rollout garbage service for its customers. Citing potential unsightly/misplaced garbage cans and extra costs involved when cans were skipped as a result of customer inability or forgetfulness, Sterling noted the backdoor rollout service should remain in place as means to help keep Thomasville neighborhoods beautiful. Sterling also expressed his support of the Thomasville Police Department.
 5. Lucinda Brown, 103 Halcyon Way, Thomasville, Georgia expressed concerns regarding political signs and removal of non-compliance signs. She noted she continues to wait for Council to provide information regarding her request for a Citizen Review Board for Law Enforcement. Brown also expressed concerns regarding the opening of a distillery and noted that citizen involvement should be obtained regarding this type of new business in Thomasville.

ADOPT AGENDA

Councilmember Warren motioned to adopt the agenda 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 Hufstetler, and Councilmembers Mobley and Warren.

OLD BUSINESS

Second reading of an Ordinance to Demolish Unfit Structure located at 818 South Street.

Chief Building Official, Mark Harmon, reported there were no changes to the ordinance following its first reading on June 8, 2020. Harmon further reported that following Council's request at first reading, he had been in contact with Landmarks and Thomasville's Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) Team for any interest in salvaging the structure; there has been no response from either organization. Harmon stated this structure has remained on the list of dilapidated houses since 2015, it has been in a deteriorating state without utilities for a decade or more.

Councilmember Mobley motioned to ordered the Ordinance to Demolish the Unfit Structure located at 818 South Street as read for the second time, passed and adopted. Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler seconded. There was no further discussion. . The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

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

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 818 SOUTH STREET, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY SLYDERZ, LLC, MODELLA JOHNSON, AND ESTATE OF MODELLA JOHNSON; TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sub-section 5-288c of the City of Thomasville Municipal Code (the "Code"), the City of Thomasville has previously ordered the owner of the property located at 818 South Street, Thomasville, Georgia; to either repair, alter, improve, or demolish the structure located on the property; and

WHEREAS, the owner of such property has failed to comply fully with such order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of The City of Thomasville that the City Manager of the City of Thomasville is hereby authorized and directed to demolish the

structure(s) and clean up the property located at 818 South Street, Thomasville, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 008 024015, all that tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the City of Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as Lot No. Twelve (12), in Block One (1), in South Side Addition to the City of Thomasville, Georgia according to a map that is recorded in Deed Book 3-Q, Page 195, records of deeds of Thomas County, Georgia.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances of the City of Thomasville in conflict herewith be and the same hereby are repealed for purposes of this ordinance only.

SECTION III

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the provisions of the ordinance shall not be made a part of the official codified ordinances of the City of Thomasville but shall nevertheless be made a part of the public minutes of the City of Thomasville.

SECTION IV

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the effective date of the foregoing ordinance is the date of its final reading and passage.

SECTION V

This ordinance was introduced and read at the lawful meeting of the Council of the City of Thomasville held June 8, 2020, and read the second time, passed, and adopted on June 22, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider on First Reading an Ordinance Accepting the transfer from Thomas County of 3.95 miles of right of way of West Jackson Street and East Jackson Street extending from the eastern margin of the right of way of West Pinetree Boulevard through the center of downtown Thomasville to the western margin of the right of way of East Pinetree Boulevard.

City Attorney, Tim Sanders, reported that in 2005, Council approved a resolution agreeing to accept 3.95 miles of right of way of West Jackson and East Jackson through downtown Thomasville contingent upon Georgia Department of Transportation's (GDOT) completion of road improvements which constitutes the bypass around Thomasville. In connection with that, GDOT did abandon a 4.35 mile stretch of this road and in 2006 there was a deed to Thomas County from GDOT for the entirety of this stretch of roadway as described. However, a subsequent conveyance of property from Thomas County to the City of Thomasville was not recorded for the 3.95 miles of right of way of West Jackson Street and East Jackson Street extending from the eastern margin of the right of way of West Pinetree Boulevard through the center of downtown Thomasville to the western margin of the right of way of East Pinetree Boulevard. Sanders further reported that following the 2005 resolution, the City of Thomasville has maintained these rights of ways as per ownership. In order to accept any real property, it is necessary for Council to pass upon that in the form of an ordinance.

Councilmember Mobley motioned to order the Ordinance to accept the transfer from Thomas County of 3.95 miles of right of way of West Jackson Street and East Jackson Street as presented, with no exceptions, as read for the first time, passed and carried over. Councilmember Warren seconded. There was no further discussion. . The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

The ordinance title read for the first time, passed and carried over follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE TRANSFER FROM OF THOMAS COUNTY, GEORGIA ALL EXISTING RIGHTS OF WAY OF EAST JACKSON STREET AND WEST JACKSON STREET, AS THESE STREETS EXTEND FROM THE EASTERN MARGIN OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF WEST PINETREE BOULEVARD THROUGH THE CENTER OF DOWNTOWN THOMASVILLE TO THE WESTERN MARGIN OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF EAST PINETREE BOULEVARD; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPURPOSES.

Consider on First Reading an Ordinance to release to Teramore Development, LLC, that certain drainage easement and that certain driveway easement located at 1102 West Jackson Street.

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler cited a familial conflict of interest and would abstain from discussion and voting of this item and exited the room. Attorney, Tim Sanders, reported that in connection with the prior roadway ordinance is an ordinance for the release of a certain drainage easement and a certain driveway easement located at 1102 West Jackson Street to Terramore Development, LLC. Sanders reported the origin of the easements dates back to the mid-1960s, the easements were conveyed to GDOT in connection with right of way. When the roadway was transferred to Thomas County by GDOT at the completion of the bypass around Thomasville, these easements were tagged along with the conveyance of right away. With the conveyance of the roadway from Thomas County to the City of Thomasville, these two easements would be included. It was noted the engineering department has no use for either easement. Sanders reported that Terramore Development, LLC currently owns the property on which the easements are located and have requested an easement release from the City of Thomasville following the approval of the ordinance to accept property from Thomas County in relation to the GDOT project aforementioned. If approved, the deed would reflect only the release of these two easements and no other property. Discussion ensued regarding the location and size of easements; ownership of property on which easements are located and future development of the property; and, the capping of the stormwater drain at the easement.

Councilmember Mobley motioned to order the ordinance to release to Terramore Development, LLC, that certain drainage easement and that certain driveway easement located at 1102 West Jackson Street as read for the first time, passed and carried over, as presented. Councilmember Warren seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 3-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mayor Hobbs, and Councilmembers Mobley and Warren.

ABSTAINED: Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler due to a familial conflict of interest.

The ordinance title read for the first time, passed and carried over follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF THAT CERTAIN DRAINAGE EASEMENT AND THAT CERTAIN DRIVEWAY EASEMENT LOCATED ON THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THOMASIVLLE, GEORGIA KNOWN AS 1102 WEST JACKSON STREET TO TERRAMORE DEVELOPMENT, LLC; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

It shall be noted the Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler rejoined the meeting at this time.

First reading of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 3, Alcoholic Beverages, to permit and regulate Distilleries.

City Attorney, Tim Sanders, reported the State of Georgia regulates alcohol production, distribution and sales at the state level through a three-tier system. With some exceptions, alcohol is produced by manufacturers who must in turn

sell their products to wholesalers, who then sell the product to retailers, who then make final sales to the consumer. One of the exceptions to that system is found in O.C.G.A. § 3-43-24.2, which provides that a distiller shall have the right to sell to individuals up to 500 barrels of their distilled spirits produced at their licenses premises. Sanders reported there were further limitations provided in reference to consumption on and off the premises. Distillers are permitted to sell only their distilled spirits produce at the licensed premise and are not allowed to sell any other alcoholic beverages under their distiller's license. Sanders reported the 1861 Distillery has indicated their desire to operate a distillery in Thomasville contingent upon the amendment of Chapter 3 of Thomasville Municipal Code so as to permit and regulate Distilleries in Thomasville and the alignment with State Statute. Sanders reviewed the summary of proposed amendments for Chapter 3, Sections: 3-1, 3-23(a), 3-24, 3-27, and 3-106. Discussion ensued regarding proposed revisions to Section 3-24 to establish the fee for a Distiller's license at \$4,000.00. During the discussion, owner Brian Higgins requested Council consider lowering the Distiller's license fee to be more favorable for new distilleries when calculating their startup costs. Further discussion ensued with Mr. Higgins regarding the business logo, fees for distilleries in similar cities, potential tier fees based on gallons produced and hours of operation.

Councilmember Mobley motioned to amend Section 3-24(a)(6) of the presented ordinance so as to strike the drafted annual Distiller Fee amount of \$4,000.00 and replace with the amount of \$1,500.00, so as to reflect the establishment of the annual Distiller License Fee and order the ordinance to Amend Chapter 3, Alcoholic Beverages, to permit and regulate Distilleries as read for the first time, passed and carried over, as amended. Councilmember Warren seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

The ordinance title read for the first time, passed and carried over follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF THOMSVILLE, GEORGIA, BY AMENDING SECTION 3-1 TO ADD A NEW DEFINITION FOR "DISTILLER"; SECTION 3-23(a) TO ADD A LICENSE CATEGORY TO PERMIT DISTILLERIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 3-24 TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR A DISTILLER'S LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 3-27, TO PROVIDE THAT DISTILLER LICENSES MAY ONLY BE GRANTED IN AREAS ZONED M (MANUFACTURING); BY CREATING A NEW SECTION 3-106; DIVISION 4 IN ARTICLE III TO BE CAPTIONED "SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR DISTILLERS"; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 3-181 THROUGH 3-188, DIVISION 3 ARTICLE IV, TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXCISE TAX ON THE SALE OF DISTILLED SPIRITS IN UNBROKEN PACKAGES BY DISTILLERS; BY AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "LICENSEE" IN SECTION 3-206, DIVISION 4, ARTICLE IV, TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXCISE TAX ON THE SALE OF DISTILLED SPIRITS BY THE DRINK BY DISTILLERS FOR CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

First reading of an Ordinance to Rezone 313 Vine Street from C1A-LU (Credit Bureau) to C-1A.

City Planner, Kenneth Thompson, reported the applicant is requesting to rezone their property located at 313 Vine Street from C-1A-LU (Credit Union) to C-1A for the purpose of reusing the existing structure as an office building. As currently zoned, the property can only be used as a Credit Union. In order for the parcel to be used for any other use, this zoning stipulation must be removed. A C-1A rezoning will allow for a professional office to operate out of the existing building while ensuring any potential future development remains compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. The property sits at the corner of the CSX railroad, Vine Street, and Chestnut Street. The existing site is compatible with the C-1A zoning regarding building placement and on-site parking. The C-1A zoning will also limit the types of uses and the amount of impervious coverage on the lot, further protecting the character and integrity of the neighborhood. The rezoning request is in conformance with the *Thomasville: Blueprint 2028 Future Land Use Map* and will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property.

- The rezoning will unlock greater economic potential for the parcel, allowing for the property to hold a limited variety of professional uses that are contextual with the adjacent residential neighborhood.

- The rezoning will not have an adverse effect on the surrounding neighborhood. The C-1A zoning creates an appropriate transition between the commercially zoned area to the west and the residential neighborhood to the east. This precedent does not extend into the adjacent neighborhoods.
- The proposed rezoning conforms with the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan. The parcel is within the Suburban Neighborhood character area but is on the edge of the Carroll Hill Neighborhood Center. In these conditions, it is appropriate for commercial uses to transition to a residential scale at the edge of the neighborhood center and the residential neighborhood.

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler motioned to order the ordinance to rezone 313 Vine Street from C1A-LU (Credit Union) to C-1A, as read for the first time, passed and carried over, 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 Hufstetler and Councilmembers Mobley and Warren.

The ordinance title read for the first time, passed and carried over follows.

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 4 OF SECTION 22-81 CAPTIONED "C-1A-LU, SUNNYLAND CREDIT UNION", TO DESCRIBE SAID EXCLUDED TRACT AND TO DESIGNATE THE SAID SAME TRACT AS PARCEL 21 OF SECTION 22-81 CAPTIONED "C-1A". TO ESTABLISH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Resolution to approve contract with Georgia Department of Transportation to receive "CARES" Act Funding for Thomasville Regional Airport and to authorize the Mayor to execute necessary and related documents.

City Engineer, Wayne Newsome, reported The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act signed into law on March 27, 2020 included funds to be awarded as economic relief to eligible airports in the U.S. The City of Thomasville applied for and were awarded \$69,000.00 to cover certain operational expenses and loss of revenue due to the nationwide shutdown. The grant application was made and awarded for the full amount available to Thomasville Regional Airport, and will require no matching funds or "in-kind" services from the City. The resolution, if adopted, will approve the City of Thomasville to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to receive these funds, and will authorize the Mayor to execute all documents that may be necessary to fulfill the request for funding.

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler motioned to approve a resolution to approve contract with Georgia Department of Transportation to receive "CARES" Act Funding for the Thomasville Regional Airport and to authorize the Mayor to execute necessary and related documents Councilmember Warren seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

The approved resolution follows.

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT) CONTRACT FOR CARES ACT FUNDING ASSOCIATED WITH THOMASVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT IN THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (H.R. 748, Public Law 116-136) (PDF), signed into law by the President on March 27, 2020, includes \$10 billion in funds to be awarded as economic relief to eligible U.S. airports affected by the prevention of, preparation for, and response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville, has applied through the GDOT to receive its CARES Act formula allocation of funding through the submission of a CARES Act Application;

WHEREAS, through the submission of this application, The City of Thomasville has accepted the terms of the FAA's allocation offer to utilize its funding in a manner that fully complies with the CARES Act, other federal laws and regulations, and applicable FAA program requirements;

WHEREAS, The City of Thomasville desires to request reimbursement for costs and operating expenses at Thomasville Regional Airport (TVI) by submitting reasonable and customary documentation for payroll, operational, and debt service costs, and;

WHEREAS, The City of Thomasville has received a contract from the Georgia Department of Transportation, contract AP020-90CA-33(275) Thomas County, to provide reimbursement for the above noted costs and expenses up to a maximum amount of \$\$69,000.00 of which \$69,000.00 will be Federal Funds, \$0.00 will be State Funds, requiring a local match of \$0.00, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Thomasville authorizes the Mayor to execute such documents that may be necessary to fulfill this request for federal assistance and accept a contract from the GDOT to include Federal funds.

Adopted this 22nd day of June, 2020.

Bids and award for Purchase of Construction Contract for 2020 SPLOST/LMIG Street Improvements.

City Engineer, Wayne Newsome, reported bids were received on June 05, 2020 for the above listed project. This project includes water and sewer rehabilitation and/or replacement and street resurfacing for the following streets:

Archbold Avenue (Rosedale Avenue – Gordon Avenue)
East Calhoun Street (North Hansell Street - North Mitchell Street)
East Pinetree Boulevard (East Jackson Street – CSX RR)
North Boulevard (North Broad Street - North Dawson Street)
North Mitchell Street (East Walcott Street – East Washington Street)
North Oak Street (West Webster Street - West Clay Street)
North Spair Street (Georgia Avenue – East Walcott Street) and
(East Monroe Street – East Washington Street)
North Stevens Street (West Webster Street – West Monroe Street)
North Young Street (Chatham Drive - East Clay Street)
South Street (Junius Street - Azalea Street)
Azalea Street (South Street - Magnolia Street)
West Loomis Street (South Street – Rosedale Avenue)
Curb and gutter is being added on North Spair Street and North Boulevard.

Newsome reported the project was advertised for 30 days, with ads running in the Thomasville Times-Enterprise on May 8th and May 22nd. The project was posted on the State of Georgia's procurement website and on the City's website. There were nine (9) plan holders, but only one bid was received. The contract time for completion is 210 consecutive calendar days. Engineering's estimate for this project was \$3,423,594.68, less than one percent higher than the low bid received. The sole bid received was reviewed against historical unit prices, and found to be in-line with pricing indices. A summary of bids received follows.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
The Scruggs Company – Valdosta, Georgia	\$3,393,076.17

Following a brief discussion regarding the possibility prioritizing of the streets on which to begin, Councilmember Mobley motioned to award the bid for the purchase of construction contract for 2020 SPLOST/LMIG Street Improvements to The Scruggs Company of Valdosta, Georgia in the amount of \$3,393,076.17 as presented.

Councilmember Warren seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

Bids and award for purchase of Construction Contract for Roadway Improvements on South Pinetree Boulevard between West Jackson Street and Old Monticello Road.

City Engineer, Wayne Newsome, reported Council approved “Plan B” of the South Pinetree Roadway Improvement Project during the January 28, 2019 Council meeting. The approved “Plan B” offered such options as completing a 5’ sidewalk from West Jackson Street to Martin Luther King Drive and continuing along South Pinetree Boulevard to the roundabout at Magnolia Street; adding three strategically placed left turn lanes at West Jackson Street, Martin Luther King Drive, and the former State Hospital; and the resurfacing of the existing road between West Jackson Street and Old Monticello Road. Proposals were opened June 5th, 2020 for the above listed project, which includes furnishing all labor and equipment to perform all work required. The project consists of improvements to South Pinetree Boulevard between West Jackson Street and Old Monticello Road. These improvements include resurfacing the roadway between West Jackson Street and Old Monticello Road. A sidewalk will be constructed on the North side of the roadway between Eugene Collins Way (entrance to Providence Plaza) and Magnolia Road. The roadway will be widened to accommodate turn lanes at the intersections of West Jackson Street, South Martin Luther King Drive, and the State Hospital entrance with a new roundabout constructed at the intersection with Magnolia Road. Work is to be completed within 180 consecutive calendar days of Notice to Proceed. Newsome reported the work will be funded utilizing HB 170 funds authorized by the Georgia Department of Transportation. A summary of bids received follows.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
The Scruggs Company	\$2,688,559.72
Capital Asphalt	\$4,034,562.50

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler motioned to award the contract for the PI 0015802 CR 441/S. PINETREE BLVD. FROM SR 35 (W. JACKSON) TO OLD MONTICELLO RD to The Scruggs Company of Valdosta, Georgia in the amount of \$2,688,559.72, as being qualified to perform the services, and as the lowest cost proposal received. Councilmember Mobley seconded. Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler commended the efforts of Representative Darlene Taylor for assistance with facilitating funding for this project. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

Bids and award for purchase of One (1) new Caterpillar 973K Track Loader.

Assistant Solid Waste/Landfill Superintendent, Lee Thomas, requested Council’s approval for the Landfill Staff to place an order for one (1) new Caterpillar 973K track loader. It was noted that additional information had been requested regarding rebuild options at the June 3rd Utilities Committee meeting. Staff has reached out to Caterpillar corporate, Albany, Valdosta and other Landfill agencies to solidify our recommendation of a new purchase over rebuilding our existing track loader. A rebuild has never been accomplished in the region and non-favorable feedback was received on the only rebuilt unit in the state that could be located. This purchase replaces unit # 6, a 2011 loader Thomas reported that \$148,000 has been expended in repairs over the last two years with additional repairs needed. with over 12,000 hours of service. Thomas reported that as has been mentioned in previous purchases of these units, Caterpillar is the only manufacturer to offer track loaders of this size making this a single source purchase. If approved, the expenditure will be included in the FY2021 Landfill Capital Budget. The order for a new unit requires a six month build time to avoid the 2021 price increase and to ensure a January delivery date. The bid received follows.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Yancey Brothers Company <i>Albany, Georgia</i>	\$549,715.00

Councilmember Mobley motioned to award the purchase of One (1) new Caterpillar 973K Track Loader from Yancey Brothers Company of Albany, Georgia in the amount of \$549,715.00, utilizing 2021 Landfill Capital Budget, with

third party financing if necessary. Councilmember Warren seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

REPORTS

Councilmembers collectively thanked participating citizens and the community for its support.

Councilmember Warren stated she would continue to sit during the Pledge of Allegiance until there is real change in Thomasville and the State of Georgia. She noted there was a need to reconstruct the history books and a part of the Thomasville Community is hurting. She encouraged Councilmembers to fulfill their obligation to make the change and take time to come up with a solution to help. Councilmember Warren encouraged citizens to reach out to her if they had any questions regarding her position on this matter. Mayor Hobbs stated that as Mayor, he could not by law make people stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler commended efforts made by staff, local elected officials and State Representatives for efforts in removing the operation of the Thomasville State Farmers' Market from proposed state budget cuts. He reported that Representative Darlene Taylor had been instrumental in getting Thomasville's story heard for this endeavor. A two minutes video depicting the importance of the Thomasville State Farmers' Market will be played before the Georgia House, Senate and Commissioner Black. The video was played for those present during this Council meeting and will be played on various social media platforms as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, the Thomasville City Council Meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.



Mayor, Greg Hobbs



ATTEST: City Clerk

