

City of Thomasville Council Meeting, September 14, 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 Jay Flowers, 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 observed 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.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Flowers led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Mobley motioned to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2020 as presented, with no exceptions. 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, Mobley and Warren.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

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

1. Terry Scott, 106 Pinecrest Boulevard, Thomasville, Georgia, addressed Council regarding needed improvements in all community parks, with an emphasis on parks in the areas of the underserved community. He inquired if Northside Park could be revitalized and if CARES Act funding could be utilized.
2. Keith Thomas, 432 Woods Gate Lane, Thomasville, Georgia, addressed Councilmembers regarding his concerns with personnel within the Thomasville Police Department.
3. Lucinda Brown, 103 Halcyon Way, Thomasville, Georgia, address Councilmembers regarding the lack of departmental accountability in reference to funding; the lack of transparency and lack of public oversight of the Drug Squad. Due to time constraints, Brown was unable to address recreation concerns that were to Councilmembers regarding requests for improvements for recreation at community parks.

ADOPT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler motioned to adopt 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

Second reading of an ordinance to amend Thomasville Municipal Code, Chapter 13, captioned "Utilities".

Director of Public Utilities, Chris White, reported there had been no changes to the ordinance since the first reading on August 24, 2020. White noted these amendments would replace most references of Utilities Superintendent or Superintendent with City Manager to better align with the current City Charter. The amendments also update approval levels of the City Manager for certain purchases and emergency expenditures; update outdated fees, procedures, definitions and verbiage to correctly align with our current service classifications and definitions; Provides the ability for City Council to adjust and approve numerous fees dynamically and without future Chapter 13 ordinance amendments; removes inconsistencies and conflicts with Georgia code 25-9-1 "Underground Utilities Protection"; as well as cleans up several grammatical and syntax errors.

Councilmember Flowers motioned to order the ordinance to amend Thomasville Municipal Code, Chapter 13 Utilities as read for the second time, passed and adopted, 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, Mobley and Warren.

Due to the final length of the ordinance ordered read for the second time, passed and adopted, the entire document will be attached to the permanent record of these minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve Amended and Restated Solid Waste Disposal Facility Agreement.

City Attorney, Tim Sanders, presented an amended and restated Solid Waste Disposal Facility Agreement. He further reported the Thomas County Board of Commissioners approved and signed the agreement. It was noted that in 1973 the City and County entered into an agreement to operate a solid waste facility as a nonprofit operation on land owned by the County with the City performing the actual operation. Since its inception, the agreement has been amended and revised as the operation of the facility has changed for the betterment of the community and the region. Attorney Sanders reported this agreement places the full operational responsibility with the City and that the City will pay a monthly fee of \$25,000 to the County for the use of the land to operate the Thomasville/Thomas County Landfill until the time that the City ceases accepting solid waste at the Landfill and commences the process to formally close the Landfill. The agreement addresses Tipping Fees, Liabilities, as well as Financial Matters and Fees. Attorney Sanders reported that both parties have had the opportunity to negotiate the terms of the agreement and to review the agreement prior to execution.

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler motioned to approve the Amended and Restated Solid Waste Disposal Agreement as presented. 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler commended Councilmembers, County Commissioners and the respective staff members for their efforts in finalizing this agreement. It was noted that Thomas County Commission Chairman Phillip Brown and Commissioner Donnie Bagget were present at the meeting. Commission Chairman Brown applauded the City for their efforts and noted the Thomas County Commissioners looked forward to a long term working relationship with the City.

Alcohol Beverage Mystery Shopper Violations Show Cause Hearings.

City Attorney, Tim Sanders, opened the meeting for Show Cause Hearings regarding Mystery Shopper Alcoholic Beverage Violations pursuant to the Thomasville Municipal Code Section 3-25. Attorney Sanders reported on February 28th and February 29th, 2020 the Thomasville Police Department conducted the annual Mystery Shopper detail in Thomasville, Georgia to assure all businesses licensed in the city limits are within Georgia law. As a result of this investigative detail, and its subsequent actions, there have been seven (7) establishments whose employees have pled guilty or been adjudicated guilty. Following this action, the Alcoholic Beverage License Holder has the right to request a show cause hearing to be held before the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, as to why their license to sell alcoholic beverages at the establishment should not be suspended or revoked by Council

because of the sale of alcoholic beverage to an underage person. Five of the seven Alcoholic Beverage License Holders have requested, and been confirmed, for Show Cause Hearings at this meeting. Attorney Sanders reported that each of these establishments have provided proof of the employee's participation in the required alcohol beverage training program and were considered as first offenses as each establishment had no violations in the twelve months prior to this citation. It was noted that the number of violators for the annual Mystery Shopper detail was greater than seven; however, due to delays caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the remaining employee violators have not completed their court process and therefore the License Holders could not hear request a Show Cause Hearing. The remaining violators would appear before Council at a later time.

Attorney Sanders summoned Carroll Hill Package Store License Holder, Gary Patel to appear before Council. Mr. Patel stated no contest to the citation and elected to pay the levied fine if so levied. Councilmember Mobley motioned to approve the levied fine of \$500.00 for the citation of License Holder Gary Patel for Carroll Hill Package Store, located at 621 North Boulevard, Thomasville, Georgia as a first offender for Alcohol Beverage Violation – License Holder Sales to Underage Persons pursuant to City of Thomasville Municipal Code § 3-25 as presented. 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.

Attorney Sanders summoned Rose City Liquor Store License Holder, Ajit Patel to appear before Council. Mr. Patel stated no contest to the citation and elected to pay the levied fine if so levied. Councilmember Flowers motioned to approve the levied fine of \$500.00 for the citation of License Holder Ajit Patel for Rose City Liquors, located at 15189 US Highway 19 South, Thomasville, Georgia as a first offender for Alcohol Beverage Violation – License Holder Sales to Underage Persons pursuant to City of Thomasville Municipal Code § 3-25 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, Mobley and Warren.

Attorney Sanders reported Shop N Go License Holder, Ratilal Patel was summoned to appear before Council at this meeting; however, Mr. Patel was unable to attend due to COVID-19 international travel bans. Attorney Sanders reported Mr. Patel's legal counsel had provided a letter of no contest and a request to pay the levied fine if so levied. Councilmember Flowers motioned to approve the levy a fine of \$500.00 for the citation of License Holder Ratilal Patel for Shop N Go, located at 408 South Broad Street, Thomasville Georgia as a first offender for Alcohol Beverage Violation – License Holder Sales to Underage Persons pursuant to City of Thomasville Municipal Code § 3-25 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, Mobley and Warren.

Attorney Sanders summoned Frida's Mexican Grill License Holder, Fernando Pena to appear before Council. Mr. Pena stated no contest to the citation and elected to pay the levied fine if so levied. Councilmember Mobley motioned to approve the levied fine of \$500.00 for the citation of License Holder Fernando Pena for Frida's Mexican Restaurant, located at 116 North Broad Street, Thomasville, Georgia as a first offender for Alcohol Beverage Violation – License Holder Sales to Underage Persons pursuant to City of Thomasville Municipal Code § 3-25 as presented. 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.

Attorney Sanders summoned LaFogata's of Thomasville License Holder, Santiago Solorio to appear before Council. Mr. Solorio stated no contest to the citation and elected to pay the levied fine if so levied. Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler motioned to approve the levied fine of \$500.00 for the citation of License Holder Santiago Solorio for LaFogata's of Thomasville, located at 14418 US Highway 19 South, Thomasville, Georgia as a first offender for Alcohol Beverage Violation – License Holder Sales to Underage Persons pursuant to City of Thomasville Municipal Code § 3-25 as presented. 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.

Having no further participants in the Show Cause Hearings, City Attorney Sanders noted the conclusion of the Show Cause Hearings. It was noted that each License Holder would receive notification by Certified Mail that the individual Council-levied fines were due to the City of Thomasville within seven business days.

First reading of an ordinance to amend the Charter of the City of Thomasville, Section 3.13, captioned “City Attorney”, of Article III.

City Attorney, Tim Sanders, reported the City Attorney for the City of Thomasville is currently appointed by the City Manager. At Council’s request, this amendment to the Charter of the City of Thomasville, Section 3.13, captioned “City Attorney” allows for the provision of the City Attorney to be appointed by the Council of the City of Thomasville. In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3(b)(1), a copy of this ordinance will be on file in the Clerk’s office, for inspection by the public until the date the ordinance is passed in final form.

Councilmember Flowers motioned to order the ordinance to amend the Charter of the City of Thomasville, Section 3.13, captioned “City Attorney”, as read for the first time, passed and carried over, 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, Mobley and Warren.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED BY AN ACT APPROVED OCTOBER 3, 1889, ENTITLED “AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TOWN OF THOMASVILLE AS THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE” (GA. LAWS 1888-89, PAGES 854-64, INCLUSIVE), AS AMENDED BY SEVERAL SUBSEQUENT ACTS, TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 3.13; TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL IN NO WAY OTHERWISE CHANGE THE EXISTING CHARTER EXCEPT AS SET FORTH ABOVE AND SHALL IN NO WAY WHATSOEVER CHANGE THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE IN ANY MANNER; TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Resolution of Emergency to allow for the first and second readings at this one meeting, of an ordinance to set the City of Thomasville 2020 Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate.

Event Facilities, Business & Tax Licensing Administrator, Melissa Creel, requested Council to consider approval of a Resolution of Emergency to allow an ordinance to be read on first and second readings at this one meeting regarding the levy of City of Thomasville Ad-Valorem Millage Rate for the City of Thomasville at Zero.

Councilmember Mobley motioned to approve a Resolution of Emergency to allow for the first and second readings at this one meeting, of an ordinance to set the City of Thomasville 2020 Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate. 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.

The approved Resolution of Emergency follows.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that due to the time required to prepare the 2020 ad valorem tax bills, there exists an emergency status of need requiring the adoption of an ordinance to set the 2020 City Ad Valorem Property Tax millage rate on first and second readings at this one meeting.

SO DONE this the 14th day of September 2020.

First and second readings of an ordinance to set the City of Thomasville 2020 Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate, under resolution of emergency.

Event Facilities, Business & Tax Licensing Administrator, Melissa Creel, reported the City of Thomasville has not had to levy a property tax since 2012; therefore, the City of Thomasville millage rate will remain at 0 mills.

Councilmember Mobley motioned to order the first and second readings at this one meeting, under Resolution of Emergency, of an ordinance to set the City of Thomasville 2020 Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate. 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.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE CITY ADVALOREM PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT FOR 2020, AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE LAW BASED ON THE EVALUATION, BY THE BOARD OF SUCH TAX ASSESSORS OF THOMAS COUNTY FOR 2020 COUNTY TAX PURPOSES, OF EACH SUCH TAXABLE ITEM WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY; TO SET THE TAX RATE FOR 2020 TO BE LEVIED UPON ALL SAID PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Thomasville by the authority vested in them by the charter, charter amendments, and ordinances of said City, and in conformity with State law, that the City ad valorem property tax assessments for 2020 are hereby established based on the evaluation, by the Board of Tax Assessors of Thomas County for 2020 County tax purposes, of each such taxable item within the corporate limits of said City, such assessments totaling \$684,092,079 exclusive of assessments on motor vehicles which have already been taxed, by operation of State Law of 1985.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that upon all of said assessment as hereby established, and compiled into the 2020 Tax Digest together with the assessments established by the State Revenue Commissioner upon properties of public utilities, there be, and hereby is, set and levied a tax rate of:

00.00 mills for General Government.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed for the purposes of this ordinance only.

This ordinance was read the first and second times in lawful meeting of the Council of the City of Thomasville held this the 14th day of September, 2020, in accordance with resolution adopted previously declaring an emergency requiring first and second readings at this one meeting, passed and adopted after proper vote.

Resolution of Emergency to allow for the first and second readings at this one meeting, of an ordinance to set the 2020 School Millage Rate for the Thomasville Board of Education.

Event Facilities, Business & Tax Licensing Administrator, Melissa Creel, requested Council to consider approval of a Resolution of Emergency to allow an ordinance to be read on first and second readings at this one meeting regarding the levy of 2020 Tax Millage Rate for the Thomasville Board of Education.

Councilmember Warren motioned to approve a Resolution of Emergency to allow for the first and second readings at this one meeting, of an ordinance to set the Thomasville Board of Education 2020 Tax Millage Rate. 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, Mobley and Warren.

The approved Resolution of Emergency follows.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that due to the time required to prepare the 2020 ad valorem tax bills, there exists an emergency status of need requiring the adoption of an ordinance to set the 2020 City School Tax millage rate on first and second readings at this one meeting.

SO DONE this the 14th day of September 2020.

First and second readings of an ordinance to set the 2020 School Millage Rate for the Thomasville Board of Education, under resolution of emergency.

Event Facilities, Business & Tax Licensing Administrator, Melissa Creel, reported as stated in Section 11.2 of the City Charter, the City of Thomasville is the levying authority. Because of this, the City Council levies the millage rate recommended by the Thomasville Board of Education. The Thomasville Board of Education has requested that the Thomasville City Council consider on first and second reading under emergency resolution an ordinance levying the 2020 school tax. The City School Board has met and adopted the 2020 school tax millage rate of 18.422 mills. This will be a decrease in the millage rate of 0.189 from 2019. The net 2020 digest for school purposes is \$684,092,079, which means that each mill of tax will produce approximately \$684,000. This represents about a 2.55 percent increase in the mill value. We completed the roll back rate calculation for the City Schools. This calculation was determined to be 18.422. The City School Board has advertised and recommends the school tax rate to be at 18.422 mills. As the levying authority, we are responsible for levying and collecting the tax on the City schools' behalf.

Councilmember Mobley motioned to order the first and second readings at this one meeting, under resolution of emergency, of an ordinance to set the 2020 School Tax millage Rate for the Thomasville Board of Education at 18.422 mills. 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.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE CITY ADV ALOREM PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT FOR CITY SCHOOL TAX FOR 2020, AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE LAW BASED ON THE EVALUATION, BY THE BOARD OF SUCH TAX ASSESSORS OF THOMAS COUNTY FOR 2020 COUNTY TAX PURPOSES, OF EACH SUCH TAXABLE ITEM WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY; TO SET THE CITY SCHOOL TAX RATE FOR 2020 TO BE LEVIED UPON ALL SAID PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE FOR DISCOUNTS TO BE ALLOWED ON PAYMENT OF 2020 TAXES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Thomasville by the authority vested in them by the charter, charter amendments, and ordinances of said City, and in conformity with State law, that the City ad valorem property tax assessments for 2020 are hereby established based on the evaluation, by the Board of Tax Assessors of Thomas County for 2020 County tax purposes, of each such taxable item within the corporate limits of said City, such assessments totaling \$684,092,079 exclusive of assessments on motor vehicles which have already been taxed, by operation of State Law of 1985.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that upon all of said assessment as hereby established, and compiled into the 2020 Tax Digest together with the assessments established by the State Revenue Commissioner upon properties of public utilities, there be, and hereby is, set and levied a tax rate of 18.422 mills comprised of the following levies to meet the requirements for each purpose as listed:

For City School Tax 18.422 mills

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the following discounts be allowed on payments of 2020 taxes:

If paid on or before November 16, 2020 3 percent

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that as to any irregularity or error which occurs with regard to payment by the taxpayer and which is not the result of fault or oversight by the taxpayer and which occurs because of fault, oversight, time constraints or other action or inaction on the part of the administrative staff of the City of Thomasville, the City Manager shall have the authority, in his sole discretion, to allow the benefit of early payment, to waive any penalty for late payment which would otherwise be imposed, or take any other such action which he deems prudent and appropriate in the circumstances.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed for the purposes of this ordinance only.

This ordinance was read the first and second times in lawful meeting of the Council of the City of Thomasville held this the 14th day of September, 2020, in accordance with resolution adopted previously declaring an emergency requiring first and second readings at this one meeting, passed and adopted after proper vote.

Motion to approve the following four (4) applications for Alcoholic Beverage Licenses.

Event Facilities, Business & Tax Licensing Administrator, Melissa Creel, reported there were four applications for Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for Council's consideration of approval. City Attorney Sanders noted that each application would require a separate vote; however, each applicant should remain for the Mayor's words regarding Thomasville Municipal Code.

1. Applicant Nimesh Patel for Rudra One, LLC, D.B.A. OM, located at 1317 East Jackson Street, Thomasville, has completed application for a license to engage in the business of selling Packaged Beer, Wine and Liquor. The license issued by the City is contingent upon the applicant receiving a like permit from the Georgia Department of Revenue, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax unit. There were no issues revealed in the background check of the applicant.

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler motioned to approve the application for Nimesh Patel, Rudra One LLC, as presented. 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.

2. Applicant Anna Carroll for Thomasville Tomahawk, located at 2613 East Pinetree Boulevard, Thomasville, has completed application for a license to engage in the business of selling Consumption / Packaged Beer and Wine. The license issued by the City is contingent upon the applicant receiving a like permit from the Georgia Department of Revenue, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax unit. There were no issues revealed in the background check of the applicant.

Councilmember Mobley motioned to approve the application for Anna Carroll, Thomasville Tomahawk, as presented. 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.

3. Applicant Monika Patel for PMJ Food Mart #2, located at 617 North Boulevard, Thomasville, has completed application for a license to engage in the business of selling Packaged Beer and Wine. The license issued by the City is contingent upon the applicant receiving a like permit from the Georgia Department of Revenue, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax unit. There were no issues revealed in the background check of the applicant.

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler motioned to approve the application for Monika Patel, PMJ #2, as presented. 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.

4. Applicant Monika Patel for PMJ Food Mart #3, located at 107 Old Albany Road, located at 1317 East Jackson Street, Thomasville, has completed application for a license to engage in the business of selling Packaged Beer and Wine. The license issued by the City is contingent upon the applicant receiving a like permit from the Georgia Department of Revenue, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax unit. There were no issues revealed in the background check of the applicant.

Councilmember Warren motioned to approve the application for Monika Patel, PMJ Food Mart #3, as presented. 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.

Upon approval of the four applicants' licenses as presented, Mayor Hobbs read the following statement to all license holders:

It is important that you and your staff strictly adhere to the City of Thomasville's Alcoholic Beverage Sales ordinances and required employee training programs. It is important that you have a training program for your employees regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages to underage persons, and it is important that you have written proof that your employees have participated in the required training program.

As a reminder, 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. If you or one of your employees sells alcoholic beverages to an underage person through the Mystery Shopper Program, you will be required to appear before the City Council and show written proof that your employees have participated in the required training program. Please understand that the penalties for the sale of alcoholic beverages to underage person are significantly greater if you don't have written proof that your employees have participated in the required training program.

We are providing you, a copy of Thomasville Municipal Code Chapter 3, "Alcoholic Beverages", with the added Article V ordinance amendment for "Sale Off-Premises for Catered Functions". Please familiarize yourself with the code and the requirements associated with your alcoholic beverage license.

Bid and award for purchase of construction contract for Mitchell Street Drainage Improvements.

Executive Director of Public Utilities, Chris White, presented the item before Council in the City Engineer's absence. The drainage culverts under Mitchell Street at McIntyre Park have been repaired multiple times in the past several years and the street has been patched at this crossing each time. This block of Mitchell Street is scheduled to be resurfaced in the 2020 SPLOST/LMIG Street Improvements project. Before resurfacing the roadway these culverts need to be replaced. Bids were requested from local contractors licensed to perform this work. Two bids were received on August 21, 2020. It was requested of Council to approve the award of construction contract to Scoggins Dozer, Inc. in the amount of \$76,565.00, as being the lowest qualified bid received. It was noted the construction will be funded from the 2018 SPLOST. The summary of bids follows.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Green's Backhoe, Thomasville, Georgia	\$88,276.00
Scoggin's Dozer, Inc., Thomasville, Georgia	\$76,565.00

Councilmember Flowers motioned to approve the award of bid to Scoggin's Dozer, Inc. 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, Mobley and Warren.

Bids and award for Belt Press Roof Replacement at Waste Water Treatment Facility.

WWTF Maintenance Supervisor, Jonathan Clay reported the building was constructed and put in service January 2002 and still has the original roof. The project will include removal of old roof down to the deck and replaced with similar roofing material. The approved Sewer Capital Budget included \$40,000 for this project. A summary of bids received follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Lowndes Roofing	\$34,620.00
Lewis Walker Roofing	\$36,000.00
Harrell Roofing	\$39,000.00
Burnette Roofing	\$42,340.00
Southeast D&E Services	\$39,500.00
Southland Rowe	\$52,785.00
Logan Roofing	\$71,900.00

Councilmember Mobley motioned to approve the award of bid to Lowndes Roofing in the amount of \$34,620.00 utilizing 2020 Sewer Capital funds with third party financing if necessary, as presented. 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Hobbs reported the Consent Agenda items were considered as routine and/or non-controversial items. Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler motioned to approve the consent 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.

Mayor Hobbs acknowledged the following item as approved under the Consent Agenda:

A. Transfer of Title for ownership of Laurel Hill Cemetery Lot.

The Cemetery Administrator received, and verified, appropriate documentation pursuant to Thomasville Municipal Code Section 6-6 to complete Transfer of Title for the following cemetery lot/space(s):

1. Lot # 40, Section G, Florida Street from William C. Carter, Sr. and Vera Mildred Hurst Carter to Elbert Hurst.

REPORTS

There were no individual reports given by Councilmembers at this meeting.

Councilmember Warren motioned to close the public meeting and enter into an Executive Session for Councilmembers to discuss matters of personnel. 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, Mobley and Warren.

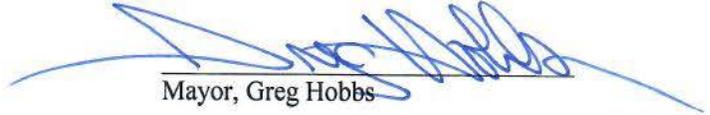
The Executive Session was held in Council Chambers those in attendance were Councilmembers, City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk. The Executive Session was held pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2).

[To discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a city official or employee.]

Upon the reopening of the Executive Session, it was noted there was no further business to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, the Thomasville City Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.



Mayor, Greg Hobbs

Julicia Brannen
ATTEST: City Clerk

