

## City of Thomasville Council Meeting, December 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, Councilmembers Jay Flowers, Todd Mobley and Wanda Warren. Also present were the City Manager, J. Alan Carson; City Attorney, Tim Sanders; and other staff. 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](http://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

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler motioned to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of November 23, 2020 as presented, with no exceptions. Councilmember Warren seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 3-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

### PRESENTATION

Mayor Hobbs acknowledged the following presentation for this meeting:

1. **Proclamation – Reggie Perry, NBA Draft Pick.** Mayor Hobbs recognized Thomasville High School graduate, Reggie Perry as being selected in the 2020 NB Draft by the Brooklyn Nets. Mayor Hobbs presented Mr. Perry's Mother, Kim Perry, with a Proclamation of Congratulations in honor of Mr. Perry's achievements of incredible milestones as a basketball player and becoming the first Thomasville High Basketball player to be selected in the NBA Draft. On behalf of the Perry family, Ms. Perry thanked Council and the community for the recognition of her son Reggie.

### CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

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

1. Matt Kirkley, 417 Remington Avenue, Thomasville, Georgia addressed Council with an inquiry regarding the two transfer expenditures as listed in the Special Hotel/Motel Tax FY2018 Actual Expenditures column, as listed in the FY2021 Proposed Budget, and noted they were not both listed as transfers in the FY2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). He indicated he had several additional budget related inquiries as well. It was noted that a Proposed Budget public hearing was held on December 7, 2020 and questions regarding the FY2021 Proposed Budget were addressed at that time. City Manager Carson requested CFO, Ashley Cason to address Kirkley's current inquiry. Kirkley confirmed his current inquiry was in relation to the FY2018 budget. CFO Cason reported the Special Hotel/Motel Tax Fund was designated specifically for Hotel/Motel Tax collected and expended/transferred. Transfers/Expenditures of this fund are allocated only to Tourism and the Events Center. She further explained that transfers to individual component

units, such as Tourism, are listed and accounted for differently in the CAFR. Kirkley noted he had no further questions at this time.

2. Keith Thomas, 432 Wood Gate Lane, Thomasville, Georgia noted that he makes a point to always greet people publically in a friendly manner and requested that, in the future, he be addressed likewise when being greeted in public.

### **ADOPT AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler motioned to adopt the agenda as presented, with no exceptions. 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.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Second reading of an ordinance authorizing property acquisition of 2,500 square feet, more or less, in connection with the construction of Lift Station 8.**

City Attorney, Tim Sanders, reported had been no changes to the ordinance following the passing of the same on the first reading on November 23, 2020. He noted the Sewer Department is planning to construct a new sewer pumping station, Lift Station 8, located on the south side of South Pinetree Boulevard at the intersection of South Pinetree Boulevard and Longleaf Drive in Thomasville. In order to construct the new Lift Station 8, it is necessary to purchase approximately 2,500 square feet of real property located on the south side of South Pinetree Boulevard and adjacent to the current site. The property is owned by Millpond I, LLC. A title exam revealed the property is subject to a conservation easement, currently held by New England Forestry Foundation. In connection with the closing, New England Forestry Foundation will also be required to release its interest in the property. City Attorney Sanders further reported the Engineering Department recommends moving forward with the purchase of the property. It was noted that the purchase price will be allocated between Millpond I, LLC and New England Forestry Foundation as provided for in the conservation easement. A map depicting the location of the proposed acquisition was reviewed.

Councilmember Mobley motioned to order the ordinance authorizing the property acquisition of 2,500 square feet, more or less, in connection with the construction of Lift Station 8, read for a second time, passed and adopted 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.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 2,500 SQUARE FEET, LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF LONGLEAF DRIVE AND S. PINETREE BOULEVARD; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

#### **SECTION I**

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City of Thomasville to purchase that real property consisting of 2,500 square feet, owned by Millpond I, LLC and on the south side of S. Pinetree Boulevard, located at the intersection of Longleaf Drive and S. Pinetree Boulevard more particularly described on that survey contained in Exhibit "A," attached hereto ("Property") and to secure the release of the interest held by the New England Forestry Foundation in the Property pursuant to that certain conservation easement, dated March 30, 1995, recorded in deed book 466, page 154 among the deed records of Thomas County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the Property is in connection with and necessary to the installation of a new sewer pumping station to better serve residents in the immediate area ("Lift Station 8 Project");

WHEREAS, the Council of Thomasville, Georgia, recognizes that the purchase of the Property is necessary to and in furtherance of the Lift Station 8 Project, is a valid public purpose and of significant benefit to the citizens of the City and their health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the Property will be a cost effective measure for the goals and objectives in furtherance of the Lift Station 8 Project.

#### SECTION II

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Thomasville, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same (i) that the acquisition of the Property, more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby authorized for a purchase price of Seven Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$7,500.00); (ii) that the documents attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A" are hereby ratified and approved; and (iii) that the Mayor is authorized to take all actions and to do all things necessary to carry out the purposes and intent set forth in this ordinance and to effect the purchase of the Property, under such other terms and conditions as may be necessary and appropriate in his judgment and discretion, in consultation with the City Attorney, including but not limited to the execution of purchase and sale agreements, settlement statements and other related closing document.

#### SECTION III

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its final adoption.

#### SECTION IV

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

#### SECTION V

This ordinance was introduced and read at a lawful meeting of the Council of Thomasville, Georgia, held on November 23, 2020, and read a second time, passed, and adopted in a like meeting held on December 14, 2020.

#### **Second reading of an ordinance for proposed amendments to Section 5-503, 5-506, 5-509, 5-521 of the Sign Ordinance.**

City Planner, Kenneth Thompson reported there had been no changes to the ordinance following the passing of the same on the first reading on November 23, 2020. He noted the Planning & Zoning Commission (P&Z) proposed adopting a new sign ordinance to replace the existing ordinance at its October 5, 2020 meeting. However, when this item was presented to Council at a workshop held on October 21, 2020, the City Council requested more time to review the ordinance in its entirety and asked to staff and P&Z Commission to proceed with the portions of the proposed ordinance that would allow the Downtown Courtyard Marriott signs to be installed. Thompson reported these would be handled as text amendments to the current ordinance and include non-controversial changes to the sign code for additional building sign types, such as the marquee sign, canopy sign, awning sign, and wall sign. This entire section, defined as "building signs", is proposed to replace the existing section for building signs. These proposals were presented to the P&Z Commission in a called meeting on November 23, 2020. The P&Z Commission voted unanimously to recommend the adoption of proposed amendments to certain sections of the current Sign Ordinance as presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler motioned to order the ordinance to amend Sections 5-503, 5-506, 5-509, and 5-521 of the Sign Ordinance of Chapter 5 of the Thomasville Municipal Code, read for the second time, passed and adopted, 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.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 5 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

#### SECTION ONE

BE IT ORDAINED that Section 5-503, Article XVI, Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Thomasville, captioned "Definitions." is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 5-503 Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Advertising Device. See Sign.

Animated Sign. Means a sign that has moving parts or includes action, motion, or color changes, or the optical illusion of action, motion, or color changes, including signs using electronic ink, signs set in motion by movement of the atmosphere, or made up of a series of sections that turn, including any type of screen using animated or scrolling displays such as an LED (Light Emitting Diode) screen or any other type of video display, even if the message is stationary.

Area of Sign Face. Means the area, in square feet, within a continuous perimeter enclosing the limits of writing, representation, emblem, or any figure of similar character together with any frame, other material, open space, or color forming an integral part of the display or used to differentiate such sign from the background against which it is placed. The area of the support structure shall not be included in calculating area of sign face.

Awning Sign. Means a permanent sign that is painted, screen printed, or applied on an awning.

Banner. Means a sign, with or without characters, letters, illustrations, or ornamentations, applied to cloth, paper, plastic or fabric of any kind with only such material for a backing. Flags within the limitations of Section 5-505 shall not be considered banners.

Billboard. Means a freestanding sign with a sign face of more than 182 square feet on multi-lane divided highways or more than 150 square feet on other streets and highways or a wall sign with a sign face of more than 300 square feet.

Building Inspector. Means a building inspector of the city.

Building sign. Means a permanent sign attached directly to a building or to a supporting structure attached to a building. Building signs include, without limitation, canopy signs, marquee signs, suspended signs, projecting signs, wall signs, and window signs.

Canopy. Means a permanently roofed horizontal architectural projection applied to, and supported entirely from, the exterior wall of the building, supported from below by brackets or above by suspension cables, and providing protection from the elements, including sun and rain.

Canopy sign. Means a permanent sign attached to a canopy.

**Changeable Copy Sign.** Means a sign that is capable of changing the position or format of word messages or other displays on the sign face or of changing the visible display of words, numbers, symbols and graphics by the use of a matrix of electric lamps, moveable discs, moveable panels, light apertures or other methods, provided these changes are actuated by either a control mechanism or manually on the face of the sign. Tri-vision Signs and LED Signs are specifically excluded from the definition of Changeable Copy Sign.

**Double-Faced Sign.** Means a sign which has two display areas opposite each other or where the interior angle formed by the display area is 60 degrees or less, where one face is designed to be seen from one direction and the other face from another direction.

**Flag.** Means a sign consisting of any fabric containing distinctive colors, patterns, logos or symbols, used as a symbol of a government or any other entity or organization.

**Flashing Sign.** Means a sign, the illumination of which is not kept constant in intensity at all times when in use, and which exhibits marked changes in lighting effects. Flashing Signs are considered animated signs.

**Freestanding Sign.** Means a sign which is attached to or part of a completely self-supporting structure. The supporting structure shall be permanently and firmly set in and below the ground surface and be wholly independent of a building for support.

**Frontage.** Means the distance for which property abuts one side of a street, road or highway, or other public way measured along the dividing line between the property and such road, or highway, or other public way.

**Frontage, Building.** Means the area in square feet of the front exterior wall of a particular establishment.

**Clearance.** Means the distance in vertical feet from the ground, sidewalk or other surface to the lowest point of the sign face or sign structure, whichever is lower.

**Height of Sign.** Means the vertical distance in feet from the ground, sidewalk or other surface to the highest point of the sign face or sign structure, whichever is higher.

**Historic impact area.** Means the entire area designated by ordinance as a historic district as well as a buffer area 750 feet in depth completely surrounding each such historic district and measured from the district's exterior boundary.

**Illuminated Sign.** Means any sign or portion thereof which is illuminated by artificial light, either from an interior or exterior source, including outline, reflective or phosphorescent light, whether or not the source of light is directly affixed as part of the sign, and shall also include signs with reflectors that depend upon sunlight or automobile headlights for an image.

**Illuminated Sign, Direct.** Means a sign illuminated by an internal light source.

**Illuminated Sign, Indirect.** Means a sign illuminated by an external light source directed primarily toward such sign.

**Incidental Sign.** Means a sign of no more than two (2) square feet that serves the purpose of guiding safe traffic movements onto, from or on property, and without which there is an increased risk of incompatible traffic movements or obstructions. Examples of incidental signs include but are not limited to, "Stop," "No Parking," "Entrance," "Loading Zone" and other similar traffic related directives.

**LED Sign.** Means any sign or portion thereof that uses light emitting diode technology or other similar semiconductor technology to produce an illuminated image, picture, or message of any kind

whether the image, picture, or message is moving or stationary. This type of sign includes any sign that uses LED technology of any kind, whether conventional (using discrete LEDs), surface mounted (otherwise known as individually mounted LEDs), transmissive, organic light emitting diodes (OLED), light emitted polymer (LEP), organic electro polymer (OEL), or any other similar technology. For the purpose of this article, LED signs are not considered changeable copy signs.

Lot. Means a unit of land as defined in a single deed recorded in the Superior Court Deed Records of Thomas County, Georgia. The description as specified in each recorded deed shall constitute a lot for the purpose of this article. Provided further, that two (2) or more adjoining lots in common ownership and which are physically unified by the existence of a common structure or development located thereon shall constitute and be considered as one (1) lot for the purpose of this article.

Lot, Corner. Means a lot which abuts on two (2) or more streets, or roads or both, at their intersection, or upon a curved street, provided that the two (2) sides of the lot, or the tangent to the curve of the street line at its starting points at or within the sidelines of the lot, intersect to form an interior angle of not more than 135 degrees.

Lot, Through. Means a lot other than a corner lot having frontage on more than one (1) street.

Marquee. ~~Means a roofed structure attached to and supported by a building and projecting over public or private sidewalks or rights of way.~~ Means a permanently roofed architectural projections whose sides are either vertical or horizontal and are supported entirely from an exterior wall of a building.

Marquee Sign. ~~Means a sign suspended from the ceiling of a marquee.~~ A sign mounted to or hung from a marquee that projects horizontally or vertically from the façade to express a figural design and message to motorists and pedestrians. Marquee signs often have patterned or neon lighting and changeable or painted lettering.

Marquee sign, horizontal. Means a canopy-like structure integrated into the façade that projects horizontally over the sidewalk and is typically centered upon the entrance. A horizontal marquee may serve as the base for a vertical marquee.

Marquee sign, vertical. Means a linear, vertically oriented structure that projects outward at a 90-degree angle from the façade of the building or at a 45-degree angle from the corner of the building. A vertical marquee often extends beyond the parapet of the building, but may also terminate below the cornice.

Monument Sign. Means a freestanding sign which forms a solid structure from the ground to the top of the sign, and the width of which is constant from the ground to the top.

Multi Lane Divided Highway. Means a highway consisting of four (4) or more lanes with two (2) or more lanes each in opposing directions separated by a grassed or barrier median.

Non-conforming Sign. Means a sign, legally existing at the time of erection, but which does not conform to the provisions of this article.

Non-conforming Use. Means any use of a building or land which was legal at the time of inception but which does not conform to this article for the zoning district in which it is situated.

Owner. Means the person who has the legal right or exclusive title to the sign.

Permittee. Means the person who secures a permit from the city to erect, install, attach or paint a sign.

Planned Center, Office, Commercial, or Industrial. Means a group of two (2) or more retail stores, service establishments, offices, industries, or any other businesses planned to serve the public, which is in common ownership or condominium ownership.

Pole Sign. Means a freestanding sign that is mounted on a pole or other vertical support such that the bottom of the sign face is more than six (6) feet above the ground and there is no visual obstruction other than the vertical support between the ground and the bottom of the sign face.

Pole signs may also be mounted between two poles or vertical supports provided they otherwise meet the standards of this definition.

Portable Sign. Means a sign, whether on its own trailer, wheels or otherwise, which was designed and manufactured so that it can be transported from one place to another, and sidewalk and A-frame signs as further defined and regulated in this article.

Projecting Sign. ~~Means any sign that is affixed at an angle or perpendicularly to the wall of any building in such a manner to read perpendicularly or at an angle to the wall on which it is mounted.~~ Means any small, permanent, pedestrian-scaled sign that is mounted perpendicularly to a building's façade in a manner that allows for easy reading from both sides of the sign. Projecting signs may be hung by bracket, outside the reach of pedestrians, in a manner that permits them to swing slightly.

Roof Sign. Means a sign mounted upon or above any portion of the roof of a building or structure including the upper slopes of a gambrell or mansard roof or any variations of such roofs. Signs mounted on the lower slope of a gambrell or mansard roof shall be considered wall signs.

Setback. Means the distance from the property line to the nearest plane of the applicable building, structure, or sign, measured perpendicularly to the property line.

Serial Sign. Means a sign which contains individual panels arranged vertically or horizontally, or both, in rows between two vertical supports, each panel utilized by a separate entity. Serial signs are designed to share signage among multiple tenants on a lot. Serial signs may be wall or freestanding signs. Freestanding signs shall have a minimum of two (2) vertical supports.

Shopping Center. See definition for Planned Center.

Sidewalk and A-Frame Signs. Means a portable sign the support structure of which is not imbedded in the ground. Such signs are constructed in such a manner that they stand on their own but are not permanently installed.

Sign. Means a device or representation for visual communication which is used for the purpose of bringing the subject thereof to the attention of others.

Sign Face. Means the part of a sign that is or can be used to communicate its message.

Standard Informational Sign. Means a sign with an area not greater than four and one-half (4.5) square feet, with a sign face for short term use, containing no reflective elements, flags, or projections, and which, when erected, stands at a height of not greater than two and one-half (2.5) feet and is mounted on a wooden stake or metal frame with a thickness or diameter not greater than one and one-half (1.5) inches.

Swinging Freestanding Sign. Means a freestanding sign suspended from a horizontal structural support supported by vertical structural steel columns or wooden posts.

~~Swinging or Projecting Wall Sign. Means a sign projecting more than eight (8) inches from the outside wall of any building upon which it is located and suspended from supports of any kind.~~

Suspended sign. Means a small, pedestrian scaled sign that mounts to the underside of a beam, porch ceiling, gallery, arcade, breezeway or similar covered area in a manner that allows for easy reading from both sides. Suspended signs are typically hung in a manner that allows them to swing slightly.

Temporary Sign. Means a sign of a non-permanent nature.

Tri-Vision Sign. Means a sign designed with a series of triangular slats that mechanically rotate in sequence with one another to show three (3) different sign messages in rotation. For purposes of this article, a tri-vision sign is not a changeable copy sign.

Wall Sign. Means a sign painted on, applied to or mounted to the wall or surface of a building or structure, the sign display surface of which does not project more than eight (8) inches from the outside wall of such building or structure provided that channel letters mounted to a raceway may not project more than twelve (12) inches. Wall signs include signs composed of individually cut or painted letters and/or graphics that are applied directly to the façade of the building or applied to a signboard or base that is then attached to the façade of the building. The total lettering on one wall of a building or structure shall constitute one wall sign. Wall signs shall do not project above the top edge of a the wall above or below the front wall or beyond the edge or face of a marquee wall.

Window Sign. Means any sign placed inside or upon a window in such a manner as to be viewable and/or readable from the exterior of the building.

Zoning Administrator. Means the Zoning Administrator of the City.”

## SECTION TWO

BE IT ORDAINED that Section 5-506, Article XVI, Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Thomasville, captioned “Prohibited Signs” is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 5-506 Prohibited Signs.

(a) The following types of signs are prohibited in all zoning districts of the city:

- (1) Roof signs;
- (2) Sidewalk and A-Frame signs;
- (3) Portable signs, with the exception of banners as allowed by section 5-524;
- ~~(4) Swinging or projecting wall signs in excess of two (2) square feet in area;~~
- (4) ~~(5)~~ Animated signs;
- (5) ~~(6)~~ LED signs;
- (6) ~~(7)~~ Tri-vision signs;
- (7) ~~(8)~~ Signs on public rights-of-way except signs erected by the jurisdiction controlling said right-of-way.

(b) Prohibited signs shall be removed within 48 hours of notice of violation of this section, provided that where permanent signs are installed, the 48-hour period may be extended for up to two (2) weeks by the zoning administrator where removal requires engagement of a sign contractor or other specialized expertise.”

## SECTION THREE

BE IT ORDAINED that Section 5-509, Article XVI, Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Thomasville, captioned “Illumination” is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 5-509 Illumination.

(a) Sign illumination devices such as, but not limited to, flood or spotlights shall be so placed and so shielded as to prevent the rays or illumination therefrom from being cast into neighboring dwellings or approaching vehicles. No sign shall have blinking, flashing, scrolling, fading, or fluctuating lights or other illuminating devices which have a changing light intensity, brightness or color or form. No signs shall mechanically or electronically change the content shown on the sign

face more often than once in any 24hour period. No revolving or rotating beam or beacon of light shall be permitted as part of any sign. ~~No LED lighting is permitted as part of a sign.~~

(b) Direct illumination of signs shall be permitted only on the following roadways:

- (1) Highway 19,
- (2) Highway 319 from its intersection with Pinetree Boulevard in the Northeast portion of the city and running in a Northeasterly direction to the city limits;
- (3) Highway 319 from its intersection with Pinetree Boulevard in the Southwestern portion of the city and running Southwesterly to the city limits; and the Bypass.

(c) The illumination of any sign within a historic impact area of the city shall be limited to indirect illumination only using fully shielded fixtures, provided however that a marquee sign may be internally lit and shall be of such intensity or brightness that the illumination shall not interfere with the character of the historic district influenced by such historic impact area.

(d) Notwithstanding anything in this Chapter 5, Article XVI to the contrary, direct illumination signs that are Marquee Signs shall otherwise be permitted in zoning districts C1A, C1, and C2 and subject to the following standards:

- (1) The brightness of an illuminated sign shall not exceed 30 foot-candles at any one point on the sign face.
- (2) Any light from an illuminated sign shall be directed so that the light intensity or brightness shall:
  - i. Illuminate only the surface area of the sign;
  - ii. Not interfere with the safe vision of motorist, bicyclists or other roadway users.”

#### SECTION FOUR

BE IT ORDAINED that Section 5-521, Article XVI, Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Thomasville, captioned “Marquee Signs” is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 5-521 Standards for ~~Marquess Signs~~ Building Signs

~~(a) Quantity Per Location. One (1) marquee sign is allowed per business in addition to, or in lieu of, a freestanding sign. If a marquee sign is used, a swinging/projecting wall sign cannot be used unless it is attached to the wall above the marquee. A wall sign may also be used in addition to a marquee sign.~~

~~(b) Maximum Size. The maximum size of any marquee sign is two (2) square feet.~~

~~(c) Maximum Height. Not applicable.~~

~~(d) Minimum Ground Clearance. The minimum ground clearance of any marquee sign is seven and one-half (7.5) feet above the sidewalk.~~

~~(e) Setback. Not applicable.~~

(a) Combinations of building signs. A lot not utilized as a single family or two- family residential use may use a combination of building signage, up to no more than three types of building signs per occupied space for first floor occupancies per building wall. For the purpose of this section “occupied space” is that space identified by the owner of the property as a single unit for the purpose of rental or occupancy, regardless of whether additional subtenants may occupy the space.

(b) Wall signs. Wall signs are allowable for non-single family and two-family uses in the C1A, C1, C2, M, M1, M2, and R2 zones. Wall signs may consist of individual cut or painted letters or graphics applied directly to the façade of the building, or applied to a sign board that is then attached flat against the façade of the building. For areas outside the Historic Impact Area that permit internal illumination of signs, channel letters may also be attached directly to a raceway mounted on the outside of the building. Wall signs shall not protrude beyond the roofline or cornice of the building. Wall signs may be installed with zero setback from a property line, provided that no part of the sign overhangs the property line and that no part of the sign is within eight (8) feet of electric power lines.

Signs mounted to the wall of buildings in the downtown C-2 zoning district may overhang the right-of-way (sidewalk) provided that all other provisions of this article are met.

**Aggregate sign area of wall signs (primary and secondary facades):**

<u>Façade of 80 feet or less:</u>	<u>1 sf per linear foot of storefront width up to 80 sf max.</u>
<u>Façade of more than 80 feet or less than 14 feet:</u>	<u>1.5 sf per linear foot of storefront width up to 120 sf max.</u>
<u>Each auxiliary façade:</u>	<u>.5 sf per linear foot of storefront width up to 80 sf max.</u>

**Width:** Storefront width, max.

**Vertical dimension limit:** 5 feet max., 12-inch min.

**Projection from façade:** 8 inches maximum, with raceway 12 inches maximum

**Signs per building:** Per aggregate sign areas

**Upper story entities:** One tenant only: 1 sign only, 3 square foot max. at entrance; Multiple commercial entities: shared multi-tenant sign.

(c) Awning and canopy signs. Permitted in C1A, C1, C2, M, M1 and R2 zones, excluding single family and multi-family residential uses. Awning and canopy signs are limited to the first floor of buildings. All awnings and canopies must be constructed of fabric or metal. Vinyl and plastic awnings and canopies are prohibited.

**Canopy standards (maximums):**

<u>Sign area:</u>	<u>1 square foot per linear foot of frontage</u>
<u>Letter height:</u>	<u>20 inches Letter thickness: 6 inches Limit</u>

Limit one sign per canopy

**Awning standards (maximums):**

<u>Sloping plane:</u>	<u>25% coverage</u>
<u>Letter height:</u>	<u>18 inches</u>
<u>Valance:</u>	<u>75% coverage</u>
<u>Vertical dimension:</u>	<u>Between 8 and 16 inches</u>
<u>Letter height:</u>	<u>8 inches</u>

Limit one sign per sloping plane and one sign per valance per awning

**Combined canopy and awning standards:**

<u>Clearance over sidewalk:</u>	<u>8 feet min.</u>
<u>Setback from curb:</u>	<u>2 feet min.</u>

(d) Marquee signs. Permitted in C1A, C1 and C2 districts. One marquee sign is allowed, but only for buildings with a minimum square footage of 12,000 square feet, provided however that if the building has more than one frontage, one additional marquee sign is permitted, but only if both signs are separated by a distance of more than one hundred (100) feet, measured in a straight line at any angle. Marquee signs may be oriented either horizontally or vertically or may be combined into a horizontal/vertical combination marquee sign.

**Vertical marquee signs:**

Sign area limits: 24-inch width max, 12-inch depth, max. Lettering  
width: 75% of sign width max.  
Clearance height: 10 feet minimum  
Extension above roofline: 10 feet maximum (may not extend beyond eave of pitched roof).

**Horizontal marquee signs:**

Sign area limits: 5 sf per lineal feet of commercial entity frontage, up to 250 sf, max.  
Sign width: Commercial entity width, max. Vertical limits of sign: 5 feet max.  
Clearance height: 10 feet min.  
Setback from sidewalk/curb: 2 feet minimum

(e) Projecting signs. Permitted in C1A, C1, C2 and R2 districts. Projecting signs are intended to be small, pedestrian scale signs, easily read from both sides. Projecting signs shall be hung well out of reach of pedestrians. All exposed edges of the sign must be finished.

Sign area: 6 square feet max. Sign width: 48 inches, max.  
Sign vertical limit: 36 inches, max. Sign thickness: 4 inches, max.

Clearance height above sidewalk: 7 feet, 6 inches min. Extension from building: 4.5 feet maximum Number per commercial entity: one per façade.

Upper story commercial entities may have either a projecting or suspended sign at first floor entrance, not both.

(f) Suspended signs. Permitted in C1A, C1, C2 and R2 districts. Suspended signs must be hung well out of the reach of pedestrians. All exposed edges of the sign must be finished.

Sign area: 6 square feet max. Sign width: 36 inches, max.  
Sign vertical limit: 36 inches, max.

Clearance height: 7 feet, six inches minimum  
Number per commercial entity: one per façade.

Extension of sign beyond edge of the façade, frontage or overhang on which it is placed is not permitted.

Upper story commercial entities may have either a projecting or suspended sign at first floor entrance, not both.

**SECTION FIVE**

BE IT ORDAINED that Section 5-522, Article XVI, Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Thomasville, captioned "Standards for Swinging/Projecting Signs" is hereby deleted in its entirety and shall be captioned "RESERVED."

"Section 5-522 ~~Standards for Swinging/Projecting~~ RESERVED."

~~(a) Quantity Per Location. One (1) swinging/projecting wall sign per business is allowed in addition to, or in lieu of, a freestanding sign. If a swinging/projecting wall sign is used, a marquee sign cannot be used unless the swinging/projecting wall sign is attached to the wall above the marquee. A wall sign may also be used.~~

~~(b) Maximum Size. The maximum size of any swinging/projecting wall sign is two (2) square feet.~~

~~(c) Maximum Height. The maximum height of any swinging/projecting wall sign is the top of the wall.~~

~~(d) Minimum Ground Clearance. The minimum ground clearance for any swinging/projecting wall sign is seven and one-half (7.5) feet above the sidewalk.~~

~~(e) Setback. Swinging or projecting wall signs mounted to the wall of buildings in the downtown C-2 zoning district may overhang the right-of-way (sidewalk), provided all other provisions of swinging or projecting wall signs are met and provided further that no part of the sign is within eight (8) feet of electric power lines.~~

#### SECTION SIX

BE IT ORDAINED that Section 5-522, Article XVI, Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Thomasville, captioned "Standards for Wall Signs" is hereby deleted in its entirety and shall be captioned "RESERVED."

~~Section 5-523 Standards for Wall Signs. RESERVED."~~

~~(a) Quantity Per Location. One wall sign per business building wall is allowed in addition to, or in lieu of, a freestanding sign. A marquee and or swinging/projecting wall sign may be used in accordance with the provisions of Section 5-522.~~

~~(b) Maximum Size. The total sign face area of a wall sign shall not exceed 20 percent of the total area of the wall on which it is painted or affixed or 300 square feet, whichever is less; if in a planned center 20 percent of the wall area of each business or 300 square feet, whichever is less, is the maximum size for a wall sign. The area of the lower slope of a gambrell or mansard roof shall be counted as wall area when the sign is mounted on the lower slope of such roofs.~~

~~(c) Maximum Height. The maximum height of a wall sign is the top of a wall.~~

~~(d) Minimum Ground Clearance. Not applicable.~~

~~(d) Setback. Wall signs may be installed with zero (0) setback from a property line, provided that no part of the sign overhangs the property line and that no part of the sign is within eight (8) feet of electric power lines. Signs mounted to the wall of buildings in the downtown C-2 zoning district may overhang the right-of-way (sidewalk) provided that all other provisions of swinging or projecting wall sign standards are met.~~

#### SECTION SEVEN

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

#### SECTION EIGHT

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED and it is hereby declared to be the intention of the 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 Council to be fully valid, enforceable, and constitutional.

#### SECTION NINE

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED and it is hereby declared by 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 this Ordinance.

#### SECTION TEN

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 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 ELEVEN

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the provisions of this ordinance shall be made a part of the official codified ordinances of the City of Thomasville.

#### SECTION TWELVE

This ordinance was introduced and read at a lawful meeting of the Council of the City of Thomasville held on November 23, 2020, and read the second time, passed and adopted in like meeting held on December 14, 2020.

SO ORDAINED, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### **First reading of an ordinance to amend Section 6-6 of Thomasville Municipal Code Chapter 6, captioned "Cemeteries".**

City Attorney, Tim Sanders reported of Council's request to amend Section 6-6 of the Thomasville Municipal Code to provide for the City Manager's approval of transfer of title for cemetery lots. Sanders reported the code currently requires individuals to obtain the approval of Council to sell or transfer the title of a cemetery lot or grave space from one individual to another. Upon Council's request the proposed amendment provides for the City Manager's approval of such transfers of titles, as well as minor editorial changes, relating to cemeteries. Mayor Pro Tem noted Council's request for this amendment created a timelier process for individuals. It was also noted that this amendment does not provide for a lot or grave space to be sold for a price above that paid to the city or the allowance of more than four lots in one individual's name.

Councilmember Mobley motioned to order the ordinance to amend Section 6-6 of Thomasville Municipal Code Chapter 6, captioned "Cemeteries", as read for the first time, passed and carried over 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.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA, BY AMENDING SECTION 6-6, CAPTIONED "SAME—RESTRICTION ON NUMBER PURCHASED, RESALE; RECORDS," OF CHAPTER 6, CAPTIONED "CEMETERIES," 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 set Municipal Election Qualifying Fees FY2021.**

City Clerk, Felicia Brannen, reported 2021 is an Election Year. The Municipal General Election will be held Tuesday, November 2, 2019 for 3 City Councilmember seats and 3 City Board of Education seats. Pursuant to Statute the Municipal General Election Candidate qualifying fees shall be fixed and published prior to February 1<sup>st</sup> of each election year. Councilmember Candidate fees are calculated as \$607.68 (3% of the total gross salary of the office, Councilmember Annual Salary of \$20,256). City School Board Candidate fees are calculated as \$35.00 (Non-Salaried Office Fees are set at \$35.00). Qualifying fees are set by ordinance and requiring two readings.

Councilmember Flowers motioned to order the ordinance to set the Municipal Election Qualifying Fee FY2021, 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 read for the first time, passed and carried over follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE CANDIDATE QUALIFYING FEES FOR THE 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Resolution to adopt the City of Thomasville FY2021 Proposed Budget.**

Chief Financial Officer, Ashley Cason reported that each year, the City is responsible for adopting the operating and capital budgets for the upcoming fiscal year. She further reported the Proposed Budget FY2021 was presented to Council at a scheduled budget review meeting. At this meeting, the budget timeline and the process to develop the budget and the number of new positions (six new positions) for 2021 was discussed. Council was provided with a high level overview of some key takeaways in the Proposed Budget; which included the following:

- 1) No Utility Rate Increases
- 2) Utility Transfers to the General Fund Remained Relatively Flat
- 3) Elimination of Interfund loans and New Reporting Method for Utility Salaries
- 4) Includes a Financial Advisor and Grant Software
- 5) An Increase in Public Infrastructure Improvements
- 6) Includes a Parks Assessment
- 7) Initial Funding for a Community Development Corporation (CDC) plan
- 8) Cares Funding Set Aside for Community Assistance

Cason reported the FY2021 Proposed Budget includes \$135,737,001 in revenues and \$131,209,851 in operating expenses. The budget also includes transfers from the utility funds to the general fund of \$10,560,000 and no ad valorem taxes. A public hearing was held on December 7, 2020 for citizens input. The Public Hearing had one attendee who inquired of the proposed FY2021 funding of a proposed Community Development Corporation (CDC).

Councilmember Flowers motioned to approve the Resolution to adopt the City of Thomasville FY2021 Proposed Budget as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler seconded. Councilmembers commended the efforts of CFO Cason, the financial team and staff regarding the FY2021 Budget. 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 follows.

City of Thomasville Budget Resolution Fiscal Year 2021  
Utilities and General Government

*WHEREAS*, the City of Thomasville provides certain services which are deemed to be for the general welfare and in the best interest of its citizens; and

*WHEREAS*, the provisions of these services requires the collection of revenue and the appropriation of expenditures; and

*WHEREAS*, the fiscal year of the City of Thomasville begins on the 1st day of January, and ends on the 31st day of December of each year; and

*WHEREAS*, a budget has been prepared which itemizes projected revenue and proposed expenditures for the fiscal year 2021:

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, by the Council of the City of Thomasville that for the following General Government Budget and Thomasville Utilities Budget be adopted for the various funds of the City of Thomasville and for the various Utilities funds as presented by the Chief Financial Officer and attached.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that certain appropriations as outlined in the capital budget document are contingent upon the receipt of federal and state grant funds and other revenues and those appropriations will be disbursed only as those funds become available.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that the revenue from the Utilities Department of the City of Thomasville be transferred on an as needed basis.

*SO DONE*, in regular session of the Council of the City of Thomasville this the 14th day of December 2020.

**Resolution to approve Citizen Board Appointments for Boards, Commissions and Authorities.**

Mayor Greg Hobbs reported citizens appointed to Boards, Commissions and Authorities are appointed for various term lengths and when those terms are vacated or expired, it is the responsibility of the City Council to appoint or re-appoint citizens. Individual citizen names were read as listed as Exhibit "A" and included as an attachment to the resolution of appointment.

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler moved to approve the resolution appointing individuals for Boards, Commissions and Authorities as presented. Councilmember Warren seconded. Councilmember Warren commended Councilmembers for coordination efforts to accomplish the appointments. Council collectively thanked citizens for their commitments regarding the appointments. 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, including Exhibit "A", follows.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE

At a regular meeting duly publicized and open to the public, there being a quorum of the City Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia (the "City Council") present, the City Council takes the following actions and adopts the following resolutions:

RECITALS:

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is vested with the authority to appoint persons to various boards, commissions, and authorities and the City Council desires to exercise such authority.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth fully in this Section 1.

Section 2. Appointment. The City Council hereby appoints those persons listed on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof to the boards, commissions and authorities as set forth on Exhibit A. The appointments set forth on Exhibit A to such boards, commissions and authorities shall be for the terms as provided for in the ordinance, resolution, legislative act or such other applicable governing organizational document for each such

board, commission and authority.

Section 3. Actions Approved and Confirmed. All acts and doings of the City Council, the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, the officers and employees of the City that are in conformity with the purposes and intents of this Resolution and in the furtherance of appointments described and authorized herein shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects approved and confirmed.

Section 4. Severability of Invalid Provisions. If any one or more of the provisions herein contained shall be held contrary to any express provision of law or contrary to the policy of express law, though not expressly prohibited, or against public policy, or shall for any reason whatsoever be held invalid, then such covenants, agreements or provisions shall be null and void and shall be deemed separable from the remaining agreements and provisions and shall in no way affect the validity of any of the other agreements and provisions hereof or of the actions authorized or ratified hereunder.

Section 5. Repealing Clause. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions herein contained are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded and repealed.

Section 6. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted and approved the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

*“Exhibit A” continues on next page*

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**CITY OF THOMASVILLE 2021 CITIZEN BOARD APPOINTMENTS  
FOR BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES  
(as approved by Thomasville City Council, December 14, 2020)**

**AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD**

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Wilson Carraway ( <i>Hangar Lease</i> )	12/31/2024
Marty Willis ( <i>Comm. Airport User</i> )	12/31/2024
Hal Jackson ( <i>Hangar Lease</i> )	12/31/2024

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW & ZONING APPEALS BOARD**

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Janet Liles	12/31/2023
Mark Parker	12/31/2023

**BUILDING CONTRACTORS EXAMINING BOARD**

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Jeffrey Christian ( <i>General Contractor</i> )	12/31/2024

**DESTINATION THOMASVILLE TOURISM AUTHORITY**

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Melvin Hugans ( <i>citizen</i> )	12/31/2024
Anne McCudden ( <i>tourism related</i> )	12/31/2024

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION BOARD**

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Alice Fink ( <i>Citizen</i> )	12/31/2023
Robert Jones ( <i>Construction</i> )	12/31/2023
John Hand ( <i>Architectural</i> )	12/31/2023

**HOUSING AUTHORITY**

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Adrian Burns	12/31/2025

**THOMASVILLE-THOMAS COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY**

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Mayor Greg Hobbs, <i>(Councilmember)</i>	12/31/2023

**MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD**

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Heather Abbott, <i>(Downtown Merchant)</i>	12/31/2021
Cynthia Drayton, <i>(Chamber)</i>	12/31/2021
Pam Hoveland, <i>(Citizen)</i>	12/31/2021
Tripp Brock, <i>(Downtown Merchant)</i>	12/31/2021

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Kevin Glass	12/31/2024
Micah Graham	12/31/2024

**SOUTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION**

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Councilmember Wanda Warren <i>(Note: subsequent recommendations for Non-Public Member and Additional Member appointments to be made by resolution in January 2021)</i>	12/31/2021

**THOMASVILLE/THOMAS COUNTY RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Octavian Jordan <i>(City)</i>	12/31/2023

**TREE & LANDSCAPE BOARD**

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Brian Kelly	12/31/2022
Pam Wright	12/31/2022
Wes Smith	12/31/2022
Devona Thompson	12/31/2022

*(End "Exhibit A")*

**Motion to approve Alcohol License for Retail Consumption of Beer, Wine and Liquor Pouring for LC’s Sports Bar.**

Event Facilities, Business & Tax Licensing Administrator, Melissa Creel, reported owner/applicant Linda McCormick, LC’s Sports Bar, had submitted application for Alcohol License for Retail Consumption of Beer, Wine and Liquor Pouring for the establishment located at 1102 East Jackson Street, Suite A, B, C. Creel also reported the applicant had completed all proper procedures to obtain the license. It was noted the background investigation revealed no issues or concerns with the request.

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler moved to approve the Alcohol License for Retail Consumption of Beer, Wine and Liquor Pouring for LC’s Sports Bar 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.

Following the license approval of the licenses for LC’s Sports Bar, Mayor Hobbs addressed owner/applicant Mrs. McCormick and read the following statement

*“As part of your application process, you signed an affidavit stating You understand the sale of alcoholic beverages to an underage person is an illegal act, punishable by law, in the State of Georgia; and, you understand the code requirements as they relate to the required training program and prohibition of sales of alcoholic beverages to an underage person; and, you received a copy of the current Thomasville Municipal Code Chapter 3, titled “Alcoholic Beverages”.”*

Mrs. McCormick thanked Council for the approval and exited the meeting.

**Bids and award for the purchase of one new vehicle with SCBA fill station. For Thomasville Fire Rescue.**

Fire Chief, Tim Connell, reported Thomasville Fire Rescue (TFR) currently has a 2007 Ford Expedition with over 147,000 miles that is at the end of its serviceable life. To ensure TFR’s current ISO rating, TFR vehicles are maintained properly and it is recommended that replacements be procured when units near their end of serviceable life. Chief Connell, further reported TFR uses Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBA) equipment that allows personnel to enter hazardous environments such as a burning structure. By entering this type of environment, the SCBAs allow personnel to rescue trapped victims, along with the firefighters safely fighting fire. TFR Station 2 has an aging, and stationary, refill station for SCBAs. However, during power outages, or if the SCBA refill station suffers a mechanical failure, there is no backup ability to refill the SCBA bottles. This new pickup will have the portable air station mounted in the back and allow the air system to be at every situation that requires the use of SCBA’s. Following is a summary of bids received for the vehicle and the SCBA fill station.

<u><b>BIDDER</b></u>	<u><b>BID AMOUNT</b></u>
<b>Vehicle</b>	
Stallings Dodge, Thomasville, GA	\$47,820.00
Allan Vigil Ford	Bid Not Submitted
Tallahassee Ford	Bid Not Submitted
Transport Equipment	Bid Not Submitted
Wade Ford	Bid Not Submitted
Langdale Chevrolet	Bid Not Submitted
Sunbelt Ford	Bid Not Submitted
 <b>Portable SCBA Refill Station</b>	
B & T Enterprises LLC, Sharpsburg Ga.	\$19,990.00
Municipal Equipment, Tifton Ga	\$16,935.50

Councilmember Mobley moved to approve the bid award for the purchase of a 2021 Dodge 3,500, Black over Red, pickup truck to Stallings Dodge of Thomasville, Georgia, in the amount of \$47,820.00; and, to approve the bid award for the purchase of a portable SCBA Refill Station from Municipal Equipment of Tifton, Georgia in the amount of \$16,935.50; for a total combined expenditure in the amount of \$64,755.50 utilizing budgeted FY2020 TFR Capital funds 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 Consent Agenda items were considered as routine and/or non-controversial items. Councilmember Mobley motioned to approve the consent agenda 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.

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

Transfer of Title for ownership of Cemetery Lots in Laurel Hill Cemetery:

1. Lots #6 and #10, Section I, on Florida Street from Janitta NeSmith Lindsay, sole survivor of Mr. and Mrs. Randall NeSmith, to Janitta NeSmith and Randall NeSmith Gregory.

**REPORTS**

City Manager Carson thanked Council for their patience and efforts in working with him and staff through the challenges of the year.

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler also commended Councilmembers and city staff on their collective efforts to work together and overcome perceived obstacles during the year. He noted that staff went above and beyond their stated duties to work with Councilmembers and ensure all details were completed in a professional manner.

Councilmember Mobley also thanked city staff for their efforts to ensure various projects and tasks were completed during the year.

Councilmember Flowers reported having had the opportunity to attend various year-end departmental meetings and hearing the appreciation from employees regarding Council's approval of the Share the Success program.

Councilmember Warren echoed prior comments, and thanked fellow councilmembers for their guidance through the challenging year. She announced a community toy giveaway for children would be held on December 17<sup>th</sup> at Flipper Park on Broad Street and encouraged the community to attend.

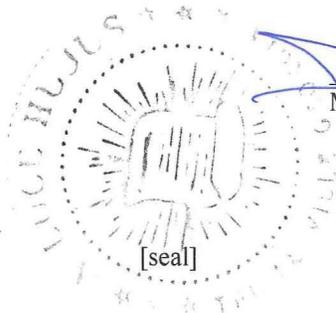
Mayor Hobbs concluded reports echoing fellow councilmember's sentiments. He thanked City Attorney Sanders for his work with Council and the City through the year. Mayor Hobbs encouraged the community to adhere to recommendations of the Centers for Disease control regarding social distancing and wearing of facial coverings to stay safe during the holidays.

Councilmembers, City Manager, and City Attorney collectively wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business to discuss, the Thomasville City Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

*Felicia Brannen*  
ATTEST: City Clerk

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*Greg Hobbs*  
Mayor, Greg Hobbs