City of Thomasville Council Meeting, July 13, 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. It was reported that Councilmember Jay Flowers was absent from this meeting.

INVOCATION
Councilmember Flowers led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Councilmember Warren motioned to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2020 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.

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

1. Keith Thomas, 432 Woods Gate Lane, Thomasville, Georgia, requested Councilmembers to approve the installation of a community pool in underserved areas of the City. He also addressed concerns regarding City of Thomasville employees engaging in campaigning activities for candidates while on duty. Councilmember Warren noted that employees are permitted to engage in such activities on their own time. Mayor Hobbs suggested Mr. Thomas provide proof of such actions to the City Manager and it would be addressed.

ADOPT AGENDA
Councilmember Mobley 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 Accepting the transfer from Thomas County of 3.95 miles of right of way of West Jackson Street and East Jackson Street extending from the eastern margin of the right of way of West Pinetree Boulevard through the center of downtown Thomasville to the western margin of the right of way of East Pinetree Boulevard.

Assistant City Attorney, Chuck Stafford, presented. Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler cited a potential familial conflict of interest and reported he would abstain from discussion and voting of this item. Attorney Stafford reported there had been no changes to the ordinance following its passage on first reading at the June 22, 2020 Council meeting. It was noted that in 2005, following Council's approval of a resolution agreeing to accept 3.95 miles of right of way of West Jackson and East Jackson through downtown Thomasville, a subsequent conveyance of property from Thomas County to the City of Thomasville was not recorded for the 3.95 miles of right of way.

Councilmember Flowers motioned to order the Ordinance Accepting the transfer from Thomas County of 3.95 miles of right of way of West Jackson Street and East Jackson Street extending from the eastern margin of the right of way of West Pinetree Boulevard through the center of downtown Thomasville to the western margin of the right of way of East Pinetree Boulevard as read for the second time, passed and adopted. Councilmember Mobley seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

    A YES: Mayor Hobbs, and Councilmembers Flowers, Mobley and Warren.

    ABSTAINED: Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler, abstained due to conflict of interest.

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

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

SECTION I

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Thomasville, held on August 8, 2005, the City Council approved a resolution to accept the ownership and maintenance of 3.95 miles of State Route 35 Business, extending from the eastern margin of the right of way of West Pinetree Boulevard through the center of downtown Thomasville to the western margin of the right of way of East Pinetree Boulevard ("Jackson Street") from the Georgia Department of Transportation ("GDOT") upon completion of the improvements described in Order 3407 of the Commissioner of GDOT, such resolution being attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the total miles of State Route 35 Business to be abandoned by GDOT in connection with the above described improvements was 4.35 miles;

WHEREAS, the improvements described in Order 3407 of the Commissioner of GDOT were completed and GDOT executed a quitclaim deed conveying 4.35 miles of State Route 35 Business to Thomas County, Georgia, such deed being recorded in Deed Book 1283 Page 118 of the real estate records of the Clerk of Superior Court of Thomas County, Georgia;

WHEREAS, there was no further conveyance from Thomas County to the City of Thomasville of Jackson Street;
WHEREAS, Thomas County desires to convey Jackson Street to the City of Thomasville, along with all appurtenant easements used in the maintenance and operation of Jackson Street;

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the above described resolution the City Council of Thomasville, Georgia desires to accept from Thomas County, Georgia the conveyance of Jackson Street to the City of Thomasville, along with all appurtenant easements used in the maintenance and operation of Jackson Street.

SECTION II

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Thomasville, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same that the City of Thomasville accepts from Thomas County all existing rights of way of East Jackson Street and West Jackson Street, as these streets extend from the eastern margin of the right of way of West Pinetree Boulevard through the center of downtown Thomasville to the western margin of the right of way of East Pinetree Boulevard ("Jackson Street"), which includes all appurtenant easements used in the maintenance and operation of Jackson Street.

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 June 22, 2020, and read a second time, passed, and adopted in a like meeting held on July 13, 2020.

EXHIBIT “A”

1. SEE ATTACHED
LOCAL STATE ROUTE ACCEPTANCE RESOLUTION

GEORGIA, City of Thomasville

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Thomas County (hereinafter called the County) and the Mayor of Thomasville (hereinafter called the City) are being notified that the Georgia Department of Transportation (hereinafter called the Department) intends to remove State Route 35 Business/US Route 319 Business in said county and city as described in Order of the Commissioner 3407 and as shown on the sketch map attached thereto; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville will accept as appropriate for ownership, maintenance, utility accommodation, and as part of their city street system 3.95 miles of State Route 35 Business when removed from the State Highway System, upon completion of the work stipulated on the attached list; and

WHEREAS, upon execution of Order 3407, the County and City will accept as appropriate title and ownership of the property on the route being removed from the State System; and

WHEREAS, the Department shall continue to retain jurisdictional authority and maintenance responsibility on the route being removed from the State System until the improvements referenced in Order 3407 are completed; and

WHEREAS, upon the completion of the road improvements described in said Order, the route shall be immediately returned to the City and County as appropriate, and they shall by operation of law have jurisdictional as well as maintenance and operational authority over said route; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the County and City will execute this Resolution and that a signed copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Department.

Continued....

FOR THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE TO RETAIN FOR THEIR FILES
This 8th day of August, 2005.

[Signature]
Mayor, City of Thomasville

[Signature]
Attest: Clerk, City of Thomasville
Second Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 3, Alcoholic Beverages, to permit and regulate Distilleries. Councilmember Flowers cited a familial conflict of interest and reported he would abstain from the discussion and vote on this item. Assistant City Attorney, Chuck Stafford, reported the Council approved amendment to set the annual Distiller Fee amount at $1,500.00 during the ordinance’s first reading on June 22, 2020 had been incorporated into the presented ordinance for its second reading.

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler motioned to order the ordinance to Amend Chapter 3, Alcoholic Beverages, to permit and regulate Distilleries as read for the second time, passed and adopted, as presented. Councilmember Mobley seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

ABSTAINED: Councilmember Flowers abstained, due to conflict of interest.

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

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

SECTION I

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that Section 3-1 of Article I, Chapter 3 of the Code of Thomasville, Georgia is here by amended to add the following definition for “Distiller,” which shall read as follows:

“Distiller” means a manufacturer of distilled spirits.”

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that Section 3-23(a) of Article II, Chapter 3 of the Code of Thomasville, Georgia is here by amended to read as follows:

“Section 3-23 Application forms; license not to issue under certain conditions.

(a) All applications for licenses shall be made on forms furnished the applicant by the city clerk and shall indicate, along with all reasonable information necessary to complete the form, which of the following is to be considered for licensing of the applicant to conduct:

(1) Retail package beer;
(2) Retail beer--consumption on the premises;
(3) Retail package wine;
(4) Retail wine--consumption on the premises;
(5) Package liquor;
(6) Liquor pouring; and
SECTION III

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that Section 3-24 of Article II, Chapter 3 of the Code of Thomasville, Georgia is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 3-24 Fees.

(a) The following annual fees shall be paid the city before any license to sell alcoholic beverages is issued:

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<td>(1) Retail package beer (with no beer to be consumed outside the building on the licensed location except as provided in section 3-115), or retail beer for consumption only inside the building on the licensed location except as provided in section 3-49, Consumption-on-premises establishments:</td>
<td>$400.00 $500.00</td>
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<td>(2) Retail package wine (with no wine to be consumed outside the building on the licensed location except as provided in section 3-115), or retail wine for consumption only inside the building on the licensed location except as provided in section 3-115.</td>
<td>350.00 450.00</td>
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<td>(3) Retail package liquor</td>
<td>4,000.00</td>
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<td>(4) Liquor pouring</td>
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<td>(5) Beer wholesalers (licensed by the state)</td>
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<td>(6) Distiller</td>
<td>4,000.00 1,500.00</td>
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(When applicable, such wholesalers shall be prorated or refunded pro rata, on a monthly basis)

(b) Upon filing an original application or reapplication (except renewals) with the city clerk of the city, the applicant shall deposit in cash or by a check a processing fee of sixty dollars ($60.00) for beer and/or wine only, or one hundred twenty-five dollars ($125.00) total, for all licenses applied for, to cover the expense of investigation and processing the application, which fee shall not be refundable and shall not apply against any license granted hereunder. Applicant shall also submit to the city clerk at the time such application is filed, in addition to the city processing fee, a separate cashier's check or money order made payable to the GBI-GCIC, to cover the cost of a GBI-GCIC background check, in an amount specified by the GBI. There will be no investigation fee charged wholesalers licensed by the state.

(c) On subsection (a)(1) through (5) (6), the fees shall be prorated on a monthly basis (all or any part of a month) for new licenses granted during the calendar year.”

SECTION IV

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that Section 3-27 of Article II, Chapter 3 of the Code of Thomasville, Georgia is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 3-27 Zoning provisions.

(a) No license to engage in the sale of distilled spirits by the drink at retail shall be granted except in areas zoned C-1 or C-2 commercial or C-1A limited business districts. Existing private clubs which qualified and became licensed under the provisions of this chapter by January 1, 1977, are hereby exempt from this zoning requirement."
(b) No license shall be issued to a wholesaler of alcoholic beverages except where the wholesaler business is to be located in an area of the city which is zoned C-1 commercial, C-2 commercial or M manufacturing.

(c) No license to engage in the sale of packaged distilled spirits at retail shall be granted except in an area zoned C-1 commercial or C-2 commercial. This provision does not allow licensing of sale of packaged distilled spirits in a nonconforming use.

(d) Beer or wine may be licensed in any commercial establishment or private club not in violation of any zoning ordinance of the city.

(e) No Distiller's license shall be granted except for a Distiller located in an area zoned M-Manufacturing.

SECTION V

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that a new Division 4, Section 3-106, of Article III, captioned “Special Provisions for Distillers,” is hereby created, which shall read as follows:

“Section 3-106D DIVISION 4. SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR DISTILLERS

Section 3-106 Special Regulations for Distillers.

(a) A limited exception to the provisions of this chapter providing for the distribution and sale of distilled spirits shall exist to the extent that the license for a Distiller shall include the right to sell up to Five Hundred (500) barrels of distilled spirits per year produced as the licensed Distiller's licensed premises to individuals who are on such premises for:

1. Consumption on the premises by the drink of distilled spirits produced by the Distiller at the licensed premises of the Distiller; and

2. The sale of distilled spirits in unbroken packages at retail for consumption off the premises, produced by the Distiller at the licensed premises of the Distiller, but not to exceed Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty (2,250) milliliters of such distilled spirits per consumer per day.

(b) A Distiller may sell distilled spirits pursuant to this code section on all days and at all times that sales of distilled spirits by retailers in unbroken packages and retail consumption dealers for consumption on the premises are lawful within the city, including, but not limited to, Sundays in compliance with this chapter and otherwise in compliance with all other applicable provisions of this chapter. Notwithstanding anything in this chapter to the contrary, it shall be unlawful for a Distiller to sell distilled spirits by the drink for consumption on the premises after 9:00 p.m.

(c) A Distiller shall not sell any distilled spirits in unbroken packages for consumption off the premises pursuant to this code section at a price less than the price at which a person licensed to sell distilled spirits by the package is permitted to sell distilled spirits pursuant to O.C.G.A. §3-4-26(b).

(d) Any structure housing a licensed Distiller, or proposed structure therefor, under the terms of this division, shall contain not less than one thousand (1,000) square feet of floor space, including customer service and display area, storage area and service areas.

(e) When any license for a Distiller under this chapter is rejected by the city council, it shall be unlawful for the city clerk to accept and for the city council to consider any application from the applicant for license within twelve (12) months from the time of such rejection by the city council.

(f) Sales of distilled spirits outside the premises of the licensed Distiller are hereby expressly prohibited.”

SECTION VI
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that Sections 3-181 through 3-188, Division 3 of Article IV, Chapter 3 of the Code of Thomasville, Georgia are hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 3-180D DIVISION 3. WINE AND SPIRITOUS LIQUORS

Section 3-181 Levied on retail dealers and Distillers.

There is hereby levied and imposed upon all retail dealers selling wine or spirituous liquors and licensed Distillers within the city a specific excise tax computed on the basis of eighty cents ($0.80) per gallon or metric equivalent of wine or spirituous liquors sold by each retail dealer or Distiller within the corporate limits of the city.

Section 3-182 Collection, custody of taxes.

At any time of delivery of wine or spirituous liquors to any retail dealer, the wholesaler shall collect from the retail dealer the excise taxes imposed in section 3-181 and hold such taxes in trust for the city until said tax is remitted to the city as provided in this division.

Section 3-183 Additional to other taxes or license fees.

The excise tax provided for in this division shall be in addition to any license fee, tax or charge which may now or in the future be imposed upon the business of selling at retail wine or spirituous liquors.

Section 3-184 Invoices required to be kept as records by wholesaler and retailer.

Upon each and every delivery by a licensed wholesaler to a licensed retailer, an invoice in duplicate shall be prepared showing the number and size of each container of wine and spirituous liquors delivered, together with the price therefor and the excise taxes due and collected thereon. The original of such invoice shall be delivered by the wholesaler to the retailer simultaneously with such delivery, and the second copy of such invoice shall be retained by the wholesaler. Each retailer or wholesaler shall keep such invoices or copies for a period of twelve (12) months after the date of delivery and, during such twelve-month period, such invoices shall be made available for inspection by representative of the city.

Section 3-185 Monthly reports; payments.

(a) Each wholesale dealer selling wines or spirituous liquors within the city shall file a report with the city clerk by the fifteenth day of each month which shall correctly show the name of each retail dealer to whom a delivery was made during the preceding calendar month, the quantities of wine and spirituous liquors delivered to each dealer, the amount of excise tax collected under the terms of section 3-182, and such other reasonable information as may be required by the city. The report shall be accompanied by remittance made payable to the city for all taxes collected or due, as shown on such report.

(b) Each Distiller within city shall report and remit the local excise tax above levied on sales of the spirituous liquors in unbroken packages for consumption off the premises produced by such Distiller to the city by the tenth (10th) day of the month following the calendar month in which the distilled spirits are sold.
Section 3-186 Penalty and accrued interest on late reports and delinquent payments; city clerk to issue execution.

The failure to make a timely report and remittance shall render a wholesale dealer or Distiller liable for a penalty equal to ten (10) percent of the total amount due, plus interest accrued at the rate of twelve (12) percent per annum. The clerk of the city shall issue an execution against such wholesale dealer, firm, or corporation so delinquent on his or its property for the amount of the excise tax due and delinquent, plus penalty and interest accrued, and shall proceed to collect such amount in the same manner as is done in the case of executions issued for collection of city ad valorem property taxes.

Section 3-187 Noncompliance, false reports, or nonpayment declared grounds for revocation of licenses of wholesale dealers.

At any time it is found that a wholesale dealer or Distiller has not complied with the terms imposed in this article, or that a wholesale dealer or Distiller has made a false and fraudulent report to the city upon which excise taxes were reported or paid to the city, or at any time the monthly report and payment called for in section 3-185 is past due over thirty (30) days, the wholesale licensee or Distiller shall be given not less than three (3) days' nor more than ten (10) days' notice of a hearing before the city council to show cause why the license of the wholesale dealer or Distiller to sell wine or spirituous liquors in the city should not be suspended or revoked because of such noncompliance, or false and fraudulent reports, or nonpayment of taxes past due more than thirty (30) days.

Section 3-188 Sale of wine or spirituous liquors upon which tax was not paid prohibited; penalties.

It shall be a violation of this Code for any person, other than a Distiller, to sell at retail or otherwise within the city any wine or spirituous liquors on which the tax as above set out has not been paid to the wholesaler for the city as above provided. In addition to the penalties provided for in section 1-6, the violation of this article shall be deemed a sufficient ground for the revocation of the license of any retail, wholesale dealer, or Distiller holding a license or permit to sell wine or spirituous liquors within the city."

SECTION VII

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that the definition of "Licensee" found Section 3-206 of Article IV, Division 4, Chapter 3 of the Code of Thomasville, Georgia is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Licensee" means a person who holds a liquor pouring license from the city to sell alcoholic beverages by the drink and also means and includes a person licensed as a Distiller."

SECTION VIII

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

SECTION IX

This ordinance shall be effective on the date of its final reading and passage.
SECTION X

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

SECTION XI

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

SECTION XII

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

SECTION XIII

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

This ordinance was introduced and read at a lawful meeting of the City council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia, held on June 22, 2020, and read the second time, passed and adopted in like meeting held on July 13, 2020.

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

City Planner, Kenneth Thompson, reported there were no changes to the ordinance following its first reading and passage during the June 22, 2020 City Council meeting. Thompson noted the applicant is requesting to rezone their property located at 313 Vine Street from C-1A-LU (Credit Union) to C-1A for the purpose of reusing the existing structure as an office building. As currently zoned, the property can only be used as a Credit Union.

Councilmember Mobley motioned to order the Ordinance to rezone 313 Vine Street from C1A-LU (Credit Bureau) to C-1A as read for the second time, passed and adopted. 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 THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA, OF 1971, AS AMENDED WHICH IS SET FORTH IN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE AS CHAPTER 22, CAPTIONED "ZONING", BY EXCLUDING A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND FROM PARCEL 4 OF SECTION 22-81 CAPTIONED "C-1A-LU, SUNNYLAND CREDIT UNION", TO DESCRIBE SAID EXCLUDED TRACT AND TO DESIGNATE THE SAID SAME TRACT AS PARCEL 21 OF SECTION 22-81 CAPTIONED "C-1A", TO ESTABLISH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Thomasville and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that the Code of the City of Thomasville is amended by excluding a certain Parcel 4 from Section 22-81 captioned "C-1A, LU, Sunnyland Credit Union" and to designate the said same tract as Parcel 21 of Section 22-81 captioned "C-1A, Commercial" and more particularly described as follows:

TRACT 1:
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, lying and being in the city of Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGIN at the point formed by the intersection of the easterly margin of the right of way of the Seaboard Coastline Railroad and the southerly margin of the right of way of Vine Street and run thence in a southerly direction along the easterly margin of the right of way of the Seaboard Coastline Railroad at distance of 170.00 feet to a point; run thence in an easterly direction and parallel with the southerly margin of the right of way of Vine Street a distance of 150.00 feet to a point; run thence in a northerly direction and parallel with the easterly margin of the right of way of the Seaboard Coastline Railroad a distance of 170.00 feet, more or less, to a point on the southerly margin of the right of way of Vine Street; run thence in a westerly direction along the southerly margin of the right of way of Vine Street a distance of 150.00 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning.

TRACT 2:
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate, lying and being in the City of Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia, and being 0.757 acres in area and being more particularly described as Parcel Number 1 on that certain plat of survey dated February 16, 1987, prepared by Frank E. Carlton, Georgia Registered Surveyor No. 1544 of record in Plat Book 6, Page 247, Deed Records of Thomas County, Georgia, as follows:

START at the point formed by the intersection of the southerly margin of the right of way of Vine Street with the westerly margin of the right of way of Chestnut Street and run thence south 04 degrees 47 minutes west along the westerly margin of the right of way of Chestnut Street a distance of 218.06 feet to an iron pin; run thence north 87 degrees 01 minutes 25 seconds west a distance of 278.68 feet to an iron pin located on the easterly margin of the right of way of Seaboard Coast Line Railroad; run thence north 10 degrees 47 minutes 50 seconds east along the easterly margin of the right of way of the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad a distance of 50.00 feet to an iron pin; run thence south 87 degrees 01 minutes 25 seconds east a distance of 150.00 feet to an iron pin; run thence north 10 degrees 47
minutes 50 seconds east a distance of 170.00 feet to an iron pin located on the southerly margin of the right of way of Vine Street; run thence south 87 degrees 01 minute 25 seconds east along the southerly margin of the right of way of Vine Street a distance of 105.62 feet to an iron pin and the Point of Beginning.

Said property is known as 313 Vine Street, Thomasville, GA. 31792.
Parcel No. 2-34-10

SECTION II

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

SECTION III

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.

SECTION IV

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any part of this ordinance is declared void it is the intent and the purpose hereof that all other provisions not declared void shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION V

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

SECTION VI

This ordinance was introduced and read at the lawful meeting of the Council of the City of Thomasville held June 22, 2020, and read the second time, passed, and adopted on July 13, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Approval of Modifications for the following Seven (7) Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) Loans.
Chief Financial Officer, Ashley Cason, reported the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) facilitates programs that conserve and protect Georgia’s energy, land and water resources. GEFA manages energy efficiency and renewable energy programs; oversees land conservation projects; and manages and monitors state-owned fuel storage tanks. GEFA is also commonly known for providing low-interest loans to cities, counties, and infrastructure authorities for improvements to water, wastewater, and solid waste systems. In response to COVID-19, GEFA has issued a deferral period for these low-interest loans from July 1, 2020 to January 1, 2021 to help provide relief to all their borrowers. The City of Thomasville has seven GEFA loans currently in repayment status. During this payment deferral period, all seven loans will have a six month payment holiday for all principal and interest payments. During that time, no interest will accrue on the loans. On January 4, 2021, the city of Thomasville will receive a debit notification that includes the upcoming amount to be withdrawn. The installment amount will be equal to the payment prior to the deferral period. In order to take advantage of this deferral period, we are required to obtain a legal opinion from our City Attorney along with acknowledgement and approval from the Council. It was noted that the approval of modifications must be adopted by a separate resolution for each loan. The list of seven loans available for modification follows.
Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler motioned to adopt the resolution to approve a modification of Loan CW11004 and authorize execution of Modification of Promissory Note and any necessary and related documents. 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.

The approved resolution follows.

**RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY**

**Recipient:** CITY OF THOMASVILLE  
**Loan Number:** CW11004

At a duly called meeting of the governing body of the Borrower identified above the "Borrower") held on the 13th day of July, 2020, the following resolution was introduced and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Borrower has borrowed $11,391,000.00 from the GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY (the "Lender") or the Lender's assignor, pursuant to the terms of a Loan Agreement, numbered Loan No. CW11004 (the "Loan Agreement"), between the Borrower and the Lender; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower's obligation to repay the loan made pursuant to the Loan Agreement is evidenced by a Promissory Note, numbered Loan No. CW11004 (the "Note"), of the Borrower; and

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the terms of the Modification are in the best interests of the Borrower, and the governing body of the Borrower designates and authorizes the following persons to execute and deliver, and to attest, respectively, the Modification, and any related documents necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Modification.
Councilmember Flowers motioned to adopt the resolution to approve a modification of Loan CW11006 and authorize execution of Modification of Promissory Note and any necessary and related documents. 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 follows.

RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY

Recipient: CITY OF THOMASVILLE
Loan Number: CW11006

At a duly called meeting of the governing body of the Borrow identified above the "Borrow") held on the 13th day of July, 2020, the following resolution was introduced and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Borrower has borrowed $2,800,000.00 from the GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY (the "Lender") or the Lender's assignor, pursuant to the terms of a Loan Agreement, numbered Loan No. CW11006 (the "Loan Agreement"), between the Borrower and the Lender; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower's obligation to repay the loan made pursuant to the Loan Agreement is evidenced by a Promissory Note, numbered Loan No. CW11006 (the "Note"), of the Borrower; and

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the terms of the Modification are in the best interests of the Borrower, and the governing body of the Borrower designates and authorizes the following persons to execute and deliver, and to attest, respectively, the Modification, and any related documents necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Modification.

Greg Hobbs
(Name of Person to Execute Documents)
Mayor
(Title)

Felicia Brannen
(Name of Person to Attest)
City Clerk
(Title)
Councilmember Mobley motioned to adopt the resolution to approve a modification of Loan CW14006 and authorize execution of Modification of Promissory Note and any necessary and related documents. 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 approved resolution follows.

RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY

Recipient: CITY OF THOMASVILLE
Loan Number: CW14006

At a duly called meeting of the governing body of the Borrow identified above the “Borrow”) held on the 13rd day of July, 2020, the following resolution was introduced and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Borrower has borrowed $665,000.00 from the GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY (the "Lender") or the Lender's assignor, pursuant to the terms of a Loan Agreement, numbered Loan No. CW14006 (the "Loan Agreement"), between the Borrower and the Lender; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower's obligation to repay the loan made pursuant to the Loan Agreement is evidenced by a Promissory Note, numbered Loan No. CW14006 (the "Note"), of the Borrower; and

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the terms of the Modification are in the best interests of the Borrower, and the governing body of the Borrower designates and authorizes the following persons to execute and deliver, and to attest, respectively, the Modification, and any related documents necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Modification.

Greg Hobbs Mayor
(Name of Person to Execute Documents) (Title)

Felicia Brannen City Clerk
(Name of Person to Attest) (Title)

Councilmember Flowers motioned to adopt the resolution to approve a modification of Loan CW2016040 and authorize execution of Modification of Promissory Note and any necessary and related documents. 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.

The approved resolution follows.

RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY
At a duly called meeting of the governing body of the Borrow identified above the “Borrow”) held on the 13th day of July, 2020, the following resolution was introduced and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Borrower has borrowed $1,860,000.00 from the GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY (the "Lender") or the Lender's assignor, pursuant to the terms of a Loan Agreement, numbered Loan No. CW2016040 (the "Loan Agreement"), between the Borrower and the Lender; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower's obligation to repay the loan made pursuant to the Loan Agreement is evidenced by a Promissory Note, numbered Loan No. CW2016040 (the "Note"), of the Borrower; and

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the terms of the Modification are in the best interests of the Borrower, and the governing body of the Borrower designates and authorizes the following persons to execute and deliver, and to attest, respectively, the Modification, and any related documents necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Modification.

Greg Hobbs
(Name of Person to Execute Documents)
Mayor
(Title)

Felicia Brannen
(Name of Person to Attest)
City Clerk
(Title)

Councilmember Mobley motioned to adopt the resolution to approve a modification of Loan DW11005 and authorize execution of Modification of Promissory Note and any necessary and related documents. 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 follows.

RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY

Recipient: CITY OF THOMASVILLE
Loan Number: DW11005

At a duly called meeting of the governing body of the Borrow identified above the “Borrow”) held on the 13th day of July, 2020, the following resolution was introduced and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Borrower has borrowed $9,800,000.00 from the GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY (the "Lender") or the Lender's assignor, pursuant to the terms of a Loan Agreement, numbered Loan No. DW11005 (the "Loan Agreement"), between the Borrower and the Lender; and
WHEREAS, the Borrower's obligation to repay the loan made pursuant to the Loan Agreement is evidenced by a Promissory Note, numbered Loan No. DW11005 (the "Note"), of the Borrower; and

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the terms of the Modification are in the best interests of the Borrower, and the governing body of the Borrower designates and authorizes the following persons to execute and deliver, and to attest, respectively, the Modification, and any related documents necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Modification.

Greg Hobbs  
(Name of Person to Execute Documents)  
Mayor  
(Title)

Felicia Brannen  
(Name of Person to Attest)  
City Clerk  
(Title)

Councilmember Warren motioned to adopt the resolution to approve a modification of Loan DW11017 and authorize execution of Modification of Promissory Note and any necessary and related documents. 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.

The approved resolution follows.

RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY

Recipient: CITY OF THOMASVILLE  
Loan Number: DW11017

At a duly called meeting of the governing body of the Borrow identified above the "Borrow") held on the 13th day of July, 2020, the following resolution was introduced and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Borrower has borrowed $1,200,000.00 from the GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY (the "Lender") or the Lender's assignor, pursuant to the terms of a Loan Agreement, numbered Loan No. DW11017 (the "Loan Agreement"), between the Borrower and the Lender; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower's obligation to repay the loan made pursuant to the Loan Agreement is evidenced by a Promissory Note, numbered Loan No. DW11017 (the "Note"), of the Borrower; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower and the Lender have determined to amend and modify the Note, pursuant to the terms of a Modification of Promissory Note (the "Modification") between the Borrower and the Lender, the form of which has been presented to this meeting;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the form, terms, and conditions and the execution, delivery, and performance of the Modification are hereby approved and authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the terms of the Modification are in the best interests of the Borrower, and the governing body of the Borrower designates and authorizes the following persons to execute and deliver, and to attest, respectively, the Modification, and any related documents necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Modification.

Greg Hobbs  
(Name of Person to Execute Documents)  
Mayor  
>Title)

Felicia Brannen  
(Name of Person to Attest)  
City Clerk  
>Title)

Councilmember Flowers motioned to adopt the resolution to approve a modification of Loan DW2016016 and authorize execution of Modification of Promissory Note and any necessary and related documents. 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 approved resolution follows.

RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY

Recipient: CITY OF THOMASVILLE  
Loan Number: DW2016016

At a duly called meeting of the governing body of the Borrower identified above the "Borrower") held on the 13th day of July, 2020, the following resolution was introduced and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Borrower has borrowed $1,250,000.00 from the GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY (the "Lender") or the Lender's assignor, pursuant to the terms of a Loan Agreement, numbered Loan No. DW2016016 (the "Loan Agreement"), between the Borrower and the Lender; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower's obligation to repay the loan made pursuant to the Loan Agreement is evidenced by a Promissory Note, numbered Loan No. DW2016016 (the "Note"), of the Borrower; and

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the terms of the Modification are in the best interests of the Borrower, and the governing body of the Borrower designates and authorizes the following persons to execute and deliver, and to attest, respectively, the Modification, and any related documents necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Modification.
Motion to approve contract amendment for purchase of Carbon Credits at the Thomasville Municipal Solid Waste Landfill.

City Engineer, Wayne Newsome, reported that in September of 2018, Council approved award of a new contract for purchase of carbon credits generated at the Landfill to Element Markets Emissions, LLC. The multi-year contract committed Elements Markets LLC to purchase carbon credits from the landfill through 2022 at a rate of $1.25 per ton. Element Markets has requested a contract amendment to extend our current contract through vintage year 2025. Additionally, the amendment would increase the buyers ability to purchase carbon reserve tonnage (based upon availability) from 75,000 tons per year to 85,000 tons per year beginning in 2023. The price per ton would increase by $0.75 per ton for vintage years 2023-25. Additionally, contingent upon approval of the extension, the price per ton under the current agreement would increase by $0.25 per ton for vintage years 2020, 2021, and 2022 to $1.50 per ton. The gas collection and flare system at the landfill for all cells, except Cell 4, has been in operation since 2011. This system has been operated voluntarily since its inception and has generated an average of 48,000 tons annually of carbon credits. Based on the latest Tier 2 testing at the landfill, it is estimated that by 2025-26, the landfill will be required to implement such a system or similar measure to reduce the emission of non-methane organic compounds (NMOC's). Once the regulatory threshold is exceeded, the City of Thomasville will be required to have this system to be in compliance with EPA regulations. At that point, the City will no longer be able to sell carbon credits to offset the cost. The City plans to expand the well field to cover Cell 4 in early 2021. This will significantly increase the volume of carbon credits generated, such that carbon credit generation will approach the maximum purchase volumes contained in the agreement. Based on this information and predictions, staff requests that City Council approve the requested contract amendment, extending the City’s current contract with Element Market Emissions, LLC through 2025 based on a unit price of $2.00 per ton for years 2023, 2024, and 2025, and an increase in the current unit price from $1.25 to $1.50 per ton for years 2020, 2021, and 2022. This amendment would also increase the maximum annual tonnage that the buyer can purchase from 75,000 to 85,000 tons. It was also requested that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler motioned to approve the contract amendment for the purchase of Carbon Credits, as presented and to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement. Councilmember Mobley seconded. Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler commended staff for negotiations regarding this amendment. 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 purchase of Financial and Budgeting Software.

Chief Financial Officer, Ashley Cason, reported the current financial software package, Harris GEMS, includes components for Accounts Payable, Purchasing, Payroll, Accounts Receivables, Cash Receipting, Inventory and Asset/Project Management. This system has been in place since 1994 and upgrades are no longer available. Over time, this software has become outdated and no longer meets all the needs of the organization. In March 2020, a comprehensive Request for Proposal (RFP) to upgrade this financial package was released. Staff strived to request a financial package that would include the upgraded versions of the modules we currently have, but also include budgeting software, document management, self-service features for customers/vendors/employees, and so much more. Three proposals were received; only one met the multifaceted specifications of the needs of the organization. A percentage of this project was included in the 2020 capital budget (under the Information Technology Fund) as staff anticipated the initiation of the project to take place in the current year, with actual completion of the project within 12-18 months. CFO Cason noted that, as per Council’s request at Workshop, provisions were made to increase the contract to reflect annual fees from three years to five years. A summary of proposals received follows.
**PROPOSALS RECEIVED**

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<td>$1,261,940 ($360,595 one-time fee, plus $170,816 annual fee for three years and $47,265 in estimated travel expenses).</td>
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Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler motioned to award the contract to Tyler Technologies, as presented and in an amount not to exceed $1,261,940.00. Councilmember Warren seconded. There was brief discussion regarding savings in relation to annual fees of programs that will no longer be necessary with the implementation of this software. 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 the purchase of six (6) replacement pumps for Waste Water Lift Stations.**

Wastewater Superintendent, Kenneth King, reported this purchase will consist of six (6) pumps for lift stations for the Wastewater Department to replace existing pumps which are at the end of useful life and considered unrepairable. This purchase was included in the 2020 Capital Budget in the amount of $130,000. These pumps maintain sewer flow from lift stations to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Without replacing the pumps, there is a greater risk of failures with the old pumps that could result in sewer spills that would contaminate the ground and possibly surrounding streams. One (1) pump for replacement at Lift Station 3 that is unrepairable, (1) pump for Lift Station 6 that is unrepairable, (2) pumps for Lift Station 12 that have reached end of service due to no available parts, and (2) pumps to for Lift Station 20 due to excessive amounts of corrosion from gasses and leachate rendering the pumps hazardous. There were (4) bids received by the purchasing department. Bids received were check for accuracy. A summary of the bids received follows.

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Councilmember Flowers motioned to award the bid for purchase of the six (6) pumps to Hydra Service of Quincy, Florida in the amount of $65,814.00, utilizing the 2020 Sewer Capital funds with third party financing if necessary, as presented. Councilmember Mobley seconded. At Council’s request King provided a brief description of how these pumps operate. 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.

**REPORTS**

Councilmembers thanked citizens for attending the meeting. Councilmember Warren read the following statement for the benefit of citizens who were present and those who were listening to the live steam audio.

*To achieve success, it is imperative that elected officials and staff work together to ensure the success of this city. This recognition creates an atmosphere of trust and respect that leads to a well-run organization that can focus on its primary mission of providing efficient, effective, and responsive public services.*
The appointed official or City manager is hired to serve the elected body and the community and to bring to the local government the benefits of education, training, and experience in administering local government operations and management.

The most effective elected officials direct their time and energies to legislation, policy development, and operational oversight. Oversight can best be carried out by ensuring that the city has professional and competent staff that is responsive, resourceful, efficient, and effective. Managers and administrators need broad oversight to manage the difficult organizational, legal, personnel, financial, and other administrative matters that occur on a regular basis. Elected officials should empower their manager but hold them accountable through regular updates and performance reviews. In addition, Council establishes Committees and Boards to review how individual departments carry out programs.

For any local government to be successful there must be trust and confidence between the elected body and the appointed official. The manager must respect the fact that citizens have elected these representatives and that they have certain responsibilities to both the public at large as well as their oath of office. Likewise, elected officials must have respect for the form of government citizens have chosen and confidence in their manager to carry out the responsibilities of the position. Both parties share common goals to improve the quality of life, create jobs, protect the public, and provide efficient and effective services.

Successful relations between elected and appointed officials always require open, consistent, and continuous communication. Information must flow in both directions. Any organization is only as strong as the sum of its parts.

Powers and Duties of the Mayor
The responsibilities of the mayor include presiding over all meetings of the council, generally ensuring that city departments run smoothly, helping to build a sense of community, and providing leadership and services to municipal citizens. The mayor serves as the official spokesperson for the city government.

Powers and Duties of Councilmembers
Councilmembers are empowered to make policy decisions and to approve ordinances, resolutions, and other local legislation to govern the health, welfare, comfort, and safety of the city's residents. City council sets policy guidelines for the administrative and fiscal operations of the city.

I whole-heartedly believe in Open Government/ Open Meetings. This includes total transparency which equates to full discussions in the purview of citizens. Our goal should always be transparency and accountability. It is time to decrease the 2-on-2 meetings. The citizens are watching.

ADJOURNMENT
Having no further business to discuss, the Thomasville City Council Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Mayor, Greg Hobbs

ATTEST: City Clerk

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