

City of Thomasville Council Meeting, November 22, 2021

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 (attended by teleconference), Todd Mobley and Wanda Warren. Also present were the City Manager, J. Alan Carson; City Attorney, Tim Sanders; and, other city 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 the 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 Hobbs called the Council Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Flowers gave the invocation by teleconference.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Mobley motioned to approve the November 8, 2021 City Council Meeting minutes 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.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Hobbs acknowledged the following Citizens to be Heard, as listed on the sign-in sheet, and reminded those present to speak of the three-minute rule in which to address Council:

1. Brenda Bernard inquired of Councilmembers what could be done by the City of Thomasville to provide additional, non-sports-related activities for youth in which to participate on city-owned property. She referred to activities in larger towns such as arcades, go carts, putt-putt golf and laser tag which were provided by private entities.
 - a. Mayor Hobbs indicated as a municipality, the City of Thomasville provides for parks and recreation opportunities and the activities in which she was referring, were provided for by private organizations and on privately owned property.
2. Candee Henderson requested Council consider taking action to adopt a resolution in support of a plan to move Thomasville and Thomas County to 100% renewable energy by 2035. She reviewed various ways to achieve this goal by reduce carbon emissions through the use of sustainable and alternative energy options.

ADOPT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler motioned to adopt the agenda as presented and 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

There was no Old Business for Councilmembers to consider at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

First reading of an ordinance to rezone 1218 East Jackson Street from R-1 Residential and C-1 Commercial to Planned Unit Development (PUD).

City Planner, Kenny Thompson reported the developers of the Bellamy PUD have purchased 1218 East Jackson Street so as to add to the project with the intent to use this property to address stormwater concerns on the development and to add much needed multi-family residential (48-60 units) on the front half of the property. The original Bellamy PUD application was approved by Council earlier this year. The amendment meets all the requirements of the PUD, including the following:

- The application has been reviewed for consistency with the Comprehensive Plan. The development is consistent with the City's goals to improve our Commercial Corridors, Encourage Infill Development, Expand Housing Options, and Expand Neighborhood Walkability.
- The application has been reviewed for conformance with the PUD requirements, including the Community Benefit Statement, Performance Standards Comparison, and Improvements Required Comparison.
- The Concept Plan has been reviewed for the character, location, and appropriateness of the development in relation to surrounding land uses.
- The Concept Plan has been reviewed for architectural appropriateness, landscaping, streetscape, and opens space features within the development.

City Planner Thompson also reported that during the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) meeting, public comment was heard from neighbors along Becky Street with concerns about their drainage. This proposal will not drain toward their properties but will store water on-site in a retention pond. Any potential overflow will be piped underneath the Summer Creek Cove condominiums and flow into Briley Lake. The Amendment was passed (recommended) by P&Z.

Councilmember Mobley motioned to order the ordinance to rezone 1218 East Jackson Street from R-1 Residential and C-1 Commercial to Planned Unit Development (PUD) as read for the first time, passed and carried over, 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 title of the ordinance read for the first time, passed and carried over follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA, OF 1971, AS AMENDED WHICH IS SET FORTH IN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE AS CHAPTER 22, CAPTIONED "ZONING", BY EXCLUDING A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND FROM PARCEL 8 OF SECTION 22-81 CAPTIONED "R-1, RESIDENTIAL", AND BY EXCLUDING A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND FROM PARCEL 10 OF SECTION 22-81 CAPTIONED "C-1, COMMERCIAL", TO DESCRIBE SAID EXCLUDED TRACT AND TO DESIGNATE THE SAID SAME TRACT AS PARCEL 3 OF SECTION 22-81 CAPTIONED "PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) CONDITIONAL USE". TO ESTABLISH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

First reading of an ordinance to rezone 314 Mimosa Drive from R-1 to R-2 Conditional Use (Cottage Court).

City Planner, Kenney Thompson reported in 2018, the City Council approved an ordinance to amend the zoning code to allow for the potential of a "Cottage Court" development within the City. A Cottage Court consists of a series of small, detached homes facing a central green, and offers the most sought-after aspects of single family living (privacy, space, security, status) in conjunction with the benefits of attached living (convenience, lower maintenance, sense of community, savings). As described within the City's recently completed housing study, Thomasville is currently experiencing a shortage of quality, affordable housing units. The Cottage Court will help to meet these needs in a

way that is compatible with single family neighborhoods. The rezoning request is in conformance with the *Thomasville: Blueprint 2028 Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map* and will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property. Specifically:

- The rezoning will increase the availability quality housing options available within the City that are contextual with the adjacent residential neighborhood.
- The rezoning will not have an adverse effect on the surrounding neighborhood. The Cottage Court housing type is intended to be compatible with single family homes, and will conform in size, scale, and character to the surrounding residential neighborhood.
- The rezoning of this property for a cottage court is consistent with the recommendations of the Blueprint Comprehensive Plan. “While the Traditional Neighborhoods are primarily residential in nature, denser housing types such as duplexes, fourplexes, and small apartment buildings *designed to fit with the character of a single-family neighborhood* are also part of the housing mix.”

During the Planning and Zoning meeting, neighbors voiced hesitation for the development, citing potential traffic, noise, safety, and stormwater concerns. Ultimately, the flooding of Mimosa Drive during major storm events was identified as an overarching concern. Citing conformance with the Comprehensive Plan, and the need for affordable housing, P&Z passed (recommended) the rezoning with the request that they stay informed on the stormwater issues throughout the site development process.

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler motioned to order the ordinance to rezone 314 Mimosa Drive from R-1 to R-2 Conditional Use (Cottage Court) as read for the first time, passed and carried over, as presented. Councilmember Warren seconded. A brief discussion ensued regarding minimum lot and home size requirements for Cottage Court zoning. 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 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 2 OF SECTION 22-81 CAPTIONED “R-1, RESIDENTIAL”, TO DESCRIBE SAID EXCLUDED TRACT AND TO DESIGNATE THE SAID SAME TRACT AS PARCEL 65 OF SECTION 22-81 CAPTIONED “R-2A, CU, COTTAGE COURT DEVELOPMENT”. TO ESTABLISH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Resolution to establish an Open Records Policy for the City of Thomasville.

City Attorney, Tim Sanders reported the resolution establishes an open records policy in accordance to the Georgia Open Records Act and appoints the City Clerk as the Open Records Officer for the City of Thomasville. Attorney Sanders noted the resolution formalizes the actions for open records requests that is already in place for the City of Thomasville.

Councilmember Warren motioned to adopt a resolution formally establishing an Open Records Policy for the City of Thomasville 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 adopted resolution follows.

CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville is subject to O.C.G.A. §50-18-70 et. seq. known as the Georgia Open Records Act (the “Act”);

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Thomasville has made the determination that it is in the best interest of the City of Thomasville for the City Council to adopt a policy concerning the Open Records Act.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth fully herein.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Act, the City Manager shall appoint the City Clerk, as an Open Records Officer to whom citizens may submit open records requests via written or electronic request.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such Open Records Officer shall be responsible on behalf of the City of Thomasville for conducting diligent inquiry and retrieval efforts and providing a response on behalf of the City of Thomasville, all in accordance with the Act.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon receipt of an open records request, the Open Records Officer shall be responsible for conducting a diligent inquiry into whether there are any public records that are subject to disclosure in accordance with the Act. Where appropriate based on the content and subject matter of specific requests, the responsibilities of the Open Records Officer shall include but not be limited to conducting inquiry with all elected Councilmembers to determine whether or not they are or have been in possession of documents responsive to the submitted request and subject to disclosure under the Act.

SO RESOLVED, this 22nd day of November, 2021.

This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

Resolution to appoint Assistant City Manager Sheryl Sealy as a voting delegate of ECG.

Assistant City Manager, Chris White reported the voting delegate and alternate for Electric Cities of Georgia (ECG) are listed as Councilmember Jay Flowers and Lynn Williams. Due to Mrs. Williams' retirement, this is required to be updated. It is recommended that Assistant City Manager, Sheryl Sealy, be appointed as the alternate for ECG.

Councilmember Mobley motioned to adopt a resolution appointing Assistant City Manager, Sheryl Sealy, as the alternate voting delegate for ECG 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 adopted resolution follows.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia (the "Participant") that Councilmember Jay Flowers is hereby appointed as a voting delegate of the Participant ("Voting Delegate") with full power and authority to communicate the decisions of the Participant to Electric Cities of Georgia, Inc. ("ECG"), with regard to the Board of Directors of ECG Election process including, but not limited to, submitting nomination forms and ballots for the election. Sheryl Sealy, Assistant City Manager, (the "Alternate") is hereby appointed as the alternate Voting Delegate with full power and authority of the Voting Delegate to the extent that it is convenient for the Participant to make such communications to ECG through the Alternate.

SO RESOLVED, this, the 22nd day of November, 2021.

Resolution to submit a 2022 Georgia Economic Placemaking Collaborative Application.

City Planner, Kenny Thompson reported the Georgia Economic Placemaking Collaborative is a two-year place-based economic development program that provides participating communities with education, facilitation, technical assistance, networking, peer learning, and incentives to help identify their community assets and develop a locally based placemaking strategy. It was noted that in year one staff will obtain education, visioning, and planning assistance through this collaboration. Year two follows with development projects, funding, and implementation and tracking and impact analysis. City Planner Thompson noted this collaboration is a connection to statewide resources and is an opportunity to place Thomasville in a more favorable position with competitive grant opportunities in the future.

Councilmember Warren motioned to adopt a resolution to submit a 2022 Georgia Economic Placemaking Collaborative Application. 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 adopted resolution follows.

Resolution

A RESOLUTION by the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, to authorize submission of a FY 2022 Georgia Economic Placemaking Collaborative grant application.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, find that the program is necessary and desirable in order to identify our community assets and develop a locally based placemaking strategy in the City of Thomasville, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desire that a FY 2022 Georgia Economic Placemaking Collaborative grant application be submitted to the Georgia Cities Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to commit funding in the FY2022 Budget to provide for the provision of the program costs as a requirement of the Georgia Economic Placemaking Collaborative grant application;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, that:

The Mayor of the City of Thomasville, or his/her successor, is hereby authorized to submit to the Georgia Cities Foundation a FY 2022 Georgia Economic Placemaking Collaborative grant application and such supporting and collateral material as shall be necessary.

READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Thomasville, Georgia on a motion made by Councilmember Warren, seconded by Councilmember Mobley, and adopted on this 22nd day of November, 2021.

Consider resolutions in relation to the intent of Georgia Public Web, Inc. to enter into a certain Asset Purchase Agreement by and between GPW and between Macquarie Capital.

Assistant City Manager, Chris White reported Georgia Public Web (GPW) was formed in 1998 with the mission to bring high-bandwidth, reliable telecommunications services benefitting businesses and communities across Georgia. GPW is a non-profit organization owned by thirty-two municipalities across the state of Georgia. GPW and its Member Cities have promoted public-private partnerships with a goal to bring high-speed broadband services to communities that desired to unlock workforce potential, educational development and job growth initiatives. The City of Thomasville's member percentage investment is calculated at 5.731%. While GPW believes it has fulfilled its

mission, the future holds new challenges to develop its network to support 5G and FTTx services required to keep GPW's customers and members competitive. GPW has an opportunity to provide for GPW's mission to be carried to the next level. To enable GPW to act upon this opportunity, the majority of the member cities must authorize approval for GPW to sell its assets in a transaction with an affiliate. Assistant City Manager White requested Council take appropriate action to approve GPW's intent to sell substantially all of GPW's assets in a transaction with an affiliate; to authorize the Mayor's signature on all necessary and related documents to execute transaction; and, to approve a resolution authorizing a Consent to Assignment of Contracts in favor of Georgia Public Web, Inc. and the affiliate. Mayor Hobbs reported these transactions were discussed during the annual MEAG Summit and received unanimous support from GPW's member cities statewide.

Councilmember Warren motioned to adopt a resolution approving Consent to the Assignment of Contracts concerning the Collocation Agreement and to authorize the Mayor to execute the same on behalf of the City of Thomasville. 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.

Councilmember Warren motioned to adopt a resolution authorizing the provision of consent of the City of Thomasville, as an active member of Georgia Public Web, Inc., to approve GPW entering into an Asset Purchase Agreement by and between Macquarie Capital and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same on behalf of the City of Thomasville. 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 adopted resolution and Written Consent follows.

CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville is a member of Georgia Public Web, Inc., a nonprofit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia, ("GPW");

WHEREAS, GPW desires to enter into that certain Asset Purchase Agreement by and between GPW and between Macquarie Capital or an entity owned or controlled by Macquarie Capital;

WHEREAS, in order for GPW to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Asset Purchase Agreement, it will be necessary for the City of Thomasville to consent to the assignment of that certain collocation agreement by and between the City of Thomasville and GPW ("Collocation Agreement") to Macquarie Communications Infrastructure Holdings, LLC of GPW's rights, obligations and interests in such agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Consent to Assignment of Contracts concerning the Collocation Agreement attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized to execute the same on behalf of the City of Thomasville.

SO RESOLVED, this 22nd day of November, 2021.

This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE MEMBERS OF
GEORGIA PUBLIC WEB, INC.

The undersigned, being members of Georgia Public Web, Inc., a nonprofit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia (the "Corporation"), pursuant to Section 14-3-704 of the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code and the Bylaws of the Corporation,

hereby consent that the following actions be taken by the Corporation and that the following resolutions be adopted without the necessity of a formal or informal meeting by the Corporation and without the requirement of any notices of or materials with respect to such meeting for the purposes set forth hereafter, and hereby direct that this consent be delivered to the Corporation for inclusion in the minutes or filing with the corporate records.

RESOLVED, that the undersigned members of the Corporation hereby approve of the Corporation entering into the transactions substantially described in that certain Asset Purchase Agreement by and between the Corporation and other party named therein (the "Agreement"), a current copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and all other exhibits, documents and transactions related thereto or delivered therewith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned do hereby give their consent to these resolutions.

Member City Signature Page:
The City of Thomasville, Georgia
By: Greg Hobbs (signed)
Name: Greg Hobbs
Title: Mayor
Date Signed: November 22, 2021
Membership Percentage: 5.731%

Resolution authorizing the execution, delivery and performance of the Fourth Amendment to Telecommunications Project Contract with the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia and to authorize the Mayor to execute the same on behalf of the City of Thomasville.

Assistant City Manager, Chris White reported this requested action is required to be completed in connection with the approved GPW transaction. The City of Thomasville ("Participant") has been a participant in the Municipal Electrical Authority of Georgia (MEAG) ("Authority") Telecommunications Project Contract since May 1, 1996. The participation of Georgia cities in the Contract enabled the Authority to finance the cost of acquiring and constructing a Telecommunications System on behalf of Participants executing Telecommunications Contracts. The Participant(s) and the Authority have entered into A First Amendment, dated February 1, 1997; a Second Amendment, dated June 1, 1997; and, a Third Amendment, dated January 1, 2008. The Amended Telecommunications Contract provides in article III that the Authority "shall acquire, own, operate and maintain the Telecom Project in a prudent manner for the benefit of the Participants and for other purposes. The Authority entered into a Master Agreement dated January 23, 2001 with Georgia public Web, Inc. (GPW) wherein the Authority granted to GPW the right to lease or otherwise utilize the assets comprising the Telecom Project in exchange for GPW agreeing to operate and maintain such assets for the benefit of the Participants in the Telecommunications Project and to assume such other obligations of the Authority. GPW is seeking approval from its Member Participants to sell all assets; which also requires an authorized sale by MEAG Power of any remaining ownership interest in certain assets which comprise the Telecommunications Project. As Participants of MEAG Telecommunications Project Contract, Council is requested to authorize a resolution to execute an amendment to the Telecommunications Project Contract.

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the execution, delivery and performance of the Fourth Amendment to Telecommunications Project Contract with the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia and to authorize the Mayor to execute the same on behalf of the City of Thomasville. 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 adopted resolution follows.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION, DELIVERY AND PERFORMANCE OF THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROJECT CONTRACT WITH THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, City of Thomasville (the "Participant") has entered into a Telecommunications Project Contract, dated as of May 1, 1996, with the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia ("MEAG Power"), as amended by a First Amendment to Telecommunications contract, dated as of February 1, 1997, a Second Amendment to Telecommunications Contract, dated as of June 1, 1997, and a Third Amendment to Telecommunications Contract, dated as of January 1, 2008; and,

WHEREAS, in order to effect certain changes to the Telecommunications Contract, the Participant has determined to enter into a Fourth Amendment to the Telecommunications Contract with MEAG Power (the "Fourth Amendment");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the [Mayor/Chairman] is hereby authorized and directed to execute and perform, and the [Clerk/Secretary], or any Assistant [Clerk/Secretary], is hereby authorized to attest deliver the Fourth Amendment, in substantially the form thereof that has been attached hereto and filed in the Minute Book of the Participant; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant hereby authorizes the City of Thomasville and the [Clerk/Secretary], or any Assistant [Clerk/Secretary], to take any further actions and execute and deliver any other documents necessary to carry out the purpose of this Resolution and the Fourth Amendment, as amended from time to time.

This the 22nd day of November, 2021.

Motion to ratify acceptance of Fox Theatre Institute (FTI) Grant and to authorize the Mayor to sign necessary and related documents to execute the grant agreement.

Tourism Manager, Bonnie Hayes reported the City of Thomasville recently received a Fox Theatre Institute grant in the amount of \$22,500 to be used to obtain a Historic Preservation Plan for the Municipal Auditorium. With a completed Historic Preservation Plan, the City will be guided through the best practices for maintaining the historical integrity of the Municipal Building, while also positioning the City to apply for future Fox Theatre Institute grants. To stay compliant with the agreement, the grant paperwork was required to be signed by the Mayor and returned by November 20, 2021. Manger Hayes further reported that a partial payment of \$11,250.00 will be issued to the City by December 15, 2021 and the final payment of \$11,250.00, will be issued no later than June 15, 2022 upon confirmation of the project's completion and receipt of 2021/2022 FTI Final Grant Report.

Councilmember Warren motioned to ratify acceptance of the Fox Theatre Institute Grant and to ratify authorization of the Mayor's signature to execute the grant agreement as presented. Councilmember Mobley seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

Award of Request for Proposal for Storage Area Network replacement project.

Information Technology Director, Michael Reddick reported that in 2012 the City of Thomasville's EMC CX500 was replaced with our current EMC VNX5300 that officially reached EOL (end of life) in 2019. Over the last two years we have maintained the current environment while doing research to identify a replacement that fits the needs of the City of Thomasville data. Director Reddick noted a Request For Proposals was compiled and sent to various vendors; from which five bids were received. Based on the products presented, three of the five were short-listed and asked to provide an additional demo of their proposed products. It was noted this will be a 2022 capital budget carry over item and the City of Thomasville's Information Technology Department requests the replacement be awarded to Network Technology Solutions (NTS), HP, with third party financing if necessary. A summary of the shortlisted proposals follows.

PROPOSER
NTS – HP

PROPOSAL AMOUNT
\$238,852

NTS – DELL	\$323,522
Mass Mountain – Option 1 SSD	\$121,500
Option 2 Flash	\$220,250

Councilmember Warren motioned to award the purchase of proposal for storage area network replacement project to NTS – HP, in the amount of \$238,852.00 as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

Bids and award for the purchase of Dawson Street Stormwater Upgrades.

City Engineer, Todd Powell reported on Dawson Street, from Mclean Street to the CSX railroad crossing, there are storm drainage upgrades that are necessary. There is an existing 15” clay pipe that is located beneath the street that is undersized, which overwhelms the system during heavy downpours. The installation of new 24” and 30” concrete pipes are necessary in order to stop the water from backing up along this corridor and at the Smith Avenue intersection. Proposals received were opened on October 22, 2021 for the above project, which includes furnishing all labor and equipment to perform all work required to complete drainage improvements on Dawson Street. The work will require an easement through Bob and Jeff’s and Singletary’s where all damaged paving will be repaired by the Contractor. The proposal also includes milling, resurfacing, traffic loops and striping for fifty feet each side of the excavation on Smith Avenue. This project was advertised for 30 days with ads running in the Thomasville Times-Enterprise in both August and September of 2021. The project was also posted on the Georgia Procurement Registry website. City Engineer Powell reported there were a total of four plan holders (potential bidders), however only one proposal was received. The work is to be completed within 80 consecutive calendar days of the Notice to Proceed. It was noted that this work will be funded utilizing 2018 SPLOST funds.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Green’s Backhoe, Thomasville, Georgia	\$337,105.07

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler motioned to award the contract for the Dawson Street Drainage Improvement Project to Green’s Backhoe in the amount of \$337,105.07 as being qualified to perform the services 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.

Bids and award for the purchase of Awning Addition for Fleet Services Building.

Purchasing/Fleet Manager, Anthony Q. Choice reported Fleet Services is requesting the purchase of an awning addition to the front side of the facility to allow staff to perform regular and emergency maintenance repairs on fleet units without being subject to adverse weather conditions. The addition of a covered area will also provide the means necessary to keep garbage worm, excessive mud, and leachate out of the enclosed fleet shop facility area. Bids were compiled and sent to various firms. The requested awning addition will be an extension from the existing building of 30 feet wide and 120 feet long. Manager Choice reported this project has been bid twice and each time there are numerous vendors who state they will bid and do not follow through. The bids were sent to four firms that expressed an interest, however only one submitted a final bid. A summary of bid received follows.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Tip Top Construction	Not to exceed \$148,700.00
Apex metal Buildings	No Bid
Tyson Steel	No Bid
Matador Steel	No Bid due to type of structural requirements

Councilmember Mobley motioned to award the bid for the purchase of the awning addition for the Fleet Services Building to Tip Top Construction, with third party financing if necessary and 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.

REPORTS

City Manager Carson wished citizens a Happy Thanksgiving holiday and noted that due to the City’s observance of the Holiday, some services would be affected with alternative schedules (such as Solid Waste pickup).

City Manager Carson commended City of Thomasville employees on their efforts during the first annual City of Thomasville Canned Food Drive; which was named Project 5,000. He reported Project 5,000 has so far received over 4,640 canned food items and when completed, will be delivered to the Thomas County Food Bank. It was noted that this donation will provide approximately 580 meals to those in our community with food insecurities. City Manager Carson further reported that in addition to Project 5,000, City of Thomasville employees continuously give back to the Thomasville Community through self-imposed payroll deductions to an internal Charity Fund. The Charity Fund is used primarily to assist employees who endure hardships. At the end of the each year, any remaining balance in the Charity Fund is used as year-end contributions to community organizations such as Boys & Girls Club, Vashti, Bee Boosters, Never Lost, Salvation Army, Shop with a Cop, Shop with a Yellow Jacket, the Good Will Project and many more. City Manager Carson reported the employees’ Charity Fund was able to provide in excess of \$14,000 of their own money in contributions to organizations in the community FY2021.

Councilmembers collectively thanked City of Thomasville Employees for their selfless contributions to the Thomasville Community. Councilmembers also wished the community a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler motioned to close the public meeting for Council to enter into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussion relating to property negotiation and pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3 (b)(1)(B). 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, members of the press and others who were not required to remain in attendance for the Executive Session exited the meeting room.

Following the duly closed and opened Executive Session, the public meeting was resumed with Mayor 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; and other city staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, the Thomasville City Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.


ATTEST: City Clerk


Mayor, Greg Hobbs

