

City of Thomasville Council Meeting, April 26, 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, Councilmembers Jay Flowers, Todd Mobley and Wanda Warren. Also present were the City Manager, J. Alan Carson; City Attorney, Tim Sanders; and other staff. The meeting was held in Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 144 East, Jackson Street, Thomasville, Georgia.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Greg Hobbs called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Flowers led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Flowers motioned to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2021, 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 citizen to be heard as listed on the sign in sheet:

1. Arline Hampton, c/o 219 South Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Thomasville, Georgia, voiced her concerns regarding the history of the implementation of the dog park on the south side of Thomasville and requested that Council have staff look again for documentation stating why it was created.

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

There were no items for consideration under Old Business at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve contract over runs of construction contract for Wright Street Sanitary Sewer Repair Project.

Right of Way Superintendent, Curtis Crocker, reported bids were received on October 2, 2020 to replace 301 feet of an existing 15" vitrified clay gravity sewer main that were failing. Work included replacement of service laterals,

temporary by-pass pumping, and all work incidental to the construction. Original contract was approved for the amount of \$248,046.50 dollars. There was one change order for the lining of two (2) manholes in the amount of \$8,850.00. He further reported crews found the clay sewer main was located 18' below the surface and the soil removed would not be viable for reuse due to contamination and severe lack of structure. It was noted that in most cases, the soil removed during a project is viable for reuse to ensure cost savings for the project. However, due to the depth of the sewer main and the soil contamination, the unsuitable soil had to be replaced. It was also discovered that additional repairs were needed which created additional unit over runs of the original contract. This project will be funded utilizing 2021 Sewer Capital Main funds. A summary of the contract and changes follows.

Original Contract - RPI, Inc., Valdosta, Georgia	\$248,046.50
Change Order #1 (manholes lining)	<u>\$8,850.00</u>
Unit over runs of contract:	
Replacement of unsuitable soils	\$93,960.00
Graded aggregate base	\$24,575.00
Asphalt	\$22,149.00
Concrete sidewalk replacement	\$1,976.00
Concrete curb and gutter replacement	\$5,220.00
Stamped concrete crosswalk	\$175.00
Remove asphalt base	\$6,389.50
Temporary wastewater bypass pumping	<u>\$38,745.00</u>
Total over runs of contract:	\$193,189.50
Total new contract amount:	\$450,086.00

Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler motioned to approve the contract change award for the additional contract amount for the Wright Street Sanitary Sewer Repair Project to RPI, Inc. of Valdosta, Georgia, in the amount of \$193,189.50, totaling \$450,086.00; and, to authorize the Mayor to execute the new contract on behalf of the City of Thomasville, as presented. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was brief discussion regarding the depth and length of the replaced sewer main; which is a major supply artery for the project area. 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 Construction Quality Assurance (CQA) Services and Geotechnical Services on Landfill Cells 9 and 10.

Executive Director of Public Utilities, Chris White, reported the Environmental Protection Division places requirements on landfills regarding landfill cells and their usage. The Landfill consultants have received three proposals for purchase of CQA and Geotechnical Services on Landfill Cells 9 and 10. The project includes furnishing all labor and equipment to perform all work required to accomplish the following: Provide Construction Quality Assurance (CQA) and Geotechnical services for the Phase I Waste Mining (MSW) and Phase III MSW for Cell Nos. 9 and 10 Construction project. The CQA includes Soil Laboratory Services for VOC's, metals, soil density (one per 1000 cubic yard), moisture content, gradation and waste mining and sampling. The Geotechnical services include exploration of subgrade to depths of 22 feet on a 50' x 50' grid to check for 22 feet of soil overburden above the limestone layer. In addition, soil strength test will be performed and each boring will be backfilled with bentonite cement grout. The data will be used to determine whether a geotextile layer will be required for the construction. Work for the CQA will take place over 80 working days. The Geotechnical work will span 50 field days from the Notice to Proceed. The proposal bids were received directly by the consultants Hodges, Harbin, Newberry & Tribble (HHN&T). The consultants recognized BLE (Bunnell, Lammons Engineering) as being qualified to perform the services. A summary of the proposals received follows.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
<u>CQA SERVICES</u>	
BLE; Greenville, South Carolina	\$77,650.00
GEC, Macon, Georgia	\$86,500.00
Haley & Aldrich; Greenville, South Carolina	\$152,100.00

GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES

BLE; Greenville, South Carolina	\$81,652.60
GEC; Macon, Georgia	\$84,620.00
Haley & Aldrich; Greenville, South Carolina	\$125,920.00

Councilmember Mobley motioned to approve the award of bid for CQA and Geotechnical Services on Landfill Cells 9 and 10 to BLE of Greenville, South Carolina, as presented. Councilmember Flowers seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

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

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items for consideration on the Consent Agenda at this meeting.

REPORTS

City Manager Carson recognized the following City of Thomasville employees and departments for receiving the following awards:

1. CFO Ashley Cason and the City of Thomasville Finance Department: Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada - Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.
2. Mike Owens, Manager of Parks & Recreation and Country Oaks Golf Course: Georgia Section of the Professional Golfers' Association of America - 2020 Golf Professional of the Year
3. City of Thomasville's Water Treatment Plant: Georgia Association of Water Professionals - Platinum Award

City Manager Carson also recognized the coordination efforts of the 100th Annual Rose Show & Festival. Special Events Coordinator, Madison Eaton; Director of Economic Development, April Norton; Executive Director of Marketing & Customer Service, Sheryl Sealy; and TEAM Thomasville were able to create a memorable 100th Celebration of Thomasville's "rose" history for the community and its visitors during unprecedented times. He reported there a total of eleven different city departments and 133 employees and numerous community entities involved with the operations of the event. Councilmembers echoed the City Manager's sentiments and noted they had received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the community and visitors in reference to the events of the Rose Show & Festival. Councilmembers also commended staff for their efforts in getting everyone moved around during the severe weather event, which took place on Saturday of the Festival.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss the Thomasville City Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.


Mayor, Greg Hobbs


ATTEST: City Clerk

