

## City of Thomasville Council Meeting, November 14, 2022

The Council of the City of Thomasville met in regular session with Mayor Jay Flowers presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Mayor Pro Tem Todd Mobley and Councilmembers Wanda Warren, Terry Scott, and Scott Chastain. Also present were the City Manager, J. Alan Carson; City Attorney, Tim Sanders; other city staff; citizens and members of the media. The meeting was held in Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 144 East Jackson Street, Thomasville, Georgia. Simultaneous access to the meeting was provided to those members of the press and citizens not present via the City of Thomasville's online live stream feed located at [www.thomasville.org](http://www.thomasville.org).

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### INVOCATION

Councilmember Scott gave the invocation.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Scott motioned to approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2022, as presented. Councilmember Chastain seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

### PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

1. Mayor Flowers presented a proclamation in honor of Greer Cox. The proclamation recognized Mrs. Cox's upcoming retirement of over 30 years of service to the community and the Thomasville YMCA through various programs for all ages. The proclamation further recognized the support of the Mayor and Council of the City of Thomasville of the renaming of Baseball Field 1, of the Remington Sports Complex, as the Greer Cox Field.
2. Councilmember Warren presented a proclamation recognizing National Entrepreneurship Month to Ms. Sharon Edwards, a representative the Spark Thomasville program. Councilmember Warren acknowledged the importance that small business and entrepreneurs have on their community. The Spark Program assists entrepreneurs with getting small businesses get started. Mayor Flowers also recognized Mr. Harry T. Jones for his mentorship within the Spark Program for the community.
3. Councilmember Chastain presented a proclamation to Blake Candle Company, recognizing its entrepreneurship beginnings in the community, which resulted in a locally owned small business in downtown Thomasville. Jordan Kimmel, Manager – Blake Candle Company, accepted the proclamation on behalf of Blake Candle Company owner, who could not be present at this meeting.
4. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley presented a proclamation to Climmie and Ashley Mosley, recognizing their entrepreneurship beginnings in the community, which resulted in a locally owned restaurant in Thomasville. Climmie's H&M BBQ & Soul Food owners, Climmie and Ashley, thanked the community for supporting their endeavors.
5. Mayor Flowers presented a commemorative plaque to Eric McCollum in recognition of serving as the Honorary Councilmember for the month of October 2022. Mr. McCollum thanked the Mayor and Councilmembers for providing the opportunity to better understand local government.
6. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley presented a commemorative plaque to Dr. Artez Sims, Assistant Principal Thomas High School Scholars Academy, in recognition of serving as the Honorary Councilmember for the month of November 2022. Dr. Sims thanked Mayor Pro Tem, Mayor and Councilmembers for providing him the opportunity to better understand local government.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Flowers recognized the following citizen as listed on the Citizens to be Heard sign-in sheet:

1. Jennifer Dyson, 500 West Calhoun Street, Thomasville, Georgia, requested another meeting be set up between herself, the City Managers and two councilmembers to discuss resolution to her previously voiced concerns about events and her event venue located at 500 West Calhoun Street. She also indicated residents of District 1 were waiting for Councilmember Warren to answer the request of her resignation as a councilmember.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Councilmember Warren motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Second reading of an ordinance to amend text in Chapter 5 “Building, Construction and Related Activities” to provide for publication of fees.**

Executive Director of Inspections & Engineering, Mark Harmon, reported there had been no changes to the ordinance as presented, passed and carried over at the October 24, 2022 City Council meeting. Director Harmon further reported these amendments were in reference to publication of fees.

Councilmember Chastain motioned to order the ordinance to amend text in Chapter 5 of the Thomasville Municipal Code to provide for publication of fees as read for the second time, passed and adopted. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, CAPTIONED “BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.” OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA, CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF FEES BY AMENDING SECTION 5-33, CAPTIONED “PERMIT FEES.”, AND SECTION 5-34, CAPTIONED “CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIRED FOR MOBILE HOME; FEE.”, OF ARTICLE II, CAPTIONED “BUILDING CODE”; SECTION 5-63, CAPTIONED “RECIPROCITY WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS.”, AND SECTION 5-64, CAPTIONED “PROCEDURE IN APPLYING FOR CONTRACTOR’S LICENSE.”, AND SECTION 5-65, CAPTIONED “QUALIFYING OF APPLICANTS.”, OF ARTICLE III, CAPTIONED “BUILDING CONTRACTORS EXAMINING BOARD.”; SECTION 5-110, CAPTIONED “PERMIT FEES.”, OF ARTICLE IV, CAPTIONED “ELECTRICAL CODE.”; SECTION 5-150, CAPTIONED “EXAMINATION; CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY.”; AND SECTION 5-158, CAPTIONED “PERMIT FEES.”, OF ARTICLE V, CAPTIONED “GAS CODE.”; SECTION 5-270, CAPTIONED “PERMIT FEES.”, OF DIVISION 2, CAPTIONED “REGULATION OF INSTALLATIONS”, OF ARTICLE VIII., CAPTIONED “MECHANICAL CODE”; SECTION 5-323, CAPTIONED “PERMIT FEES.”, OF DIVISION 2., CAPTIONED “REGULATION OF INSTALLATIONS”, OF ARTICLE IX, CAPTIONED “PLUMBING CODE”; SECTION 5-520, CAPTIONED “EXEMPTIONS.”, OF ARTICLE XV., CAPTIONED “WATER CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS FOR PLUMBING FIXTURES.”; SECTION 5-616, CAPTIONED “FILING FEE.”, OF DIVISION 3., CAPTIONED “LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PERMITS”, OF ARTICLE XVI., CAPTIONED “WETLANDS PROTECTION” ; 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, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that the Code of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, is hereby amended by amending Section 5-33, captioned "Permit fees.", of Article II, captioned "Building Code", of Chapter 5, captioned "Building, construction and related activities.", to read as follows:

"Sec. 5-33. Permit fees.

Building permit fees are ~~on file at the city clerk's office and the administrative offices of the building department set by city council and kept on file and maintained in the office of the clerk of the city.~~"

#### SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER 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, Georgia, is hereby amended by amending Section 5-34, captioned "Certificate of occupancy required for mobile home; fee.", of Article II, captioned "Building Code" of Chapter 5, captioned "Building, construction and related activities.", to read as follows:

"Sec. 5-34. Certificate of occupancy required for mobile home; fee.

- (a) No person shall locate a mobile home within the city without first obtaining a separate building permit for such mobile home from the chief building official. No fee shall be charged for such building permit.
- (b) No mobile home shall be occupied until the necessary inspections have been completed, and the chief building official shall have issued a certificate of occupancy therefor. The fee for issuing a certificate of occupancy ~~shall be \$25.00~~ is set by city council and kept on file and maintained in the office of the clerk of the city."

#### SECTION III

BE IT FURTHER 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, Georgia, is hereby amended by amending Section 5-63, captioned "Reciprocity with other jurisdictions.", of Article III, captioned "Building Contractors Examining Board", of Chapter 5, captioned "Building, construction and related activities.", to read as follows:

"Sec. 5-63. Reciprocity with other jurisdictions.

The chief building official of the city may grant a contractor's license without examination to a contractor holding a valid contractor's license or certificate of qualification from another jurisdiction which is approved by the contractors examining board. After approval of the application by the chief building official, payment of the standard license fee, ~~as provided in the city fee schedule as set by city council and kept on file and maintained in the office of the clerk of the city,~~ shall be required prior to granting the license. The fee shall be nonrefundable."

#### SECTION IV

BE IT FURTHER 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, Georgia, is hereby amended by amending Section 5-64, captioned "Procedure in applying for contractor's license.", of Article III, captioned "Building Contractors Examining Board", of Chapter 5, captioned "Building, construction and related activities.", to read as follows:

"Sec. 5-64. Procedure in applying for contractor's license.

- (a) Any person or firm desiring to be certified as a contractor in the city shall make application for a contractor's license on a form and for a fee ~~prescribed by the building contractors examining board at the office of the secretary of such board~~ as set by city council and kept on file and maintained in the office

of the clerk of the city. The application shall be retained by the board together with all supporting papers.

- (b) Should the applicant be a firm, the application shall be executed by the president of the firm or a person legally qualified to fully act and bind such firm and demonstrate the legally qualified person's authority to do so on such application. The application shall also name an authorized agent to act on behalf of the firm and show the agent's authority to:
  - (1) Fully act and bind the firm in all matters in any manner connected with the contracting business;
  - (2) Supervise the construction under the contractor's license issued to the firm; and
  - (3) Take the qualifying examination for and on behalf of such firm. The firm shall be qualified only through the qualifications of such agent taking the examination.
- (c) The board shall have authority to require the applicant to furnish any data or material it deems necessary to evaluate the applicant's qualifications to hold the contractor's license applied for.
- (d) An applicant for a residential, building, or general contractor's license must provide proof of achieving a passing score on the International Code Council's contractor examination. Upon providing the required proof of addition to the ICC's official pass list, payment of all application and licensure fees must be paid prior to issuance of the appropriate license by the planning department.”

#### SECTION V

BE IT FURTHER 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, Georgia, is hereby amended by amending Section 5-65, captioned “Qualifying of applicants.”, of Article III, captioned “Building Contractors Examining Board”, of Chapter 5, captioned “Building, construction and related activities.”, to read as follows:

“Sec. 5-65. Qualifying of applicants.

(a) Except in the case of a renewal of a license to show the degree of knowledge required for the type of construction for which the applicant desires to be licensed, the contractors examining board shall require proof of the applicant having achieved a passing score on the International Code Council's contractor examination as specified in section 5-64(d), except as provided in sections 5-62 and 5-63.

(b) Contractors' licenses shall be renewed annually. The schedule of application and license fees ~~is on file at the administrative offices of the planning department~~ are set by city council and kept on file and maintained in the office of the clerk of the city. Licenses not renewed on or before the anniversary date shall be null and void.”

#### SECTION VI

BE IT FURTHER 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, Georgia, is hereby amended by amending Section 5-110, captioned “Permit fees”, of Article IV, captioned “Electrical Code”, of Chapter 5, captioned “Building, construction and related activities.”, to read as follows:

“Sec. 5-110. Permit fees.

Electrical permit fees ~~are on file at the city clerk's office and the administrative offices of the building department~~ set by city council and kept on file and maintained in the office of the clerk of the city.”

#### SECTION VII

BE IT FURTHER 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, Georgia, is hereby amended by amending Section 5-150, captioned "Examination; certificate of competency.", of Article V, captioned "Gas Code", of Chapter 5, captioned "Building, construction and related activities.", to read as follows:

"Sec. 5-150. Examination; certificate of competency.

(a) The contractor's examining board shall, as soon as may be practicable after their appointment, meet and designate the time and place for examination of all applicants desiring to engage in or work at the business of gasfitting within the city. The board shall examine such applicants as to their practical knowledge of gasfittings and, if satisfied of the competence of such applicant, shall thereupon issue a certificate to such applicant authorizing the applicant's to engage in or work at the business of gasfitting, either as a master gasfitter, or as a journeyman gasfitter.

(b) The fee for each examination, including certificate if issued, for a master gasfitter ~~shall be \$25.00~~, and for a journeyman gasfitter ~~shall be \$10.00~~ are set by city council and kept on file and maintained in the office of the clerk of the city. The certificate shall be valid for the term of one year, beginning with the calendar year, but certificate can be renewed if application for renewal is made to the examining board each year."

#### **SECTION VIII**

BE IT FURTHER 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, Georgia, is hereby amended by amending Section 5-158, captioned "Permit fees.", of Article V, captioned "Gas Code", of Chapter 5, captioned "Building, construction and related activities.", to read as follows:

"Sec. 5-158. Permit fees.

Gas permit fees are ~~on file at the city clerk's office and the administrative offices of the building department~~ set by city council and kept on file and maintained in the office of the clerk of the city."

#### **SECTION IX**

BE IT FURTHER 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, Georgia, is hereby amended by amending Section 5-270, captioned "Permit fees.", of Division 2, captioned "Regulation Of Installations", of Article VIII, captioned "Mechanical Code", of Chapter 5, captioned "Building, construction and related activities.", to read as follows:

"Sec. 5-270. Permit fees.

Heating and air conditioning permit fees are ~~on file at the city clerk's office and the administrative offices of the building department~~ set by city council and kept on file and maintained in the office of the clerk of the city."

#### **SECTION X**

BE IT FURTHER 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, Georgia, is hereby amended by amending Section 5-323, captioned "Permit fees.", of Division 2, captioned "Regulation of Installations", of Article IX, captioned "Plumbing Code", of Chapter 5, captioned "Building, construction and related activities.", to read as follows:

"Sec. 5-323. Permit fees.

Plumbing permit fees are ~~on file at the city clerk's office and the administrative offices of the building department~~ set by city council and kept on file and maintained in the office of the clerk of the city."

**SECTION XI**

BE IT FURTHER 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, Georgia, is hereby amended by amending Section 5-520, captioned "Exemptions.", of Article XV, captioned "Water Conservation Restrictions For Plumbing Fixtures", of Chapter 5, captioned "Building, construction and related activities.", to read as follows:

"Sec. 5-520. Exemptions.

The owner, or the owner's agent, of a building undergoing new construction or repair or renovation who is entitled to an exemption from the standards specified in O.C.G.A. § 8-2-3(c) shall obtain the exemption by applying at the office of the chief building official for the city. A fee ~~of \$25.00, set by city council and kept on file and maintained in the office of the clerk of the city,~~ shall be charged for the inspection and issuance of such exemption."

**SECTION XII**

BE IT FURTHER 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, Georgia, is hereby amended by amending Section 5-616, captioned "Filing fee.", of Division 3, captioned "Local Development Permits", of Article XVI, captioned "Wetlands Protection", of Chapter 5, captioned "Building, construction and related activities.", to read as follows:

"Sec. 5-616. Filing fee.

At the time of the application, the applicant shall pay a filing fee ~~of \$100.00 as set by city council and kept on file and maintained in the office of the clerk of the city.~~"

**SECTION XII**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall be effective on the date of its final reading and passage.

**SECTION XIV**

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

**SECTION XV**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that upon its final adoption the provisions of this ordinance shall be made a part of the official codified ordinances of the City of Thomasville, Georgia.

**SECTION XVI**

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

**SECTION XVII**

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

**SECTION XVIII**

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

This ordinance was introduced and read at a lawful meeting of the City council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia, held on October 24, 2022, and read the second time, passed and adopted in like meeting held on November 14, 2022.

#### NEW BUSINESS

First readings of three separate ordinances to authorize the acquisition of permanent easements for construction and maintenance of slopes and drainage in connection with the Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project (GDOT PI#0015394). City Attorney, Tim Sanders, reported that on December 7, 2021, the City of Thomasville was selected to be awarded by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for fiscal year 2022 funding for right-of-way (ROW) funds for the Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project (GDOT PI #0015394). It is necessary to acquire permanent easements in connection with the sidewalk construction on the portion of Old Albany Road beginning at the intersection of North Boulevard and Old Albany Road and ending at the intersection of Plantation Oaks Drive and Old Albany Road. City Attorney Sanders further reported that Council's action must be recorded separately for each ordinance to authorize acquisition of the individual parcels with two readings. He further reported that GDOT has requested all acquisitions be presented individually as the project progressed due to the number of anticipated acquisitions in relation to the project. The parcels are described as follows:

##### Parcel 13 - 802 Old Albany Road:

The acquisition of a permanent easement for construction and maintenance of slopes and drainage of approximately 177.54 square feet located from Ozella Bell at 802 Old Albany Road is necessary for furtherance of the Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project. The consideration paid will be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and the easement will vest in the Georgia Dept. of Transportation.

##### Parcel 15 - 808 Albany Road:

The acquisition of a permanent easement for construction and maintenance of slopes and drainage of approximately 481.11 square feet located from Jennie Gail Vall at 808 Old Albany Road is necessary for furtherance of the Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project. The consideration paid will be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and the easement will vest in the Georgia Dept. of Transportation.

##### Parcel 20 - 105 Highland Street:

The acquisition of a permanent easement for construction and maintenance of slopes and drainage of approximately 649.53 square feet located from Roger Devon Ingram, Jr. at 150 Highland Street is necessary for furtherance of the Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project. The consideration paid will be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and the easement will vest in the Georgia Dept. of Transportation.

Councilmember Scott motioned to order the ordinance to authorize the acquisition of a permanent easement in the name of the Georgia Dept. of Transportation for construction and maintenance of slopes and drainage of approximately 177.54 square feet at 802 Old Albany Road from Ozell Bell in exchange for consideration of \$500 in connection with the Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project as read for the first time, passed and carried over as presented. Councilmember Chastain seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SLOPES AND DRAINAGE OF APPROXIMATELY 177.54 SQUARE FEET LOCATED AT 802 ALBANY ROAD IN CONNECTION WITH OLD ALBANY ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT (GDOT PI #0015394); TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to order the ordinance to authorize the acquisition of a permanent easement in the name of the Georgia Dept. of Transportation for construction and maintenance of slopes and drainage of approximately 481.11 square feet located at 808 Old Albany Road from Jennie Gail Vall in exchange for consideration of \$500 in connection with the Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project 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: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SLOPES AND DRAINAGE OF APPROXIMATELY 481.11 SQUARE FEET LOCATED AT 808 ALBANY ROAD IN CONNECTION WITH OLD ALBANY ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT (GDOT PI #0015394); TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Councilmember Chastain motioned to order the ordinance to authorize the acquisition of a permanent easement in the name of the Georgia Dept. of Transportation for construction and maintenance of slopes and drainage of approximately 649.53 square feet located at 150 Highland Street from Roger Devon Ingram, Jr. in exchange for consideration of \$500 in connection with the Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project as read for the first time, passed and carried over as presented. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SLOPES AND DRAINAGE OF APPROXIMATELY 649.53 SQUARE FEET LOCATED AT 105 HIGHLAND STREET IN CONNECTION WITH OLD ALBANY ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT (GDOT PI #0015394); TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**First readings of eight separate ordinances to authorize demolition of an unfit structures listed as follows in Thomasville, Georgia.**

Executive Director of Inspections & Engineering, Mark Harmon, reported there were eight separate ordinances to authorize the demolition of unfit structures on eight separate properties located within the corporate city limits of the City of Thomasville. He further reported that each structure has been present on the list of dilapidated houses that has been maintained since its inception in 2016. The structures have been in a deteriorating state without utilities for two decades or more. The structures presented were brought before the City Manager in an advertised hearing where an order was lawfully issued to demolish the structures. The time limit on each order has long expired. The appraisals of each have been completed to confirm that each structure meets the threshold for demolition. A title search was performed on each structure, as were notices of the orders being mailed to all parties identified. The orders were posted on each respective site and printed in the required intervals in the legal section of the Times Enterprise per the requirement of City of Thomasville Code and Georgia Law. It was noted that Councilmembers were provided with backup information in relation to each structure, and Harmon briefly reviewed the level of deterioration of each



structure. It was further noted ordinances to authorize demolition of unfit structures are required to be voted upon individually by Council and requires a first and second reading. The addresses of the respective structures are all located within the corporate limits of the City of Thomasville and are listed as follows.

1. 227 Alexander Street.
2. 405 Alexander Street.
3. 107 Cook Street.
4. 107 Ely Street.
5. 109 Ely Street.
6. 505 McKinley Street.
7. 108 Second Avenue.
8. 508 Wolfe Street.

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to order the ordinance to authorize demolition of an unfit structure located at 227 Alexander Street, Thomasville, Georgia, as read for the first time, passed and carried over as presented. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 227 ALEXANDER STREET, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY JOHN CLAYTON; TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Councilmember Warren motioned to order the ordinance to authorize demolition of an unfit structure located at 405 Alexander Street, Thomasville, Georgia, as read for the first time, passed and carried over as presented. Councilmember Chastain seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 405 ALEXANDER STREET, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY LILLIE QUEEN FRANKLIN; TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Councilmember Chastain motioned to order the ordinance to authorize demolition of an unfit structure located at 107 Cook Street, Thomasville, Georgia, as read for the first time, passed and carried over as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 107 COOK STREET, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY CORINE BIVINS; TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Councilmember Chastain motioned to order the ordinance to authorize demolition of an unfit structure located at 107 Ely Street, Thomasville, Georgia, 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: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 107 ELY STREET, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY BERTHA MEEKS, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN, DEFENDANT IN FIERI FACIAS, AS GRANTOR, AND SONYA L MCLEAN; TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to order the ordinance to authorize demolition of an unfit structure located at 109 Ely Street, Thomasville, Georgia, 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: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 109 ELY STREET, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY CLARETHA HAM; TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Councilmember Scott motioned to order the ordinance to authorize demolition of an unfit structure located at 505 McKinley Street, Thomasville, Georgia, as read for the first time, passed and carried over as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 505 MCKINLEY STREET, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY CORINE BIVENS (EST); TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Councilmember Chastain motioned to order the ordinance to authorize demolition of an unfit structure located at 108 Second Avenue, Thomasville, Georgia, as read for the first time, passed and carried over as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 108 SECOND AVE, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY MICHAEL E WATTS, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, DEFENDANT IN FIERI FACIAS, AS GRANTOR, AND MODERN & PRISTINE PROPERTIES; TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to order the ordinance to authorize demolition of an unfit structure located at 508 Wolfe Street, Thomasville, Georgia, 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: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 508 WOLFE STREET, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY STEVEN ALLAN OLDS AND ALICIA DANIELLE OLDS; TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS

ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Resolution to accept the FY2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Award for Phase II Improvements in the Dewey City area of the City of Thomasville.**

Grants Administrator, Pam Schalk, reported that on October 26, 2022 the City receive a Statement of Award from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for the FY 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The 2022 application was submitted for water, sewer, and drainage infrastructure improvements in and around the Dewey City area, Phase 2. The grant award is for \$1,000,000 and a cash match of at least 5% (\$47,500). The project includes road resurfacing after infrastructure improvements are complete. It was noted that the resolution authorizes acceptance of the 2022 CDBG grant award and approves the Mayor to sign all required award documents.

Councilmember Chastain motioned to approve the resolution to accept the FY2022 CDBG award for Phase II Improvements in the Dewey City area of the City of Thomasville. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

The adopted resolution follows.

**Resolution**

A Resolution by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, to authorize acceptance of the FY 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, finds that the program is necessary and desirable to improve the living conditions of low and moderate-income persons living in the City of Thomasville, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to accept the FY 2022 CDBG grant award of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from the Georgia DCA for funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended;

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to commit funding in the budget in the amount of two million, four hundred ninety-four thousand, five hundred eighty-five dollars (\$2,494,585) to provide for the provision of the matching cash funds as a requirement of the CDBG Grant application; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, that the Mayor of the City of Thomasville, or his/her successor, is hereby authorized to accept the FY 2022 Community Development Block Grant; and, is authorized to sign such supporting and collateral material as shall be necessary.

Read, Approved, and Adopted by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, on a motion made by Councilmember Chastain, seconded by Councilmember Scott, and adopted on this 14th day of November, 2022.

**Resolution to adopt the 2022 CDBG Language Access Plan (LAP) to comply with DCA requirements for Accommodation of persons with limited English Proficiency (LEP).**

Grants Administrator, Pam Schalk, reported that in connection with the 2022 CDBG, Special Condition #1 of the grant award requires that the City adopt a Language Access Plan (LAP) that addresses the needs of persons in the 2022 CDBG Target area with limited English proficiency as a spoken language. To meet the special condition associated with the 2022 CDBG Grant Award, the City is required to formally adopt a Language Access Plan (LAP).

Councilmember Warren motioned to approve the resolution to adopt the 2022 CDBG Language Access Plan (LAP) as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

The adopted resolution follows.

**RESOLUTION  
CITY OF THOMASVILLE  
ADOPTION OF LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN  
FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)  
CDBG NO. 22p-x-136-2-6316**

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville received a grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) on October 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville is required to meet special condition #1 of the Georgia DCA Statement of CDBG Award 22p-x-136-2-6316 for the purpose of using this grant money.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, adopts the Language Access Plan (LAP) pursuant to the requirement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Executive Order (EO) 13166, it will take timely and reasonable steps to provide Limited English Proficient (LEP) persons with Meaningful Access to programs and activities funded by the federal government and awarded by DCA. Access to this program and services will not be impeded as a result of an individual's inability to speak, read, write or understand English; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, that the adoption of the Language Access Plan (LAP) will be used to provide language assistance with the respect to ensure persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) gain meaningful access to the City of Thomasville services, programs and services; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, that the Mayor or his/her successor is hereby authorized to sign all necessary and related documents pertaining to the Language Access Plan and such supporting and collateral material as shall be necessary.

So adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

**Motion to approve Alcohol License for Manufacturing Malt Beverages for Tvelo Brewing Company.**

Customer Service Manager, Melissa Creel, reported applicants Maurice Jackson and Joanne Maltese have completed application for a Brewer Privilege/Manufacturing License at Tvelo Brewing Company, located at 227 West Jackson Street, Thomasville, Georgia. The local background check of InterOp and Courtware did not reveal any problems or concerns with the request. The license issued by the City is conditioned upon the applicant obtaining like permit from the Georgia Department of Revenue, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit.

Councilmember Scott motioned to approve the Alcohol License for Manufacturing Malt Beverages for Tvelo Brewing Company as presented. Councilmember Chastain seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

**Motion to approve Alcohol License for Manufacturing Malt Beverages for 1861 Distillery, Inc.**

Customer Service Manager, Melissa Creel, reported applicant Brian Higgins has completed application for a Brewer Privilege/Manufacturing License at 1861 Distillery, Inc., located at 314 Smith Avenue, Thomasville, Georgia. The local background check of InterOp and Courtware did not reveal any problems or concerns with the request. The license issued by the City is conditioned upon the applicant obtaining like permit from the Georgia Department of Revenue, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit.

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to approve the Alcohol License for Manufacturing Malt Beverages for 1861 Distillery, Inc. as presented. Councilmember Warren seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

**Motion to approve Beer, Wine and Liquor Package License for Shree Siam72, LLC.**

Customer Service Manager, Melissa Creel, reported applicant Nayan Patel has completed application for retail beer package, retail wine package and liquor package licenses at Shree Siam72, LLC, located at 621 ½ North Boulevard, Thomasville, Georgia. The local background check of InterOp and Courtware did not reveal any problems or concerns with the request. The licenses issued by the City are conditioned upon the applicant obtaining like permits from the Georgia Department of Revenue, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit.

Councilmember Chastain motioned to approve the Alcohol Licenses for Beer, Wine and Liquor Package for Shree Siam72, LLC, as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

**Motion to approve Beer, Wine Consumption and Package License, and Liquor Pouring License for St. James Restaurant.**

Customer Service Manager, Melissa Creel, reported applicant John Thomas has completed application for retail beer package/consumption and retail wine package/consumption license at St. James located at 1145 West Jackson Street, Thomasville, Georgia. The local background check of InterOp and Courtware did not reveal any problems or concerns with the request. The license issued by the City is conditioned upon the applicant obtaining like permits from the Georgia Department of Revenue, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit.

Councilmember Warren motioned to approve the Beer, Wine Consumption and Package License for St. James as presented. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

Following the approval of alcohol beverage related licenses, Mayor Flowers requested all applicants whose alcohol licenses had just been approved to enter Council Chambers. He reported that as part of the licensing process, each applicant had signed an affidavit acknowledging their receipt of the Thomasville Code as it relates to alcohol licensing and sales to underage persons. Councilmembers collectively commended each entrepreneur for their endeavors in future business.

**Bids and award for the purchase of one 2022 Durango GT for the Office of Downtown and Tourism Development.**

Director of Tourism Development, Bonnie Hayes, reported the office of Downtown and Tourism Development is requesting a vehicle. This department is responsible for all the downtown City sponsored events such as First Friday, Rose Show, Victorian Christmas, the Black History Parade and Celebration and others. The department requests vehicles from Fleet Services to cover the needs but are often not supplied a vehicle due to lack of availability. City events require signage to be placed around the perimeters and throughout the venue, along with tables, chairs, and decorations installed, with various other pieces that must be moved and removed during the course of the event. This office provides familiarization tours for prospective tour group leaders, travel writers, business recruitment, and others. This office is also responsible for providing all tourist attractions and hoteliers with promotional supplies geared to drive tourism, requiring regular travel to all attractions & hoteliers surrounding Thomasville and Thomas County.

This Department serves on boards and attends trainings across the state, requiring travel. Due to a lack of a department vehicle, the office has been utilizing personal vehicles. It would help staff workload to have a Mid-Size SUV designated for their use. The Tourism budget has the funds to adequately cover the cost of the requested vehicle, maintenance, fuel and insurance. These funds do not come from the City's General Fund, but from funds received by Tourism through the Hotel Motel Tax. A summary of bids received follows.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Stallings Motors Inc. Cairo, Georgia	\$51,340.00
Tallahassee Dodge Chrysler Jeep RAM Fiat Tallahassee, Florida	No Bid
Cass Burch Chrysler Dodge Jeep Quitman, Georgia	No Bid

Councilmember Warren motioned to award the bid to Stallings Motors, Inc., for the purchase of one 2022 Dodge Durango GT, as presented. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

#### REPORTS

City Manager Carson reminded Councilmembers and the community of the Code Open House taking place on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 from 5:00-7:00 PM and encouraged those interested to attend. It was noted that the next City Council meeting would be held in December, due to the Thanksgiving Holidays.

Councilmembers collectively wished each of the three high school football teams best of luck in their upcoming respective football playoffs; and followed up by offering Thanksgiving holiday sentiments for the community, friends and families.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, the City of Thomasville Council meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.

CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA

  
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Mayor, John H. Flowers

  
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ATTEST: City Clerk

