

City of Thomasville Council Meeting, March 13, 2023

The Council of the City of Thomasville met in regular session on the above date. Mayor Jay Flowers presided and the following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Flowers, Mayor Pro Tem Todd Mobley and Councilmembers Wanda Warren, Terry Scott, and Scott Chastain. Also present were the City Manager, J. Alan Carson; Assistant City Managers, Sheryl Sealy and Chris White; 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 livestream feed located at www.thomasville.org.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Flowers called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Scott gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Warren motioned to approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2023, as presented. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Flowers acknowledged the following Citizen to be Heard, as listed on the sign-in sheet:

1. Barbara McCann, resident of Montrose Drive, Thomasville, Georgia, addressed Councilmembers with concerns regarding her driveway and the resurfacing of Montrose Drive. The contractor failed to provide a smooth and passable transition from street to driveway. As a result, their personal vehicles have not been able to leave the property since the project was completed in January. McCann reported having contacted the City for resolution to the issue and it has yet to be corrected.
 - a. City Manager Carson noted staff is aware of the issue and Executive Director of Engineering, Mark Harmon, contact Mrs. McCann prior to this meeting to discuss solutions with the McCann's.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to be considered by Councilmembers at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution to distribute LOST Funds for Recreation to the cities of Barwick, Boston, Coolidge, Meigs, Ochlocknee, and Pavo.

Chief Financial Officer, Ashley Cason reported that on November 3, 1992, the voters of Thomas County, Georgia approved a referendum for Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) in the amount of 1%. This one percent is split between the City and County for various purposes that will mutually benefit the community. A percentage of those funds are designated for the purposes of recreational activities for the City of Thomasville and for the towns of Barwick, Boston, Coolidge, Meigs, Ochlocknee, and Pavo. CFO Cason further reported that in the past, the Thomas County Recreation Advisory Board has recommended the sum of \$5,000 each be distributed to the cities of Barwick, Boston, Coolidge, Meigs, Ochlocknee, and Pavo in support of their recreational efforts. After distributing last year's check, the City of Thomasville did receive the following report as to what those efforts entailed:

Barwick – Routine maintenance
Meigs – Back to school and community dinner events and routine maintenance
Boston – Routine maintenance and baseball field improvements
Pavo – Purchased new playground equipment
Ochlocknee – Routine maintenance
Coolidge – Routine maintenance and utilities

CFO Cason noted that appropriations for these distributions were included in the budget again this year, specifically in the 2023 Parks & Recreation's operating budget and requested that Council consider resolution for distribution of LOST funds of \$5,000 each to the cities of Barwick, Boston, Coolidge, Meigs, Ochlocknee, and Pavo for recreation purposes.

Councilmember Scott motioned to approve the resolution to distribute LOST Funds for Recreation as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

The adopted resolution follows.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on November 3, 1992, the voters of Thomas County, Georgia, approved by referendum a Local Option Sales Tax (the "LOST"), also known as a Joint County and Municipal Sales and Use Tax, in the amount of one percent (1%); and

WHEREAS, from the proceeds of the LOST, certain funds are designated to be remitted to the City of Thomasville to be administered for purposes of miscellaneous recreation activities for the City of Thomasville and for the cities of Barwick, Boston, Coolidge, Meigs, Ochlocknee and Pavo; and

WHEREAS, from those funds, the sum of \$5,000.00 per fiscal year, as appropriated by the City Council for the City of Thomasville, may be allocated to the cities of Barwick, Boston, Coolidge, Meigs, Ochlocknee and Pavo for use in the recreation programs of these cities; and

WHEREAS, the Thomasville – Thomas County Recreation Advisory Board has recommended that the sum of \$5,000.00 be distributed as soon as possible hereafter to each of the smaller cities referred to above, to be used by each such city for miscellaneous recreation purposes during the balance of fiscal year 2023; and

WHEREAS, upon review and consideration by the City Council for the City of Thomasville of the recommendation of the Thomasville-Thomas County Recreation Advisory Board as described above, the City Council deems the recommendation to be prudent and consistent

with the objectives of the LOST with respect to funding miscellaneous recreation activities in Thomas County, Georgia;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Thomasville that the recommendation of the Thomasville-Thomas County Recreation Advisory Board be, and it is hereby, accepted and adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Manager Alan Carson and Chief Financial Officer Ashley Cason are authorized to make the distributions set out above from LOST monies remitted to the City of Thomasville and to forward those distributions to the mayors of the cities of Barwick, Boston, Coolidge, Meigs, Ochlocknee, and Pavo, along with appropriate instructions on the conditions under which the funds are distributed, as soon as practicable hereafter.

SO RESOLVED this 13th day of March 2023.

Motion to approve Retail Package Beer and Wine Alcohol License for S&N Market DBA: Susie Q's 27.

Customer Service Manager, Melissa Creel reported S&N Market LLC, DBA Susie Q's 27, Nikul L. Patel (owner) has completed application for Alcohol License for Beer and Wine Package for the establishment located at 1527 East Jackson Street, Thomasville, Georgia. The license is issued by the City is conditioned upon the applicant obtaining a like permit from the Georgia Department of Revenue, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit.

Councilmember Scott motioned to approve the Alcohol License for Beer and Wine Package to S&N Market LLC, DBA Susie Q's 27, 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 One Day Event Permit for Consumption of Beer, Wine and Liquor for "Due South" event held at The Ritz Amphitheater.

Customer Service Manager, Melissa Creel reported the Thomasville Center for the Arts has submitted a completed City of Thomasville Application for a One-Day Permit for Sale of Alcoholic Beverage by Bona Fide Charitable & Non-Profit Civic Organization (Consumption Only for Beer and Wine) for the annual fundraising event "Due South" to be held at The Ritz Amphitheater in downtown Thomasville on April 15, 2023. City Council approval of the One-Day Alcohol permit is required as the event will be held on property owned by the City. The Thomasville Police Department found no reason not to issue the One-Day Alcohol permit. It was noted that Mr. Patel had signed an affidavit acknowledging his receipt of the Thomasville Municipal Code Chapter 3, titled "Alcoholic Beverages" and his understanding of the laws relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages to an underage person.

Councilmember Chastain motioned to approve the Alcohol One Day Event Permit 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.

REPORTS

There were no reports given. Councilmembers collectively thanked citizens for speaking and those who were in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Chastain motioned to close the public meeting for the purpose of an Executive Session pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2). 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 duly convened and adjourned Executive Session, the meeting was reopened to the public at 7:36 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, the Thomasville City Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA



Mayor John H. Flowers



ATTEST: City Clerk

