

City of Thomasville Council Meeting, August 14, 2023

The Council of the City of Thomasville met in regular session on the above date. Mayor John H. "Jay" Flowers presided and the following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Pro Tem Todd Mobley and Councilmembers, Wanda Warren, Terry Scott and Scott Chastain. Also present were the Assistant City Manager, 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 media and citizens not present via the City of Thomasville's online live stream feed located at 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 July 31, 2023, 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.

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation: Councilmember Warren recognized Thomasville's Black-owned businesses and their contributions to the Thomasville economy and community. Councilmember Warren presented Ucher Dent with a proclamation declaring August as Black Business and Black Philanthropy Month. It was noted that Southern Georgia Black Chambers was represented by the presence of Marion Ramsey and H. DeWayne Johnson.
2. Recognition: Councilmember Scott recognized the August 2023 Honorary Councilmember as Veronica Scott, his wife. Mrs. Scott thanked Council for allowing her the opportunity to participate as an Honorary Councilmember and looked forward to serving.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Flowers acknowledged the following citizens as listed on the Citizens to be Heard Sign-In Form:

1. Matt Kirkley, resident of Remington Avenue, Thomasville, Georgia, requested to know why the Public Hearing for the Increase of City of Thomasville Tax Millage Rate had not been live-streamed and posted online for public viewing.
 - a. Mayor Flowers noted the presentation given at the Hearing was recorded and is posted online.
2. Ucher Dent, resident of Thomasville, Georgia, thanked Councilmembers for the opportunity to present awards on behalf of the Juneteenth Event Committee:
 - a. Lucinda Brown presented to Mayor Jay Flowers a commemorative plaque in appreciation of the City's generous support as a Titanium Sponsor for *Juneteenth 2023*. Mayor Flowers accepted the award on behalf of the City of Thomasville and commended the Juneteenth Committee for their efforts with a successful event.
 - b. Earl Williams presented to Councilmember Warren and her husband, Mr. Warren, a commemorative plaque in appreciation of their support as a Titanium Sponsor for the *Juneteenth 2023 event*. Mr.

Williams noted their assistance with the event was greatly appreciated. Council member Warren also commended the Juneteenth Committee and their tireless efforts of producing a successful event.

ADOPT AGENDA

Councilmember Chastain motioned to approve 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

Second reading of three separate ordinances to authorize demolition of unfit structures in Thomasville, Georgia.

Executive Director of Inspections & Engineering, Mark Harmon, reported there had been no changes since the three ordinances' passage on first reading and were carried over. He further reported each of the structures listed have been in a deteriorating state without utilities more than two decades. The required appraisals were completed to confirm that it meets the threshold for demolition. Notices of Unfit structure status along with a scheduled hearing date were sent March 22, 2023 to known interested parties and posted at the site. The Unfit structure case was brought before the City Manager in an advertised hearing on June 6, 2023 where an order was lawfully issued to demolish this structure within 30days. This order was recorded (Lis Pendens), mailed to all parties identified, posted on site, and printed in the required intervals in the legal section of the Times Enterprise per the requirement by COT ordinances and Georgia Law.

1. Second reading of an ordinance to authorize demolition of unfit structure located at 307 Alexander Street.

According to the Tax Assessor's office, the dwelling was constructed in 1903. The dwelling is in a deteriorated state and not habitable. It is unoccupied and has been unoccupied for an extended period. You can see from the photographs that the house has not been maintained in many, many years. Portions of the foundation as under-structured and in a fragile state. Basic electrical, plumbing, and heating systems would require complete replacement.

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to order the ordinance to authorize demolition of unfit structure located at 307 Alexander Street as read for the second time, passed and adopted, as presented. Councilmember Warren seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 307 ALEXANDER STREET, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY EUGENE CLAYTON AND SABRINA BRYANT (NKA SABRINA CLAYTON) (MULTIPLE OTHERS); TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sub-section 5-381c of the City of Thomasville Municipal Code (the "Code"), the City of Thomasville has previously ordered the owner of the property located at 307 Alexander Street, Thomasville, Georgia; to either repair, alter, improve, or demolish the structure located on the property; and

WHEREAS the owner of such property has failed to comply fully with such order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of The City of Thomasville that the City Manager of the City of Thomasville is hereby authorized and directed to demolish the structure(s) and clean up the property located at 307 Alexander Street, Thomasville, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 001 032 006, lying and being two lots of land in Dewey City known as Quinns & Cochran Addition to Thomasville, Georgia. Said lots being #Three (3) and Four (4) and in Block B fronting fifty (SO) feet each, more or less, on Alexander Street and running back 119 feet, more or less.

This being the same parcel conveyed to Geoffrey A. Espy in a deed recorded in Deed Book 1072, Page 115 and known as 307 Alexander Street, Thomasville GA.

SECTION II

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

SECTION III

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

SECTION IV

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

SECTION V

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED and it is hereby declared by the Mayor and Council of the City of the 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 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 VI

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

SECTION VII

This ordinance shall not be made a part of the official codified ordinances of the City of Thomasville, but shall nevertheless be spread upon the public minutes and records of the City of Thomasville.

SECTION VIII

This ordinance was introduced and read at a lawful meeting of the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia, held on July 31, 2023, and read the second time, passed and adopted in like meeting held on August 14, 2023.

2. **Second reading of an ordinance to authorize demolition of unfit structure located at 415 Simeon Street.** According to the Tax Assessor's office, the dwelling was constructed in 1982. The dwelling is a lower quality building in a deteriorated state and not habitable. It is unoccupied and appears to have been unoccupied for an extended period. You can see from the photographs that portions of the structure have failed. Portions of the foundation as under-structured and in a fragile state. Basic electrical, plumbing, and heating systems would require complete replacement.

Councilmember Chastain motioned to order the ordinance to authorize demolition of unfit structure located at 415 Simeon Street as read for the second time, passed and adopted, 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.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 415 SIMEON STREET, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY JIMMY R. TILLMAN (INTERESTED PARTIES, PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES LLC, HSBC BANK OF NAVADA); TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

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WHEREAS the owner of such property has failed to comply fully with such order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of The City of Thomasville that the City Manager of the City of Thomasville is hereby authorized and directed to demolish the structure(s) and clean up the property located at 415 Simeon Street, Thomasville, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

That certain tract or parcel of land in the City of Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia, and in Baybrook Subdivision as shown by plat recorded in Book 4-C, Page 314 of deed records for Thomas County, Georgia, described as follows:

Lots 12 and 13 in Block No. 3 of said subdivision. Lot 12 fronting 50 feet on Simeon Street and Lot 13 lying immediately east of Lot 12.

Each of said lots being 50 feet in width north and south and having a depth of 125 feet east and west.

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SECTION III

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SECTION IV

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SECTION VI

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3. Second reading of an ordinance to authorize demolition of unfit structure located at 505 East Webster Street.

According to the Tax Assessor's office, the dwelling was constructed in 1931. The dwelling is in a deteriorated state and not habitable. It is unoccupied and has been unoccupied for an extended period. You can see from the photographs that the house has collapsed and is no longer even a shell. It is not much more than a pile of rubble. Executive Director Harmon indicated that the owner would attempt to proceed with the demolition at their own expense; it was noted that if that action did take place the lien would only reflect expenses incurred to the date of demolition.

Councilmember Warren motioned to order the ordinance to authorize demolition of unfit structure located at 505 East Webster Street as read for the second time, passed and adopted, 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 ordinance read for the second time, passed and adopted follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 505 E. WEBSTER STREET, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY STEPHANIE BARKLEY SMALL; TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sub-section 5-381c of the City of Thomasville Municipal Code (the "Code"), the City of Thomasville has previously ordered the owner of the property located at 307 Alexander Street, Thomasville, Georgia; to either repair, alter, improve, or demolish the structure located on the property; and

WHEREAS the owner of such property has failed to comply fully with such order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of The City of Thomasville that the City Manager of the City of Thomasville is hereby authorized and directed to demolish the structure(s) and clean up the property located at 505 E. Webster Street, Thomasville, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia, and more particularly described as follows: Begin at a point on the north margin of Webster Street, which point is 120 feet east of the northeast corner of the intersection of Webster Street and Hardaway Street, and from said point proceed in an eastern direction along the north margin of Webster Street a distance of 80 feet to a point; thence in a northern direction parallel to Hardaway Street a distance of 100 feet to a point; thence in a western direction parallel to Webster Street a distance of 80 feet to a point; thence in a southern direction parallel to Hardaway Street a distance of 100 feet to the point of beginning on the north margin of Webster Street.

Said property has thereon a frame dwelling known as No. 505 East Webster Street and is in the same property described in that certain deed from Mrs. Bertha Ham to Nell H. Duff dated December 8, 1977, and recorded December 8, 1977 in Book 110, page 472 of the Deed Records of Thomas County, Georgia.

SECTION II

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SECTION III

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SECTION IV

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SECTION V

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Second reading of an ordinance to amend text of Section 19-42, "Table of Maximum Speed Limits", of Municipal Code Chapter 19, "Traffic".

Executive Director of Engineering and Inspections, Mark Harmon reported there had been no changes to the ordinance since its passage on first reading and carried over. He further reported having received no feedback from citizens since the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Chastain motioned to order the ordinance to amend text of Section 19-42, of Chapter 19, "Traffic", of the Thomasville Municipal Code as read for the second time, passed and adopted, as presented. Councilmember Scott seconded. Councilmember Scott noted that this was the first of a multi-step plan to permit Personal Transportation Vehicles (PTVs) on city streets in designated areas. There was no further discussion, and the motion remained unchanged. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE BY DELETING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 19-42 CAPTIONED "TABLE OF MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS" OF ARTICLE II CAPTIONED "OPERATION OF VEHICLES" OF CHAPTER 19 AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 19-42 CAPTIONED "TABLE OF MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS" OF ARTICLE II CAPTIONED "OPERATION OF VEHICLES" OF CHAPTER 19; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that Section 19-42, captioned "Table of maximum speed limits." of Article II, captioned, "Operation of Vehicles," of Chapter 19 captioned "Traffic" of the Code of Thomasville, Georgia, is amended by deleting said section in its entirety and enacting a new Section 19-42, captioned "Table of maximum speed limits." to provide as follows:

"Sec. 19-42. Table of maximum speed limits.

- (a) The following maximum speed limits are hereby established at the following designated state route locations, except as otherwise provided:
 - (1) US 319 truck route from north city limits to Sunset Dr. a distance of 3.35 miles to be zoned 55 mph.
 - (2) US 319 truck route from south city limits to Sunset Dr. a distance of 0.14 miles to be zoned 45 mph.
 - (3) Old Albany Road (S.R. 38 Business, US 84 Business) from a point 53 feet North of North Pinetree Boulevard to point 158 feet North of Bermuda Street, a distance of 0.97 mile to be zoned 45 mph.
 - (4) Old Albany Road—North Boulevard—Madison Street—Smith Avenue (S.R. 38 Business, SR 94 Business) from a point 158 feet North of Bermuda Street to a point 845 feet east of Susie Way a distance of 2.71 miles to be zoned 35 mph.
 - (5) Smith Avenue (S.R. 38 Business, US 84 Business) from a point 845 feet east of Susie Way to a point 53 feet west of Pinetree Boulevard. East city Limits 0.72 miles to be zoned 45 mph.
 - (6) State Route 3 (US 19 or GA 300) from State Route 84 to 1162 feet north of State Route 35 (US 319) a distance of 1.94 mile to be zoned 45 mph.
- (b) Speed limits greater than 25 mph (other than state route locations) are as follows:
 - (1) East Jackson Street (S.R. 35 or US 319) from a point 525 feet north of Myrtle Drive to a point 1636 feet North of East Pinetree Boulevard, a distance of 1.38 miles to be zoned 40 mph.

- (2) East Jackson Street (S.R. 35 or US 319) from S Hansell Street to a point 525 feet north of Myrtle Drive, a distance of 0.47 mile to be zoned 35 mph.
- (3) West Jackson Street (S.R. 35 or US 319) from Railroad Avenue to Campbell/Bartow Street, a distance of 0.53 mile to be zoned 35 mph.
- (4) Jackson Street (S.R. 35 or US 319) from Campbell/Bartow Street to South Hansell Street, a distance of 0.99 mile to be zoned 25 mph.
- (5) West Jackson Street (S.R. 35 or US 319) from 52 feet north of West Pinetree Boulevard to Railroad Avenue, a distance of 0.97 mile to be zoned 45 mph.
- (6) Cairo Road from 53 feet west of Pinetree Boulevard to Roseway Drive, a distance of 0.45 mile, to be zoned 45 mph.
- (9) Cairo Road from Roseway drive to a point 369 feet west of North Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, a distance of 0.34 mile to be zoned 40 mph.
- (10) Cairo Road/North Boulevard from a point 369 feet west of North Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive to the Old Albany Road (US 84 Business and S.R. 3/S.R. 38 Business), a distance of 0.36 miles to be zoned 35 mph.
- (11) Cassidy Road from North Pinetree Boulevard to North Boulevard, a distance of 1.52 mile to be zoned 35 mph.
- (12) Old Monticello Road from East Pinetree Boulevard to Georgia 300 (US 19), a distance of 0.41 mile to be zoned 45 mph.
- (13) Glenwood Drive from East Jackson Street to North Pinetree Boulevard, a distance of 1.77 miles to be zoned 35 mph.
- (14) Campbell Street from West Pinetree Boulevard to Davenport Drive, a distance of 0.13 miles to be zoned 40 mph.
- (15) Campbell Street from Davenport Drive to West Jackson, a distance of 1.25 miles to be zoned 35 mph.
- (16) Davenport Drive from Campbell Street to Industrial Boulevard a distance of 0.75 miles, to be zoned 35 mph.
- (17) Industrial Boulevard from West Jackson Street to Campbell Street, a distance of 0.70 miles to be zoned 35 mph.
- (18) Plantation Oak Drive from US 319 bypass to Genesis Parkway, a distance of 0.13 miles to be zoned 40 mph.
- (19) Plantation Oak Drive from Genesis Parkway to Old Albany Road (US 84 Business and S.R. 3/S.R. 38 Business), a distance of 0.48 miles to be zoned 35 mph.
- (20) Genesis Parkway in the Plantation Oak Dr. to West Pinetree Blvd. a distance of 1.37 miles to be zoned 35 mph.
- (21) Remington Avenue from East Pinetree Boulevard to 52 feet west of US19 SR 3/Georgia Florida Parkway, a distance of 0.25 miles, to be zoned 35 mph.
- (22) Remington Avenue from Reid Street to East Pinetree Boulevard, a distance of 1.42 miles to be zoned 35 mph
- (23) Kern Street from Smith Avenue (US 84 Business and S.R. 38 Business) to Remington Avenue, a distance of 0.22 miles to be zoned 35 mph.
- (24) Sunset Drive from Industrial Boulevard to US 319/SR35 to be zoned 35 mph.
- (25) Bartow Street from West Jackson Street to South Street, a distance of 0.45 miles to be zoned 35 mph.

- (26) Hansell Street from South Street to Smith Avenue (US 84 Business and S.R. 38 Business), a distance of 0.60 miles to be zoned 35 mph.
- (27) Clanton Street from East Jackson Street (US 319 Business and S.R. 35 Business) to Remington Avenue, a distance of 0.32 miles to be zoned 35 mph.
- (28) Clay Street from North Pinetree Boulevard to North Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, a distance of 2.64 miles to be zoned 35 mph.
- (29) Covington Avenue from Smith Avenue (US 84 Business and S.R. 38 Business) to Remington Avenue, a distance of 0.75 miles to be zoned 35 mph.
- (30) East Pinetree Boulevard from Remington Avenue to East Jackson Street, a distance of 0.36 miles to be zoned 35 mph.
- (31) East Pinetree Boulevard from Remington Avenue to Old Monticello Road, a distance of 2.47 miles, to be zoned 35 mph.
- (32) South Pinetree Boulevard from Old Monticello Road to West Jackson Street, a distance of 3.39 miles, to be zoned 35 mph.
- (34) Magnolia Street from South Pinetree Boulevard to Bartow a distance of 1.24 miles to be zoned 35 mph.
- (35) Market Street from Smith Avenue (US 84 Business and S.R. 38 Business) to Metcalf Avenue, to be zoned 35 mph.
- (36) South Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive from West Jackson St. to South Pinetree Boulevard, a distance of 0.70 miles to be zoned 35 mph.
- (37) North Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive from West Jackson St. to Cairo Road, a distance of 1.89 miles to be zoned 35 mph.
- (38) Metcalf Avenue from East Pinetree Boulevard to Susie Way Street, a distance of 0.90 miles to be zoned 35 mph.
- (39) Patterson Street from North Pinetree Boulevard to East Clay Street, a distance of 0.52 miles to be zoned 35 mph.
- (40) South Broad Street/Old Monticello Road from East Pinetree Boulevard to Dawson Street, a distance of 0.29 miles to be zoned 35 mph.
- (41) Fletcher Street from South College Street to South Pinetree Boulevard, a distance of 1.17 miles to be zoned 30 mph.
- (42) Habersham Road from Metcalf Road to Harrogate Lane, a distance of 0.80 miles to be zoned 30 mph.”

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NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Tentative Allocation Letter for the Airport's Runway 4-22 Line-Of-Sight Project.

Airport Manager, Robert Petty reported The Georgia Department of Transportation has provided the Airport with a Tentative Allocation (TA) letter to assist in the funding to correct its Runway 4-22 line-of-sight problem in 2023. The letter requests that the Airport utilize two years of its Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) grant funds, the Airport's annual Nonprimary Entitlement (NPE) grant, and its 5% matching share to initiate the project in 2023. The estimated match is \$214,387. The project has been delayed as the State has negotiated the use of these BIL funds and will not have access to these monies for disbursement until October. Once the contracts are signed the funds are available for two years. Due to the upcoming Quail Season activity at the Airport, construction would commence immediately after the season has closed. Manager Petty requested Council consider authorizing the TA Letter with the Mayor's signature to receive Federal and State funds, including the use of two years of the Airport's BIL grant monies and its NPE grant to fund Runway 4-22 Line of Sight Project.

Councilmember Chastain motioned to approve the TA letter and authorize the Mayor's signature to execute the letter, 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.

Motion to authorize Mayor Flowers as the signatory to execute the Memorandum of Agreement between Georgia City Solutions and the City of Thomasville for a Municipal Workforce Strategy Development and Job Recruitment Consulting Project.

Executive Director – Human Resources, Risk Management & Community Outreach, Dominic Ford reported Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) and other agencies throughout the state of Georgia recognize workforce challenges that municipalities have in recruiting and maintain viable workforces for their organizations. The overall purpose of the “Municipal Workforce Needs Assessment & Job Recruitment Strategy Initiative” is to plan, create and execute an

overall workforce strategy that will continue to support the City's overall mission and vision statement. The Georgia Cities Solutions (GCS) and GMA Team will create a workforce strategy document for the City. This document will include details about the data shared by the city, key issues identified during the planning process, workforce action items, and the city's workforce action plan. Director Ford requested that Council consider authorizing Mayor Flowers as the signatory to execute a memorandum of Agreement between GCS and the City of Thomasville for a Municipal Workforce Strategy Development and Job Recruitment Consulting Project.

Councilmember Warren motioned to authorize the Mayor's signature to execute the MOA, 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.

Consider 2023 Alcohol Beverage Mystery Shopper Violations - Show Cause Hearings.

City Attorney, Tim Sanders, opened the meeting for Show Cause Hearings regarding Mystery Shopper Alcoholic Beverage Violations pursuant to the provisions set forth within Thomasville Municipal Code Chapter 3 "Alcoholic Beverages". Attorney Sanders reported on January 30th and February 2nd, 2023 the Thomasville Police Department conducted the annual Mystery Shopper detail in Thomasville, Georgia to assure all businesses licensed in the city limits are within Georgia law. As a result of this investigative detail, and its subsequent actions, a total of nine (9) establishments had employees who have pled guilty or been adjudicated guilty. Following the adjudication of the establishment's employee, the establishment's license holder is subject to a fine levied by the City Council pursuant to Section 3-31 of the Municipal Code. The Alcoholic Beverage License Holder has the right to request a show cause hearing to be held before the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, as to why their license to sell alcoholic beverages at the establishment should not be suspended or revoked by Council because of the sale of alcoholic beverage to an underage person. Attorney Sanders reported that each of the nine establishments have provided proof that an Alcohol Beverage training program is in place and proof of the employee's participation in the required alcohol beverage training program pursuant to Section 3-62 of the Municipal Code. Attorney Sanders reported the offenses are considered as first offenses as each establishment had no violations in the twelve months prior to this citation.

1. King Claw, 15047 Highway 19 South, Thomasville, Georgia: Attorney Sanders summoned King Claw License Holder representative Regional General Manager Corey Kizziah to appear before Council. The Regional General Manager acknowledged admission of the violation, chose not to contest the citation and elected to pay the levied fine if so levied.

Councilmember Warren motioned to approve the levied fine of \$500.00 for the citation of License Holder for King Claw, as a first offender for Alcohol Beverage Violation – License Holder Sales to Underage Persons pursuant to City of Thomasville Municipal Code § 3-31 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.

2. T-Velo Brewing Company, 227 West Jackson Street, Thomasville, Georgia: Attorney Sanders summoned T-Velo License Holder representative Maurice Jackson to appear before Council. Maurice Jackson acknowledged admission of the violation, chose not to contest the citation and elected to pay the levied fine if so levied.

Councilmember Chastain motioned to approve the levied fine of \$500.00 for the citation of License Holder for T-Velo Brewing Company, as a first offender for Alcohol Beverage Violation – License Holder Sales to Underage Persons pursuant to City of Thomasville Municipal Code § 3-31 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.

3. The Farmers Daughter, 106 North Broad Street: Attorney Sanders summoned The Farmers Daughters License Holder Renee Moss to appear before Council. Renee Moss acknowledged admission of the violation, chose not to contest the citation and elected to pay the levied fine if so levied.

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to approve the levied fine of \$500.00 for the citation of License Holder for The Farmers Daughter, as a first offender for Alcohol Beverage Violation – License Holder Sales to Underage Persons pursuant to City of Thomasville Municipal Code § 3-31 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.

4. Rose City Liquors, 15189 Highway 19 South: Attorney Sanders summoned Rose City Liquors License Holder Ajit Patel to appear before Council. Ajit Patel acknowledged admission of the violation, chose not to contest the citation and elected to pay the levied fine if so levied.

Councilmember Scott motioned to approve the levied fine of \$500.00 for the citation of License Holder for Rose City Liquors, as a first offender for Alcohol Beverage Violation – License Holder Sales to Underage Persons pursuant to City of Thomasville Municipal Code § 3-31 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.

5. Circle K, Site #2745151, 2667 East Pinetree Boulevard: Attorney Sanders summoned Circle K License Holder representative Sandra Revel to appear before Council. Manager Revel acknowledged admission of the violation, chose not to contest the citation and elected to pay the levied fine if so levied.

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to approve the levied fine of \$500.00 for the citation of License Holder for Circle K, as a first offender for Alcohol Beverage Violation – License Holder Sales to Underage Persons pursuant to City of Thomasville Municipal Code § 3-31 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.

6. Quick Buys, 1818 County Line Road: Attorney Sanders summoned Quick Buys License Holder Sanjay Patel to appear before Council. Sanjay Patel acknowledged admission of the violation, chose not to contest the citation and elected to pay the levied fine if so levied.

Councilmember Chastain motioned to approve the levied fine of \$500.00 for the citation of License Holder for Quick Buys, as a first offender for Alcohol Beverage Violation – License Holder Sales to Underage Persons pursuant to City of Thomasville Municipal Code § 3-31 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.

7. 319 Express, 1013 East Jackson Street: Attorney Sanders summoned 319 Express License Holder Seema Patel Singh to appear before Council. Seema Patel Singh acknowledged admission of the violation, chose not to contest the citation and elected to pay the levied fine if so levied.

Councilmember Warren motioned to approve the levied fine of \$500.00 for the citation of License Holder for 319 Express, as a first offender for Alcohol Beverage Violation – License Holder Sales to Underage Persons pursuant to City of Thomasville Municipal Code § 3-31 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.

8. Carroll Hill Food Mart, 617 North Boulevard: Attorney Sanders reported Carroll Hill Food Mart License Holder Monika Patel was unable to appear before Council and had provided a letter acknowledging admission of the violation, chose not to contest the citation and elected to pay the levied fine if so levied.

Councilmember Chastain motioned to approve the levied fine of \$500.00 for the citation of License Holder for Carroll Hill Food Mart as a first offender for Alcohol Beverage Violation – License Holder Sales to Underage Persons pursuant to City of Thomasville Municipal Code § 3-31 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.

9. Bob & Jeff's IGA, 309 Smith Avenue: Attorney Sanders reported that a supplement had been provided to Council in the form of an affidavit, under oath, from the employee stating he did participate in the required training prior to the offense; this affidavit and proof of the required training program meets the provisions set forth in Section 3-62 of the Municipal Code. Attorney Sanders summoned Bob & Jeff's IGA License Holder representative Steve Spiker and Attorney Bill Blackburn to appear before Council. Attorney Blackburn reported his client Steven Spiker acknowledged admission of the violation, chose not to contest the citation and elected to pay the levied fine if so levied.

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to approve the levied fine of \$500.00 for the citation of License Holder for Bob & Jeff's IGA, as a first offender for Alcohol Beverage Violation – License Holder Sales to Underage Persons pursuant to City of Thomasville Municipal Code § 3-31 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.

Bids and award for purchase of Fairways Mower for Country Oaks Golf Course.

Manager-Parks/Recreation & Golf, Mike Owens reported the City of Thomasville owns all of the equipment used to maintain the golf course (mowers, tractors, blowers, etc...). In an effort to effectively maintain the equipment and reduce maintenance costs, Country Oaks utilizes an aggressive PM plan and a schedule to replace older equipment before annual maintenance costs skyrocket. The current fairway mower that is being replaced is a 2013 model with 3,222 hours. Manager Owens requested Council consider the approval of the purchase of a John Deere 6700A Precision Cut Fairway Mower from Beard Equipment Company, using budgeted 2023 Capital Funds. A summary of bids received follows.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Beard Equipment Company – Murfreesboro, TN <i>John Deere 6700A Precision Cut Fairway Mower</i>	\$74,003.20
Wesco Turf – Jacksonville, FL <i>Toro Reelmaster 5510-D Fairway Mower</i>	\$83,865.00

Manager Owens reported both mowers listed in the bid summary are diesel units with a 100” cutting width and a canopy roof.

Councilmember Chastain motioned to award to bid to Beard Equipment Company for the purchase of a Fairway Mower, 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.

Bids and award for the purchase of SR3/Old Albany Road Utility Relocation Project Contract.

City Engineer, Todd Powell reported the City of Thomasville has federal-aid money through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for the preliminary engineering and right-of-way (ROW) acquisition portions of Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) PI0015394 – The Old Albany Sidewalk Project (between North Boulevard and Plantation Oaks Drive). Therefore, utility improvements are also being completed in the area before the sidewalk construction. The utility relocation project is being funded with ARPA money, and the work includes furnishing all labor, equipment, and materials to replace water mains; line sewer mains; replace water and sewer services; rehabilitate or replace manholes; and install or relocate fire hydrants. The work is scheduled to be substantially completed within 180 days of the Notice to Proceed. A summary of bids follows.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
RPI Underground, Inc.	\$1,468,507.00
Green's Backhoe	\$2,054,330.00
Equix Energy Services	No Bid
Gulf Coast Underground, LLC	No Bid

Councilmember Warren motioned to award the bid to RPI Underground, Inc. for the purchase of SR3/Old Albany Road Utility Relocation Project Contract, as presented, and to authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary and related documents. 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.

REPORTS

Assistant City Manager White reported all information relating to the Property Tax/Millage Rate increase has a dedicated page on the City of Thomasville’s website and can be found at Thomasville.org. The video recording of the presentation given during the Tax Millage Increase Public Hearing has been posted to this page.

Mayor Flowers reminded citizens there would be two more Public Hearings relating to the Millage Rate increase; they will be held on August 23rd and September 6th. He encouraged citizens to attend these Public Hearings.

Councilmember Warren reported the City of Thomasville’s Solid Waste Department had recently made history as Ms. Shavonta Williams was promoted to Forman. She is the first female Foreman in the Solid Waste Department. Councilmembers commended Ms. Williams on the achievement and thanked her for her service to the City of Thomasville.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, the Thomasville City Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA



Mayor, John H. Flowers



ATTEST: City Clerk

