

## City of Thomasville Council Meeting, September 23, 2024

The Council of the City of Thomasville met in regular session on the above date. Mayor Todd Mobley presided, and the following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Pro Tem Terry Scott and Councilmembers Scott Chastain and Lucinda Brown. Also present were the City Manager, Chris White; Assistant City Manager, Sheryl Sealy; City Attorney, Timothy C. Sanders; Chief Financial Officer, Ashley Cason; other city staff; citizens and members of the media. It shall be reported that Councilmember Royal Baker was absent from this meeting. 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 unable to attend the meeting via the City of Thomasville's online live stream feed located at [www.thomasville.org](http://www.thomasville.org).

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Scott Chastain gave the Invocation.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Terry Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2024, as presented. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain and Brown.

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Mayor Mobley presented a proclamation to the team members of the City of Thomasville's Natural Gas Department which designated October 6-12, 2024, as Public Natural Gas Week. He applauded their collective efforts in safely providing the benefits of public natural gas to the community.
2. Councilmember Chastain presented a proclamation to the team members of the Electric Engineering and Operations Department designating October 6-12, 2024, as Public Power Week. He commended the team members for their dedication and efforts to provide safe and reliable electricity to the community. Councilmember Chastain offered prayerful sentiments for their safety and efforts during the impending potential hurricane anticipated to begin moving in later in the week.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Scott presented a proclamation to the team members of the Thomasville Fire Rescue Department designating October 6-12, 2024, as Fire Prevention Week. He applauded the entire Thomasville Fire Rescue team for their combined efforts with educating the community of the importance of Fire Prevention.
4. Councilmember Brown presented a proclamation to team members of the City of Thomasville's Customer Service Department designating October 7-11, 2024, as Customer Service Week. She encouraged the team members to continue their commitments to customer service excellence in their everyday activities, services and programs.

### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Mobley acknowledged the following citizen to be heard as listed on the Citizen to be Heard Sign-In Form.

1. Lakortornette Gabriel, resident of Webster Street, Thomasville, Georgia, voiced concerns with recent changes to the CNS cable system. She noted that many of the CNS customers were retirees and on fixed incomes and the recent cost increases will be very difficult for these customers to continue to pay. She voiced further

concerns regarding the billing due date changes, noting that many people do not receive funds in time for these payments to be made.

- a. Councilmember Brown thanked Ms. Gabriel for speaking and noted that the City, along with CNS, were working towards solutions for their customers.
- b. Assistant City Manager Sealy reported that CNS was aware that the changes were going to be difficult to navigate and did their best to let everyone know about the changes in advance of the transition to the new system. She further reported that CNS and the City's customer service departments will walk through this with customers, there will be no disconnections during this transition period and requested all customers to be patient during this transition period.
- c. City Manager White reported that CNS transitioned from five different billing cycles to one billing cycle and both CNS and the City were committed to working with customers to navigate the processes.

### **ADOPT AGENDA**

Councilmember Chastain moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, and Brown.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business for consideration by the City Council at this meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Resolution to approve Change Order No. Six relating to the 2022 SPLOST/LMIG Street Improvement Project and to authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign all necessary and related documents.**

Executive Director of Engineering and Inspections, Mark Harmon, reported that the City Council approved an award to the Scrogg's Company on October 9, 2023, to furnish all labor and equipment to complete various street improvements that include resurfacing, curb and gutter additions, water main replacements and sewer main rehabilitation on multiple streets that include: Baytree, S. Broad, Metcalf, Clermont, East Webster, East Monroe, Ivey Place, Jones, Mississippi, Oak Place, Palmetto, Pear, Peach, Pine, South College, Town Court, West Loomis, and Warner. This project also includes storm water improvements along Palmetto Drive (Edgewood Circle to Myrtle Drive) and Pear Street. This is an annual effort for roadway maintenance based upon a myriad of factors such as roadway score, underground utility condition, etc. Additionally, on May 13, 2024, City Council approved a resolution to receive Fiscal Year 2024 Georgia Department of Transportation Supplemental Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) funds in the amount of \$375,025.41. With the additional LMIG Supplemental funding, the following roads will be added to the Scrogg's Company current contract through a change order: Orchard Lane (Remington Avenue to East Jackson Street); Metcalf Avenue (Baybrook Street to East Pinetree Boulevard); West Walcott Street (N MLK Jr Drive to Madison Street); Palmetto Drive (Glenwood Drive to Myrtle Drive); and Baytree Drive (entire street). The change order is for all labor and equipment; the cost is \$313,304.74 and will be funded with 2018 SPLOST funds; there is no additional time added to the contract; and with a total adjusted contract amount of \$5,427,645.43.

Councilmember Chastain moved to adopt a resolution to approve the change order, as discussed, on the 2022 SPLOST/LMIG Street Improvement Project in the amount of \$313,304.74 for the contractor, Scrogg's Company, to perform the work and to authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign necessary and related documents. Mayor Pro Tem seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain and Brown.

The adopted resolution follows.

### **CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville has it as their responsibility to maintain, repair, and replace city streets in order to provide transportation, access, and social and economic activity within our community;

WHEREAS, the Civil Engineering Department for the City of Thomasville, Georgia maintains a road scoring program for city streets and developed construction and contract documents for the 2022 SPLOST-LMIG Street Improvement project;

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia awarded the 2022 SPLOST-LMIG Street Improvement project to the Scrugg's Company on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2023 at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting in the amount of \$6,216,486.03; and

WHEREAS, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024 the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia resolved to authorize the submittal of the Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant application and the required supporting documentation; authorize the provision of commitment of funds as required in the Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant; and authorize the Mayor of the City of Thomasville, or Mayor Pro Tempore, as the signatory on all necessary and related documents as shall be necessary in relation to the Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant application in the amount of \$375,035.41 with no local matching funds required.

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia desires to make additional street improvements using the \$375,035.41 from the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant through a Change Order with the 2022 SPLOST-LMIG Street Improvement project for the Scrugg's Company in the amount of \$313,304.74 for a total adjusted contract amount of \$5,427,645.43.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth fully in this Section 1.

Section 2. Approval and Authorization of Change Order. The City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia approves the change order attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A ("Change Order") and authorizes the Mayor, or Mayor Pro Tempore in the Mayor's absence, to execute and deliver the Change Order to proceed.

Section 3. General Authority. From and after the approval of this Resolution, the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, City Manager, officers, and employees of the City of Thomasville, Georgia are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of the Change Order as executed and are further authorized to take any and all further actions and execute and deliver any and all other documents and certificates, including but not limited to the Change Order, as may be necessary or desirable in connection with the execution and delivery of the Change Order and any related documents, all of the forgoing in consultation with the City Attorney.

Section 4. Actions Approved and Confirmed. All acts and doings of the City Council, Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, the City Manager, the officers, and employees of the City of Thomasville, Georgia that are in conformity with the purposes and intents of this Resolution and in the furtherance of the Change Order and the execution, delivery, and performance of the Change Order and related documents shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects approved and confirmed.

Section 5. Severability of Invalid Provisions. If any one or more of the provisions herein contained shall be held contrary to any express provision of law or contrary to the policy of express

law, though not expressly prohibited, or against public policy, or shall for any reason whatsoever be held invalid, then such provisions shall be null and void and shall be deemed separable from the remaining provisions and shall in no way affect the validity of any of the other provisions hereof or of the Change Order ratified hereunder.

Section 6. Repealing Clause. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions herein contained are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded and repealed.

Section 7. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.  
Adopted and approved this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2024.

**Resolution to award bid for the purchase of construction contract for 2024 Wastewater Improvements Project and to authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign all necessary and related documents.**

Assistant Utilities Superintendent, Eric Gossett, reported that this project includes performing sanitary sewer rehabilitation with cured in place lining (CIPP) and rehabilitated sanitary sewer manholes with sprayed in lining and performing other necessary and appurtenant work on the following streets: Robin Drive, Clair Street, Belmont Drive, East Walcott Street, Tucwal Street, Wildwood Lane & Hickory Drive, Kings Drive and Royal Avenue, and Neel Place. This is typically an annual effort based on the condition of the sanitary sewer infrastructure. This project was advertised for 30 days on both the City’s website and Georgia Procurement registry. Proposals were opened on September 12, 2024 for the above referenced project. There were eight (8) interested bidders, and six (6) bids were received. SAK Construction, LLC of O’Fallon, Missouri, was determined to be qualified to perform the services at the lowest price proposal received. The total base bid price was \$491,359.00, and the work is to be completed within 45 calendar days of the Notice to Proceed. The work will be funded utilizing ARPA funds.

The following is a summary of bids received:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Insituform	\$549,335.00
CaJenn Construction	\$679,747.00
Vortex Services	\$627,795.00
Veit National Corp	\$587,252.00
Gulf Coast Underground	\$607,872.75
SAK	\$491,359.00
Southeast Pipe	No Bid
RDJE	No Bid

Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to adopt a resolution to award the contract for the 2024 Wastewater Improvements Project for \$491,359.00 to SAK as being qualified to perform the services at the lowest price proposal and authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign all the required paperwork to execute the contract. Councilmember Chastain seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, and Brown.

The adopted resolution follows.

**CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA  
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville has it as their responsibility to provide, regulate, and maintain city utilities to its citizens in order to provide reliable services such as water, wastewater, and gas;

WHEREAS, the Civil Engineering and Water Departments for the City of Thomasville, Georgia maintains utility asset information for the wastewater infrastructure in the City of Thomasville, Georgia and the Civil Engineering Department developed construction and contract documents for the 2024 Wastewater Improvements Project;

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville received American Rescue Plan funds in the amount of \$6,915,294 and desires to use these funds in accordance with required guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia desires to award a contract to SAK in the amount of \$491,359.00 to perform the work necessary to complete the 2024 Wastewater Improvements Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth fully in this Section 1.

Section 2. Approval and Authorization of Award. The City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia approves the award amount attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A (“Award”) and authorizes the Mayor, or Mayor Pro Tempore in the Mayor’s absence, to execute and deliver the Award to proceed.

Section 3. General Authority. From and after the approval of this Resolution, the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, City Manager, officers, and employees of the City of Thomasville, Georgia are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of the Award as executed and are further authorized to take any and all further actions and execute and deliver any and all other documents and certificates, including but not limited to the Award, as may be necessary or desirable in connection with the execution and delivery of the Award and any related documents, all of the foregoing in consultation with the City Attorney.

Section 4. Actions Approved and Confirmed. All acts and doings of the City Council, Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, the City Manager, the officers, and employees of the City of Thomasville, Georgia that are in conformity with the purposes and intents of this Resolution and in the furtherance of the Award and the execution, delivery, and performance of the Award and related documents shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects approved and confirmed.

Section 5. Severability of Invalid Provisions. If any one or more of the provisions herein contained shall be held contrary to any express provision of law or contrary to the policy of express law, though not expressly prohibited, or against public policy, or shall for any reason whatsoever be held invalid, then such provisions shall be null and void and shall be deemed separable from the remaining provisions and shall in no way affect the validity of any of the other provisions hereof or of the Award ratified hereunder.

Section 6. Repealing Clause. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions herein contained are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded and repealed.

Section 7. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption. Adopted and approved this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2024.

**Resolution to approve Change Order No. Four relating to the Old Albany Road Utility Project and to authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign all necessary and related documents.**

Assistant Utilities Superintendent, Eric Gossett reported that 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) PI #0015394 – 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 American Rescue Plan Act (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. While the work is substantially complete, the city staff needs to add additional work that was not anticipated for the original contract. This includes replacing a 1950 cast iron 6 inch main with a new 12-inch-high density polyethylene (HDPE) water main on Old Albany Road between Plantation Oaks Road to West Pinetree Boulevard. This will be

bored and open cut. This will create a loop to improve water supply, water pressure, and fire protection in this portion of the city as the city continues to grow. This project also gets the main out from under a GDOT road, which makes future maintenance easier to do. The change order is for labor only; the cost is \$202,424.71 and will be funded with ARPA funds; and the additional time to do this work is 35 days, once approved, for a total contract time of 287 days.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to adopt a resolution to authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign change order for additional work by contractor on the Old Albany Road Utility Improvement Project in the sum of \$202,424.71. Councilmember Chastain seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, and Brown.

The adopted resolution follows.

## **CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville has it as their responsibility to provide, regulate, and maintain city utilities to its citizens in order to provide reliable services such as water, wastewater, and gas;

WHEREAS, the Civil Engineering and Water Departments for the City of Thomasville, Georgia maintains utility asset information for the water infrastructure in the City of Thomasville, Georgia;

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia awarded the SR3/Old Albany Road Utility Relocation project to RIP Underground, Inc. on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023 at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting in the amount of \$1,468,507; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville received American Rescue Plan funds in the amount of \$6,915,294 and desires to use these funds in accordance with required guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia desires to make additional utility improvements using American Rescue Plan funds through a Change Order with the SR3/Old Albany Road Utility Relocation project for RPI Underground, Inc. in the amount of \$202,424.71 for a total adjusted contract amount of \$1,670,931.71.

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Section 7. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted and approved this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2024.

**Resolution to approve bid award for purchase of a contract for Construction, Engineering, and Inspection (CEI) services for GDOT PI #0015394, the Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project.**

Executive Director of Engineering and Inspections, Mark Harmon reported that the City of Thomasville has federal-aid money from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) through the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the preliminary engineering, right-of-way (ROW) acquisition, and construction of GDOT PI #0015394 – The Old Albany Sidewalk Project (between North Boulevard and Plantation Oaks Drive). It is the desire of the city to work with an engineering firm during the project’s construction phase to perform construction, engineering, and inspection services. Procurement of these services was done in accordance with GDOT’s Procurement Manual: The Procurement, Management, and Administration of Engineering and Design Related Consultant Services, dated 06/20/2016 and with our GDOT Local Administered Projects (LAP) Procurement Certification. Two statements of qualifications from Keck & Wood, Inc. and RK&K were received at the Office of the City Engineer. RK&K met all pre-screening requirements and was independently evaluated successfully by a selection committee in order to enter into contract negotiations. This is a cost plus not to exceed contract of \$443,665.83. Director Harmon reviewed a map of the project area.

Councilmember Chastain moved to adopt a resolution to award the bid and contract to RK&K for \$443,665.83 as being the most qualified and in the best interests of the city for construction, engineering, and inspection services for GDOT PI #0015394 – The Old Albany Sidewalk Project – and authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tempore to sign necessary and related documents. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, and Brown.

The adopted resolution follows.

**CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA  
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville has it as their responsibility to maintain, repair, and replace city streets, to include sidewalks in order to provide transportation, access, and social and economic activity within our community;

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia entered into a Project Framework Agreement on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2020 with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for preliminary engineering to do transportation facility improvements – adding a sidewalk – on Old Albany Road between North Boulevard and Plantation Oak Drive (GDOT Project Number 0015394) using federal-aid funds from the Federal Highway Administration through the Transportation Alternatives Program in the amount of \$775,000 with a federal share of \$620,000 and a local match of \$155,000;

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia entered into an Agreement on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022 with the Georgia Department of Transportation for right-of-way acquisition for GDOT Project Number 0015394 using federal-aid funds from the Federal Highway Administration through the Transportation Alternatives Program in the amount not to exceed \$400,000 with a federal share of \$320,00 and a local match of \$80,000;

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation has currently allocated \$3,246,300, pending bid results, in federal-aid funds from the Federal Highway Administration through the Transportation Alternatives Program with a federal share of \$2,597,040 and a local match of \$649,260 for GDOT Project Number 0015394;

WHEREAS, the engineer of record from Keck & Wood, Inc. performed preliminary engineering and received approval to advertise for bids on GDOT Project Number 0015394; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia desires to award a contract to RK&K for an amount not to exceed \$443,665.83 for construction, engineering, and inspection services for GDOT Project Number 0015394 as being in the best interest of the city.

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Section 7. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.  
Adopted and approved this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2024.



**Resolution to accept a Center for Community Progress Technical Assistance Grant from the Williams Family Foundation of Georgia for the Thomasville-Thomas County Land Bank Authority.**

Community Planner, Anna Day reported that at the regularly scheduled Land Bank Authority board meeting, held on March 6, 2024, staff presented a proposal for professional services to be provided by the Center for Community Progress (CCP). The Land Bank Authority board voted to enter into a contract for professional services with CCP based on the understanding that some of the costs would be offset by partnering agencies. Given the limited funds available to the Land Bank, and, considering the impact and benefit of these services to ongoing community development and neighborhood revitalization efforts, the Williams Family Foundation of Georgia (WFFG) generously offered to grant funds towards the cost of services. The Planning Department of the City of Thomasville is also contributing funds budgeted for housing related consulting fees towards the cost of services. The WFFG issued a letter notifying the City that a “Center for Community Progress Technical Assistance grant to the Land Bank Authority” was approved and will be distributed by the Community Foundation of South Georgia.

Councilmember Brown moved to adopt a resolution that authorizes the acceptance of the WFFG grant of \$10,000.00 to be used for the purpose of providing training and technical assistance to the Land Bank Authority. Mayor Pro Tem Scott seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, and Brown.

The adopted resolution follows.

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Williams Family Foundation of the Georgia, Inc. (“WFFG”) supports the Thomasville-Thomas County Land Bank Authority in its pursuit of training and technical assistance in areas that impact and benefit ongoing community development and neighborhood revitalization in Thomasville; and,

WHEREAS, WFFG appreciates the role and work of the Thomasville-Thomas County Land Bank Authority and recognizes that funding is limited; and,

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2024, WFFG notified the City Manager that a “Center for Community Progress Technical Assistance to the Land Bank Authority” grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the City of Thomasville was approved and will be funded through the WFFG Conservation and Preservation Fund which is held at the Community Foundation of South Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville wishes to publicly accept the \$10,000.00 grant from the William Family Foundation of Georgia for use by the Thomasville-Thomas County Land Bank Authority for the grant’s intended purpose.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville that the city hereby publicly accepts the Williams Family Foundation of Georgia’s grant in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be used for the purpose of providing training and technical assistance to the Thomasville-Thomas County Land Bank Authority in areas that impact and benefit ongoing community development and neighborhood revitalization in Thomasville.

So Done, this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2024.

**REPORTS**

City Manager White reported the storm heading in the direction of Thomasville has been projected to be a category three hurricane at landfall later in the week. He noted that the City of Thomasville has begun storm preparations and mutual aid contacts with other municipalities have been made. City Manager White encouraged residents to be safe and make their preparations as soon as possible and to prepare for prolonged outages in the aftermath of the storm.

Assistant City Manager Sealy reported that while no shelters have opened at the time of the meeting, Red Cross would make determinations as part of their storm preparation processes and it was noted that there are typically several Good Samaritan shelters that open prior to a storm's arrival. Assistant City Manager Sealy encouraged utility customers to ensure they were signed up to receive text alerts from the City of Thomasville. She further reported the City would use social media to make necessary announcements regarding any planned and upcoming events. It was noted that utility crews follow strict safety procedures during severe weather and crews would be out to assess and begin repairs as soon as it was safely possible to do so after the storm.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott thanked those who covered his family in prayers during the time of his brother's passing.

Councilmember Chastain noted the Thomasville community lost a bright light with the recent passing of Danyelle Copeland, and encouraged the community to keep the Copeland family in their thoughts and prayers during their difficult days ahead.

Councilmembers collectively encouraged the community to prepare and stay safe before, during and after the approaching storm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business for consideration, the Thomasville City Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM.

**CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA**

  
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Mayor, Todd Mobley

  
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ATTEST: City Clerk

