

City of Thomasville Council Meeting, April 22, 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, Royal Baker, and Lucinda Brown. Also present were the Interim City Manager, Chris White; Assistant City Manager, Sheryl Sealy; City Attorney, Timothy C. 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 unable to attend the meeting via the City of Thomasville's online live stream feed located at www.thomasville.org.

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilmember Royal Baker 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 April 8, 2024, as presented. Councilmember Brown seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0. With the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Baker, and Brown.

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION

1. Georgia Cities Week – April 21-27, 2024: Mayor Mobley presented a proclamation recognizing April 21-27, 2024, as Georgia Cities Week to Interim City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Chief Financial Officer, and other Leadership Staff members present. It was noted that the week-long celebration includes various events throughout the community, and it is a statewide event sponsored by the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA).
2. Recognition of the April 2024 Honorary Councilmember: Councilmember Brown recognized Ms. Desserita Dyson for serving as the Honorary Councilmember for the month of April. She commended Ms. Dyson for her willingness to serve in this capacity. Ms. Dyson thanked Council for the opportunity to serve. Ms. Dyson also thanked her friends and family who supported her endeavors. She further noted that involvement is the key to seeing the changes she wants to see within the community, and she was looking forward to furthering her community involvement.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

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

1. Belle McGalliard, resident of Swan Street, Thomasville, Georgia, voiced concerns regarding the upcoming changes to CNSNext and the challenges she faced with her transition to the new system. She noted that the elderly citizens are not as aware of the new technology and cannot navigate it as well as they may be expected. Ms. McGalliard further noted that the staff was unable to assist her with her questions and diminished knowledge of technology. Mayor Mobley indicated he recently made the necessary transition from the old cable system to the new CNS NextStream and had to have assistance. He asked that staff contact Ms. McGalliard and set up an on-site visit to work through these challenges.

ADOPT AGENDA

Councilmember Chastain moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Baker, and Brown.

OLD BUSINESS

Second reading of an ordinance to demolish unfit structure located at 403 Lester Street, Thomasville, Georgia. Executive Director of Inspections & Engineering, Mark Harmon reported there had not been any changes to this ordinance since its passage on first reading April 8, 2024. He briefly reviewed the location and deteriorated state of the structure. It was noted that all necessary and required actions had been completed pursuant to local ordinances and State Law.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to order the ordinance to demolish the unfit structure located at 403 Lester Street, as read for the second time, passed, and adopted. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Baker, and Brown.

The adopted ordinance follows.

ORD. NO.: ORD-07-04222024

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 403 LESTER STREET, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY KENNETH L. HAYES; 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 403 Lester 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 403 Lester 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 designated as Lot No. 8 in Block A of Southview Subdivision, as shown by a plat of said subdivision by A. S. Vann, Surveyor, a copy of which plat is recorded in Deed Book 3-F, Folio 33S of the Public Records of Thomas County, Georgia, and more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the corner formed by the intersection of the south margin of College Avenue, with the east margin of Lester Street, and run thence southerly along the east margin of Lester Street 60 feet to THE POINT OF BEGINNING of the property herein conveyed. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING run thence in an easterly direction and parallel with the south margin of College Avenue 120 feet to a point; run thence southerly and parallel with the east margin of Lester Street 60 feet to a point; run thence westerly and parallel with the south margin of College Street 120 feet to a point on the east margin of Lester Street; thence northerly along the east margin of Lester Street 60 feet to THE POINT OF BEGINNING of the property herein conveyed.

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 April 8, 2024, and read the second time, passed, and adopted in like meeting held on April 22, 2024.

Second reading of an ordinance to demolish unfit structure located at 427 South Stevens Street, Thomasville, Georgia.

Executive Director of Inspections & Engineering, Mark Harmon reported there had not been any changes to this ordinance since its passage on first reading April 8, 2024. He briefly reviewed the location and deteriorated state of the structure. It was noted that all necessary and required actions had been completed pursuant to local ordinances and State Law.

Councilmember Chastain moved to order the ordinance to demolish the unfit structure located at 427 South Stevens Street, as read for the second time, passed, and adopted. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Baker, and Brown.

The adopted ordinance follows.

ORD. NO.: ORD-08-04222024

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 427 S STEVENS, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY JUANITA DIXON AND ANNIE GRACE BENTON; 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 427 S Stevens 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 427 S Stevens Street, Thomasville, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 005 027014. that certain tract or parcel of land lying, situated, and being In the City of Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia, beginning at a point on the east side of Stevens Street and south side of Pratts Alley where said street and said alley intersect; run thence in a northeasterly direction along south margin of said alley a distance of 60 feet, more or less, to the property of Queenie Stevens, thence In a southeasterly direction a distance of 80 feet, more or less, to the property of Pearl Everett; thence In a southwesterly direction a distance of 60 feet, more or less, to said Stevens Street; thence In a northwesterly direction along said street a distance of 79 feet, more or less, to starting point. said tract of land having thereon one frame dwelling. Said property Is more particularly identified as 427 South Stevens Street, according to the system of numbering houses In Thomasville, Georgia.

This being the same parcel conveyed to Juanita Dixon and Annie Grace Benton In a deed recorded In Deed Book 888, Page 150.

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NEW BUSINESS

First reading of an ordinance to rename Susie Way to Mother E. Douglas Way.

City Planner, Kenny Thompson reported The friends and family of Erlean Douglas, affectionately known as Mother Douglas, are requesting to rename Susie Way to Mother E. Douglas Way in honor of the late Ms. Douglas. Mother Douglas spent a lifetime in service to the community of Thomasville, including over 35 years working with The Rescue Mission Ministries, Inc, and other notable achievements, such as chartering an alternative Christian school for underprivileged children. All changes in street names must occur through ordinance by the City Council. Currently, there are no addresses on Susie Way and there have been no objections to the renaming request.

Councilmember Brown moved to order the ordinance to rename Susie Way to Mother E. Douglas Way as read for the first time, passed, and carried over. Mayor Pro Tem Scott seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Baker, and Brown.

The ordinance title follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE STREET NAME OF SUSIE WAY TO MOTHER E DOUGLAS WAY; TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Resolution to accept a Georgia Economic Placemaking Collaborative Grant Award.

City Planner, Kenny Thompson reported the Georgia Economic Placemaking Collaborative is two-year place-based economic development program that provides participating communities with education, facilitation, technical assistance, networking, peer learning, and incentives to help identify their community assets and develop a locally based placemaking strategy. The city received technical assistance in 2022. Since that time, staff have worked with local partners to determine the needs of our community. One of the partners, the Imagine Thomasville applied for a GEPC Grant in 2023 to sponsor the Longest Table event. The Longest Table is an opportunity for our community to break bread and break down barriers. Identified during the development of Thomasville's 2022 Workforce Plan, communication and relationship barriers were identified as pinch points in the birth-to-work pipeline. The purpose of the event is to build trust that will facilitate structural changes in the workforce pipeline. This grant will offset expenses for a community-wide dinner with the simple purpose of building relationships across identified community gaps. As the governmental entity on the collaborative team, the city will be the recipient of the grant funds. Community partners Imagine Thomasville and Thomasville Community Development Corporation are the key planning partners for this event. The proposed event will take place in October 2024. The resolution authorizes acceptance of the Georgia Economic Placemaking Collaborative award, a reimbursement grant of \$2,000.00.

Councilmember Chastain moved to adopt the resolution to accept the Georgia Economic Placemaking Collaborative Grant Award as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Terry Scott seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Baker, and Brown.

The adopted resolution follows.

Resolution

A Resolution by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, to authorize acceptance of a FY 2023 Georgia Economic Placemaking Collaborative Grant Award.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, finds that the Georgia Economic Placemaking Collaborative Grant Program is necessary to identify community assets and develop a locally based placemaking strategy in the City of Thomasville, Georgia, in partnership with Imagine Thomasville/Thomasville-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the City of Thomasville, Imagine Thomasville/Thomasville-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, will complete a Project to assist in the development of a locally based placemaking strategy in the City of Thomasville; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires that a FY 2023 Georgia Economic Placemaking Collaborative Grant Award in the amount of \$2,000.00 be accepted for the expenditures incurred by Imagine Thomasville/Thomasville-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce relating to the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to act as the pass-through agency as a requirement of the Georgia Economic Placemaking Collaborative Grant Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, hereby authorizes acceptance of the Georgia Economic Placemaking Collaborative Grant award in the amount of \$2,000.00 to be allocated to Imagine Thomasville/Thomasville-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce in reimbursement of expenditures relating to the Project; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, authorizes the Mayor, or Mayor Pro Tem, of the City of Thomasville as the signatory for the grant agreement and such supporting and collateral material as shall be necessary in relation to the FY 2023 Georgia Economic Placemaking Collaborative Grant Award.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, on this the 22nd day of April 2024.

Resolution to authorize City Manager, or his/her designee, to adjust the electrical Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) on a monthly basis to compensate for MEAG Power supply cost fluctuations.

Chief Financial Officer, Ashley Cason reported that the City of Thomasville sets the Electric Fund's annual budget based on the budgeted power supply costs provided by the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG) Power. This budget is based on Thomasville's anticipated electrical consumption and off-system sales and is subject to deviation at any time throughout the year due to fluctuations in the market. The electric Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) provides for an adjustment to be made per kilo-watt hour of consumption to compensate for MEAG's electric power supply cost fluctuations that deviate, higher or lower, from budget. The City Manager and staff intend to review monthly the need for a Power Cost Adjustment to recoup costs and/or share savings and to ensure that the Electric Fund maintains the projected Net Income (Loss) as budgeted. The applicable adjustments will be reported to the Council quarterly. CFO Cason noted that it is requested that Council to consider a resolution to authorize the City Manager, or his/her designee, to adjust the electrical Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) monthly to compensate for MEAG Power supply cost fluctuations.

Councilmember Baker moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Councilmember Chastain seconded. Councilmember Brown asked that CFO Cason further clarify the request. CFO Cason noted this resolution authorizes the adjustment of the PCA based on those fluctuations of the MEAG power supply cost, similarly to how adjustments to gas rates are made. It was noted that the last adjustment was made was in 2017. The motion remained unchanged. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Baker, and Brown.

The adopted resolution follows.

RESOLUTION OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville is committed to delivering reliable, cost-effective power to its customers; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville sets forth an annual budget based in part on the anticipated power supply costs as provided by the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG) Power in relation to the electrical consumption by City of Thomasville utility customers; and

WHEREAS, the power supply costs of MEAG Power are subject to deviation at any time throughout the year due to fluctuations in supply costs; and,

WHEREAS, the electric Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) provides for an adjustment to be made per kilo-watt hour of consumption dependent upon any fluctuations in the base cost of electricity provided by MEAG Power to the City of Thomasville Utilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville desires to authorize the City Manager, or his/her designee at the direction of the City Manager, to increase, or decrease, the electric Power

Cost Adjustment (PCA) as needed on a monthly basis to compensate for Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG) electric power supply cost fluctuations that deviate from the FY2024 budgeted power supply cost; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville desires to complete actions in a transparent manner provided for at duly noticed and open meetings conducted in accordance with Georgia law, at which a quorum of the City Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia is present.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, hereby authorizes the City Manager, or his/her designee at the direction of the City Manager, to increase or decrease, as the case may be, the electric Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) as needed on a monthly basis to compensate for Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG) electric power supply cost fluctuations that deviate, higher or lower, from the FY2024 budgeted power supply cost.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the intent of this resolution is to maintain through increases or decreases of the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) the profit margin of the City projected in the FY2024 budget from the sale of electricity based on the base cost of electric power to the City from MEAG.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the authorized electric PCA Adjustments shall be reported quarterly to the City of Thomasville Utilities Commission.

SO ADOPTED, this the 22nd day of April, 2024.

Resolution to accept Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant Award.

Training Chief, Corey Thompson reported thermal imaging cameras (TIC) have been used widely in the fire service for many years. This technology allows the firefighter to see people and identify items in dark or limited visibility areas. TICs work by infrared red that detects and measures infrared energy (radiation) of objects. The camera converts that infrared data into an electronic image showing the object's apparent surface temperature. Thermal Imagers also have many different uses that have aided first responders with hazardous materials response, motor vehicle crashes, outdoor or wilderness search and rescue, and building fire with trapped occupants or pets. Based on statistical data from Firefighter Rescue Survey (Firefighter Rescue Survey, 2022), nearly 40% of occupants found inside a burning home were found with a thermal imaging camera. The City of Thomasville Fire Rescue (GA) wishes to accept an award in the amount of \$28,169.89 from the Fire House Subs Foundation for the purchase of Thermal Imaging Cameras (TICs). It is requested that the Council consider a resolution to accept an award from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation and authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tempore's signature on necessary and related documents regarding the Grant Award.

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

The adopted resolution follows.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Foundation is a grant program that is distributed by the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to provide first responders with the necessary equipment to safely respond to hazardous calls by acquiring equipment ensure the safety of the firefighters while operating inside of a building fire and ensuring the greatest chance of survival.; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to accept a FY2023 Public Safety Foundation award so as to obtain funding assistance to purchase Thermal Imaging Cameras; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to commit funding in the FY2024 budget to provide for the provision of the reimbursable funds as a requirement of the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation award; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to authorize the Mayor, or Mayor Pro Tem, to sign all necessary and related documents, as shall be necessary in relation to the FY 2023 Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, hereby authorizes the acceptance of the grant award from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to obtain assistance to purchase Thermal Imaging Cameras; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, further authorizes the provision of commitment of funds in the FY2024 Budget so as to provide the reimbursable funds as required by the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, further authorizes the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Thomasville as the signatory on all necessary and related documents as shall be necessary in relation to Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant award.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, on this, the 8th day of April 2024.

Motion to accept Local Government Risk Management Services (LGRMS) 2023 Grant Funding.

Executive Director-HR, Risk Management & Community Outreach, Dominic Ford reported the Local Government Risk Management Services (LGRMS) is a risk control agency. They provide guidance and recommendations on loss control programs. Much of this is conducted through data driven decisions based upon statistical data. Additionally, each year LGRMS offers a safety grant up to \$10,000. This grant is only offered to members of the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA). This is a reimbursable grant that is utilized to purchase items directed at improving the overall safety of an organization. This grant provides a financial incentive for improving employee safety and public liability loss control efforts through the purchase of training, equipment, or services. The 2023 funds will be distributed to Police & Fire Department for the following items: State Certification Dues, Annual continuation CALEA fees, AED equipment, medical supplies, fire extinguisher inspections and maintenance.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to approve acceptance of the LGRMS 2023 Grant funding to be used for the intended purposes, as presented. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Baker, and Brown.

Bids and Award for purchase of Stewart Street Drainage Improvements.

City Engineer, Todd Powell reported A storm water overflow issue exists from Laurel Hill Cemetery during heavy rainfall events. This is due to nearly two acres of cemetery space sloping towards residential lots where a drainage system isn't present. This results in storm water flowing from a City facility in between the residences of 731 Remington, 106 and 108 Stewart Street. Requests for bids were distributed to five contractors with a three-week bidding deadline. The scope of work for this project includes providing all labor, materials, and equipment to construct inlets and 18" diameter concrete storm drain conveyance system inside the right of way along Stewart Street. The new storm drain will go beneath Stewart at the Remington intersection for a future connection. In addition, Public Works will provide an 18" storm drainage pipe from the Laurel Hill Cemetery to Stewart Street. Proposals were opened on April 2nd and the City received three bid proposals for the project. All construction shall comply with GDOT

Specifications, and all work is to be completed within forty-five days from the notice to proceed. It was noted that the work will be funded utilizing the 2018 SPLOST funds. A summary of bids received follows.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Bates Engineering/Contractors	No Bid
Blankenship Construction	No Bid
Cal-Mart, Inc.	\$72,078.00
Scoggin's Dozier	\$76,150.00
Green's Backhoe, Inc.	\$90,760.00

Councilmember Chastain moved to approve the award of bid for the purchase of Stewart Street Storm Water Drainage Improvements to Cal-Mart, Inc., and authorized the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign all required paperwork to execute the contract, as presented. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. It was noted the timeline of completion was 45 days from the Notice to Proceed. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Baker, and Brown.

REPORTS

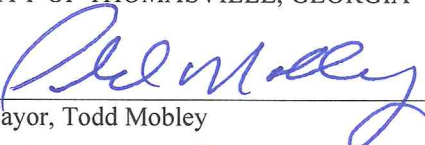
Interim City Manager White reported the 103rd Annual Rose Show & Festival would be held April 26-27, 2024, and encouraged all to attend the many festivities scheduled to take place.

Councilmembers collectively commended City Staff and volunteers for their efforts of coordination for the annual Rose Show & Festival, thanked citizens for their support and thanked Ms. Dyson for her service as the Honorary Councilmember for the month of April.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no additional business for consideration at this meeting, the City Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA



Mayor, Todd Mobley



ATTEST: City Clerk

