

City of Thomasville Council Meeting, June 10, 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 (present by teleconference). 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

Mayor Pro Tem Terry Scott 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 May 28, 2024, as presented. Councilmember Chastain seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Baker and Brown.

PROCLAMATIONS

1. Mayor Pro Tem Scott recognized the Juneteenth Committee and volunteers for their efforts in the coordination of the recent Juneteenth 2024 community celebratory event. Mayor Pro Tem Scott presented to Ms. Ucher Dent (Juneteenth Committee coordinator) with a Proclamation declaring June 19th as Juneteenth Day in Thomasville, Georgia in celebration with the nation and encouraged citizens to pause, reflect and embrace the shared journey of freedom. Ms. Dent commended Councilmembers for their support in this annual celebration of unity in the community.
2. Councilmember Baker recognized the City of Thomasville's Solid Waste Team members. Councilmember Baker presented a Proclamation declaring the week of June 17th, 2024, as National Solid Waste & Recycling Workers Week in Thomasville, Georgia, and thanked those who serve in the Solid Waste Department.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

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

1. Scott Delius, resident of Gordon Avenue, Thomasville, Georgia, voiced concerns regarding vehicles speeding through residential areas. Mr. Delius voiced additional concerns about the safety of pedestrians because of speeding vehicles. He encouraged Council to consider placing the proposed Mobile Radar Devices, being discussed at this meeting, in neighborhoods to assess and address speeding. He commended Council for the recent reduction in speed limits in the area; however, this has not stopped drivers from speeding in his neighborhood in the Gordon Avenue area.

ADOPT AGENDA

Councilmember Chastain made a motion to amend the agenda by adding an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation. 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott motioned to adopt the agenda as amended. Councilmember Chastain 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

There was no Old Business for consideration by Councilmembers at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Resolution to approve agreement for Solid Waste Disposal Services for Colquitt County.

Interim City Manager, Chris White reported Colquitt County has expressed interest in utilizing the Thomasville-Thomas County Landfill facilities for their disposal requirements. They have requested that the City of Thomasville handle both transport and disposal. Interim City Manager reviewed the Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal Services and noted the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Thomasville and Colquitt County is for a period of sixty months, commencing July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2029 (a one-year contract with 4 renewals) and may be terminated by either party with ninety days' written notice. Interim City Manager White further reported Councilmembers are considering approval of the draft agreement, pending approval by Thomas County Board of Commissioners in a like meeting.

Councilmember Chastain motioned to adopt the resolution to approve the agreement for Solid Waste Services for Colquitt County 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.

**CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Colquitt County desires to dispose of solid waste collected within its corporate limits;

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville operates a landfill located at 88 Landfill Road, Thomasville, GA 31799 in a proprietary and non-governmental capacity

WHEREAS, Thomasville desires to collect and dispose of Colquitt County's solid waste pursuant to the terms of the Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal Services attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the City Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia as follows:

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

Section 2. The Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal Services attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A ("Agreement"), in form and substance substantially similar to the Agreement, and the actions contemplated thereby are hereby approved, and the execution, in consultation with the City Manager and the City Attorney, of the Agreement by the Mayor, or the Mayor Pro Tempore in the Mayor's absence, are hereby authorized and approved.

Section 3. From and after the approval of this Resolution, the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, proper officers, agents, and employees of the City of Thomasville, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed, in consultation with the City Manager and the City Attorney, to do all such

acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary and proper to carry out the purposes and actions of the Agreement and comply with the provisions of said Agreement as executed and are further authorized to take any and all further actions and execute and deliver any and all other documents and certificates as may be necessary or desirable in connection with such Agreement and the execution and delivery of Agreement and any related documents.

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

Section 5. 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 agreements approved and ratified hereunder.

Section 6. 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. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

SO RESOLVED, this 10th day of June, 2024

Consider proposals and award of contract agreement for transportation of Colquitt County Waste.

Interim City Manager, Chris White reported that in connection with the Colquitt County’s interest in utilizing the City’s facilities for their disposal requirements, our city lacks the necessary transportation infrastructure to manage the volume of waste involved. Consequently, the City of Thomasville considered the engagement of a third-party hauler for this task. Interim City Manager further reported that, in conjunction with transport obligations within the Colquitt County waste disposal agreement, staff released Request for Proposals to identify qualified haulers to the Thomasville Landfill. The intent was to secure a 5-year contract (initial 1 year with 4 renewals) that aligns with the terms of the Colquitt County Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). As a matter of principal, Request for Proposals not only take into consideration the cost element of a proposal but also the proposer’s ability to meet the demands of the specific project or application, in this case a multi-year municipal waste hauling and disposal contract. As described in workshop, this will be an extremely demanding IGA with significantly tight tolerances due to restrictive operating hours, relatively unforgiving capacity limitations coupled with the uninteruptable flow of municipal waste. The awarded vendor must have strong contingency capabilities to overcome staffing issues, truck and equipment failures, adverse weather conditions and other logistical complications that are going to occur from time to time. Staff has taken ALL these elements into consideration as well as experience in waste removal, financial stability, local presence in Colquitt County for operational staging and the proposed 5-year cost presented by Express Disposal. Gates committed only to year 1 of the 5-year agreement with renewals to be negotiated on an annual basis. With that said, staff recommendation is to award this contract for waste hauling services to Express Disposal, LLC, of Leesburg, Georgia, as the best proposer to provide this service to Colquitt County and the City of Thomasville. A summary of proposals received follows.

<u>Proposals Received</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Express Disposal <i>Lump sum - \$496,000 based on 32,000 tons per year.</i>	\$15.50 per ton.
Gates Trucking Xpress <i>Lump sum - \$488,000 based on 32,000 tons per year.</i>	\$15.25 per ton.

Councilmember Chastain motioned to award the contract agreement for transportation of Colquitt County Waste to Express Disposal, LLC, as recommended. 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.

Resolution to approve Solid Waste Removal and Hauling Agreement relating to Colquitt County Solid Waste Disposal Services.

Interim City Manager, Chris White reported the third step relating to the services of solid waste disposal for Colquitt County Agreement was for Council to consider a resolution to approve a Solid Waste Removal and Hauling Agreement by and between the City of Thomasville and Express Disposal, LLC.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott motioned to adopt a resolution to approve Solid Waste Removal and Hauling Agreement as presented. Councilmember Chastain seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Baker and Brown.

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WHEREAS, Thomasville desires to contract with Express Disposal and Recycling, LLC to collect and remove solid waste from Colquitt County's solid waste transfer station located at 1816 Shade Murphy Road, Moultrie, Georgia 31768 to Thomasville's landfill for disposal in connection with Thomasville's agreement to remove and dispose of solid waste from Colquitt County's transfer station.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the City Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia as follows:

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SO RESOLVED, this 10th day of June, 2024

Motion to approve the proposed 2025 Budget Calendar.

Chief Financial Officer, Ashley Cason reported that as required per the City's Financial Policies, the City has developed a budget calendar detailing the 2025 Budget cycle. The proposed calendar outlines dates for when the budget is presented to the Mayor and Council, public meetings to discuss the proposed budget, and a public hearing to provide citizen input. The budget calendar expands over the next six months and includes key events such as the Annual Council Retreat. The Retreat provides an opportunity for the Mayor and Council to give staff direction and goals for the upcoming fiscal year. The calendar also includes the Proposed Budget Meeting, Public hearing, and the official date for the Council to adopt the budget. CFO Cason reviewed the proposed 2025 Annual Budget Calendar.

Councilmember Baker moved to approve the 2025 Annual Budget Calendar as presented. Councilmember Chastain seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Baker and Brown.

Motion to approve Alcohol Beverage License for Retail Consumption of Beer and Wine for The Biscuit Company, 219 Oak Street, Thomasville, Georgia.

Customer Service Manager, Melissa Creel reported The Biscuit Company, Ian Quinton/The Biscuit Partners, has completed application for License to Engage in the Business of Selling Beer and Wine Consumption at the establishment located at 219 Oak Street, Thomasville, Georgia. The license is issued by the City is conditioned upon the applicant obtaining a like permit from the Georgia Department of Revenue, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit. Manager Creel further reported the owner had signed the City of Thomasville affidavit relating to the sale of alcohol to underage persons and the owner was made aware of the annual mystery shopper program.

Councilmember Chastain moved to approve the Alcohol Beverage License for The Biscuit Company as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Scott. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Baker and Brown.

Motion to approve purchase of six mobile radar devices and to authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem as the signatory for all necessary and related documents.

TPD Major, Shane Harris reported speeding vehicles continue to be a significant safety issue on today's roadways. The Thomasville Police Department uses active traffic enforcement with officers working radar and laser devices and passive enforcement through mobile radar devices to change drivers' behavior through compliance. Currently, TPD's passive equipment inventory only contains one mobile radar/message board device, and the traffic demand exceeds our inventory capability. There is a need for additional speed warnings in the school zones. Currently, the school zones

are enforced through the current RedSpeed automated radar system with only overhead blinking caution lights to warn motorists of the transitional school zone. There is a growing need for additional passive radar devices with the lowering of speed limits, citizen complaints, and traffic accidents. A Dynamic Speed Monitoring Display (DSMD) sign, in combination with a regulatory speed sign provides direct and relevant information to the motorist using the roadway. This information component provides the driver with immediate feedback on their behavior relative to the posted speed. A recent traffic study cited by the Federal Highway Administration focusing on reducing and managing speeds in transition zones reported a significant long-term (one year or greater) positive effect on driver speed. This study found overall decreases in speed of approximately six to eight mph at the transition points (School Zones). The Thomasville Police Department would like to purchase six (6) mobile radar devices. The devices will be deployed in our three (3) school zones. Two (2) passive radar devices for each zone. During the times school is not in session the radar devices can be deployed in other areas of the city. It was noted that the purchase would be made utilizing RedSpeed funds, and that staff recommended the vendor All Traffic Solutions due to the warranty and rugged design of units.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Quote Amount</u>
Applied Concepts / Stalker Radar	\$ 30,207.00
Custom Products Corporation	\$ 24,000.00
All Traffic Solutions	\$ 29,899.64

Discussion ensued regarding placement locations of the monitoring devices and their recording capabilities. It was noted that these would be placed inside the school zones as an additional alert to drivers. It was further noted that the devices could be moved to other areas in the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to approve the purchase of the six DSMD sign devices from All Traffic Solutions, 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 the purchase of Martin Luther King and Chatham Drive Bridges.

City Engineer, Todd Powell reported the city received a bridge inspection report from the Georgia Department of Transportation that highlighted deficiencies at two city owned bridges. The project includes furnishing all materials, labor, equipment and performing all work required for the MLK & Chatham Bridge Rehabs, which includes: (1) Concrete bridge, deck, and pile spall repairs for MLK Drive bridge (over CSX railroad). (2) Expansion joint cleaning and replacements at both MLK Drive and Chatham Drive bridges. It was noted that the work will be funded utilizing 2018 SPLOST funds. A summary of bids received follows.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
E & D Construction	\$173,315.00
Seacoast	No Bid Received
Southern Concrete	No Bid Received
Titan Construction	\$292,800.00
Webber	No Bid Received

Councilmember Chastain moved to award the bid for the purchase of Martin Luther King and Chatham Drive Bridges improvements to E & D Construction, as presented. 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.

REPORTS

There were no reports given at this meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

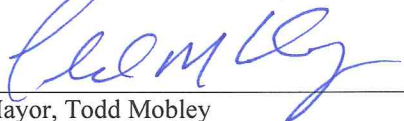
Councilmember Chastain motioned to close the public meeting and for Council to enter into an Executive Session (pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-21(1)). Mayor Pro Tem Scott seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Baker and Brown.

Following a duly convened and adjourned Executive Session, the meeting was reopened to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no additional business for consideration at this meeting, the City Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA



Mayor, Todd Mobley



ATTEST: City Clerk

