

## City of Thomasville Council Meeting Minutes, April 13, 2026

The Council of the City of Thomasville met in regular session on the above date. Mayor Scott Chastain presided, and the following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Pro Tem Lucinda Brown and Councilmember Royal Baker. Councilmember Terry Scott joined the meeting by teleconference. Also present were the 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](http://www.thomasville.org).

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Scott Chastain called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

### **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Terry Scott gave the Invocation.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Lucinda Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Pro Tem Brown moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2026, as presented. Councilmember Royal Baker seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Chastain, Brown, Scott, Baker.

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Councilmember Baker recognized the importance of raising awareness of the most meaningful gift that a human being can bestow upon another, the gift of life. On behalf of the City Council, Councilmember Baker proclaimed the month of April 2026 as Donate Life Month in Thomasville, Georgia. The proclamation was presented to Lynn Martin, RN.
2. Mayor Chastain recognized the important role that the City government plays in the lives of citizens. On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Chastain proclaimed the week of April 20-25, 2026, as Georgia Cities Week in Thomasville, Georgia. The proclamation was presented to City Manager White and Assistant City Manager Sealy.

### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Chastain noted the following rules of decorum: During Citizens to be Heard, speakers shall only make comments that are relevant to the business and government of the City of Thomasville and that are related to public officials and City employees in their official capacities. Each speaker shall refrain from threats of violence and profanity. Citizens following the sign-in procedure listed on the sign-in sheet will be allowed three (3) minutes to address Council during Council Meeting. Mayor Chastain then acknowledged the following citizens listed on the Citizens to be Heard Sign-In Form:

1. Doug Slater, owner of Doug's Roll A Rink, Thomasville, Georgia, voiced concerns relating to Stormwater Utility and his business on East Pinetree Boulevard. He requested that his business be exempted from the Stormwater Utility as his business was in its current location long before East Pinetree Boulevard was a four-laned road and raised by 2 feet. He further noted that he would not have stormwater issues had the City not removed the holding pond at that location many years ago.
  - a. Mayor Chastain asked that the City Manager follow up with Mr. Slater to discuss his concerns.
2. Candee Henderson, resident of Egg and Butter Road South, Thomas County, Georgia, reported of her mission for Thomasville-Thomas County to use 100% renewably sourced energy by 2035. She noted that people

burning fossil fuels, including natural gas, was a huge concern for the future. She further reported that it has become cheaper to produce power by wind, water, and sun. She encouraged the City to not continue to promote the use of natural gas.

3. Udi Artzi, resident of Artzi Drive, Thomasville, Georgia, voiced concerns regarding sign requirements for new subdivisions. He requested that Council reconsider the sign ordinance as the current options for signage are very limited. He also voiced concerns regarding impervious areas as defined within the Stormwater Utility. He noted that as it is written currently, homeowners will be parking on grass instead of a driveway due to the current requirements set forth in the Stormwater Utility. He requested that impervious areas be considered in different ways.
  - a. Mayor Chastain asked the City Manager to follow up on this concern.
4. Kayla Clark, resident of Jamestown Way, Thomasville, Georgia, voiced concerns with actions taken by staff to disconnect her utilities for non-payment after she had provided payment so the disconnection would not take place. She also voiced concerns of customers' personal information being overheard when staff receive calls by speaker phone or discuss personal account information in the lobby rather than taking the customer to a more private office setting.
  - a. City Manager White noted he would look into these matters and follow up with Ms. Clark.

### **ADOPT AGENDA**

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Second reading of an ordinance to rezone 218 Reid Street from R-2 to Traditional Neighborhood Infill Zoning District (TNID).**

City Planner, Kenneth Thompson reported that there had been no changes to the ordinance since its passage on first reading. He reviewed the map location of the address to be rezoned and it was noted that the owner of 218 S. Reid Street is requesting to rezone this property into the TNID. This reflects growing interest from property owners in reinvesting in these neighborhoods. The TNID is voluntary and requires approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council before development can proceed. It was reported that the P&Z Commission had unanimously recommended the rezoning request. Once rezoned, all TNID development and design standards apply.

Councilmember Scott moved to order the ordinance to rezone 218 Reid Street from R-2 to Traditional Neighborhood Infill Zoning District as read for the second time, passed and adopted, as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Brown seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Chastain, Brown, Scott Baker.

The adopted ordinance follows.

#### **ORDINANCE NO.: ORD-21-04132026**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA, OF 1971, AS AMENDED WHICH IS SET FORTH IN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE AS CHAPTER 22, CAPTIONED "ZONING", BY EXCLUDING A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND FROM PARCEL 6 OF SECTION 22-91 CAPTIONED "R-2 MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL", TO DESCRIBE SAID EXCLUDED TRACT AND TO DESIGNATE THE SAID SAME TRACT AS PARCEL 13 OF SECTION 22-91 CAPTIONED "TNID, TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD INFILL DISTRICT". TO ESTABLISH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

#### **SECTION I**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Thomasville and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that the Code of the City of Thomasville is amended by excluding a certain Parcel 6 from Section 22-91 captioned "R-2, Multi-Family Residential " and to designate the said same tract as Parcel 13 of Section 22-91 captioned "TNID, Traditional Neighborhood Infill District" for the protection or benefit of the neighboring properties and neighbors to ameliorate the effects, if any, of the change in zoning."

and more particularly described as follows:

That certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the southwesterly margin of Reid Street (also known as Mitchell Street), which said point is eighty-eight (88) feet, more or less, northwesterly from the southwest corner formed by the interaction of southwesterly margin of Reid or Mitchell Street with the westerly margin of Cherokee Street. From said point of beginning run thence northwesterly along the margin of Reid or Mitchell Street eighty-eight (88) feet, more or less, to a point: run thence southerly and parallel to Cherokee Street one hundred sixty (160) feet, more or less, to an alley: run thence in a southeasterly direction and parallel to Reid or Mitchell Street eighty-eight (88) feet to a point; run thence northerly and parallel to Cherokee street one hundred sixty (160) feet, more or less, to the margin of Reid or Mitchell Street, the point of beginning.

The property is identified as 218 Reid Street in accordance with the current numbering system of the City of Thomasville, Georgia.

#### **SECTION II**

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 phrases 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 March 23, 2026, and read the second time, passed and adopted in like meeting held on April 13, 2026.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Resolution to adopt the Traditional Neighborhoods Urban Redevelopment Area (TN-URA) Boundary and Urban Redevelopment Plan Amendment.**

City Planner, Kenneth Thompson, reported that The Traditional Neighborhoods Urban Redevelopment Area (TN-URA) and corresponding Urban Redevelopment Plan were adopted by Council in 2023 with a focus on neighborhood revitalization. On March 23, 2026, City Council adopted a Resolution of Necessity to amend the TN-URA, and more specifically its Boundary and Urban Redevelopment Plan to expand the success of the TN-URA and include more high potential neighborhoods that are outside the TN-URA boundary as originally adopted. In accordance with Georgia's Urban Redevelopment Law (O.C.G.A §36-61-1 et. seq.), amendments to an existing URA are subject to the same procedural requirements as creating a URA. There are essentially three benchmarks in this process: adopting a resolution of necessity, conducting a publicly noticed hearing, and adopting the final plan and boundary. As noted above, Council adopted the resolution of necessity on March 23, 2026. A public hearing was held on March 26, 2026, to solicit public input. The final version of the plan and boundary are being presented to the City Council for approval and adoption. The amendment expands the boundary of the TN-URA and the potential impact of the TNID zoning district and future URA benefits. The boundary extends to include North Dawson Street, North Young Street, Woodland Drive, and Chatham Drive. The expansion area includes 308 parcels and approximately 250 acres +/- with R-1, R-2, and R1-A zoning designations. Overall, the area demonstrates characteristics of the Traditional Neighborhood future character area and includes several underutilized properties.

In addition to expanding the boundary, the amendment includes some updates and clarifications in the plan's content. However, the plan maintains its fundamental objectives and guidance, and no substantive changes were pursued. Below is a list summarizing the amendments to the TN-URA Urban Redevelopment Plan:

- Added footnote acknowledging change in boundary (see page 8).
- Updated the "Tools to Encourage Private Development" section of the plan for clarification and to include additional tools for consideration (see pages 21-23).
- Added an appendix section to include documentation of Resolution adopting the TN-URA Urban Redevelopment Plan on May 08, 2023 (see Appendix E).
- Added an appendix section to describe Amendment 1, which includes a map of the boundary expansion and the plan revisions described above (see Appendix F).

There was brief discussion regarding the time that a URA remains active. It was noted that the plans are adopted by the City Council, those will stay. However, the state will lapse them every 6 years if they are not renewed or updated.

Councilmember Baker moved to adopt the resolution to amend the TN-URA Plan and boundary as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Brown seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Chastain, Brown, Scott Baker.

The adopted resolution follows.

## RESOLUTION

### A Resolution for the City of Thomasville, Georgia to Adopt the Traditional Neighborhoods Urban Redevelopment Area Boundary and Urban Redevelopment Plan Amendment

WHEREAS the State of Georgia in the Urban Redevelopment Act (O.C.G.A. §36-61 et. seq.), as amended, empowered municipalities to designate an Urban Redevelopment Area, adopt an Urban Redevelopment Plan, empower an Urban Redevelopment Agency, and undertake an Urban Redevelopment Project for “pockets of blight” as “to foster the rehabilitation, conservation, or redevelopment or any combination thereof, of such areas... in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the municipality”; and

WHEREAS, the Act can be used alone, or in conjunction with many of Georgia’s legislative redevelopment tools to support local comprehensive planning, guide community development, revitalize faltering commercial corridors, recruit and nurture small businesses, rehabilitate older homes and neighborhoods, ensure architecturally compatible infill development, and generate new adaptive reuses for obsolescent facilities; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Act, the City provided cause by Resolution of Necessity on March 23, 2026, to modify the boundary of the Traditional Neighborhoods Urban Redevelopment Area (TN-URA) and prepare an amendment to the Urban Redevelopment Plan (URP) for said area; and furthermore,

WHEREAS the Act provides for plan modification; the TN-URA Boundary Urban Redevelopment Plan may be amended from time to time; and an Amendment has been duly prepared and recommended for the City’s consideration and adoption, as specified within the attached plan (Exhibit “A”) and said amendment is incorporated by reference herein; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, hereby formally adopt the Boundary and Urban Redevelopment Plan for the Traditional Neighborhoods Urban Redevelopment Area as amended.

This Resolution shall become effective on the 13th day of April 2026.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 13th day of April 2026.

### **Resolution to approve an appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill an unexpired term.**

City Planner, Kenneth Thompson, reported that Earl Willimas had resigned from the Planning and Zoning Commission Board, thereby creating a vacancy on the board to be filled. Earl Griffin has agreed to serve if appointed and is eligible to serve.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown moved to adopt the resolution to appoint Earl Griffin as presented. Councilmember Scott seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Chastain, Brown, Scott Baker.

The adopted resolution follows.

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, at a regular meeting, duly publicized, open to the public and held on December 12, 2022, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, (the "City Council"); and,

**WHEREAS**, at the above stated meeting, the City Council did appoint Earl Williams to the Planning & Zoning Commission Board ("P&Z Commission") for a term ending December 31, 2026; and,

**WHEREAS**, upon the resignation of Earl Williams, a vacancy was created on the P&Z Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Earl Griffin has expressed an interest in being appointed to the P&Z Commission by submitting the required application and has agreed to serve if so appointed.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** by the City Council, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, that Earl Griffin is appointed to the Planning & Zoning Commission Board to fill the vacancy of Earl Williams for a term expiring December 31, 2026.

**So Done**, this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

### **Resolution to amend the 2026 Budget, accept proposal from Williams Fire Apparatus for the refurbishment of the 2008 Sutphen Fire Apparatus and authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign all necessary and related documents.**

Fire Chief, Tim Connell, reported that the Fire Department is requesting approval to accept Williams Fire Apparatus's proposal to refurbish the 2008 Sutphen fire apparatus currently in service. This unit has been a reliable frontline vehicle for over 15 years and continues to play a critical role in emergency response operations. The unit has been in the shop for the past two and a half months due to numerous mechanical issues. It is one of three units listed in the city shop as Needing Immediate Consideration. Refurbishment provides a cost-effective alternative to full replacement. A quote from 2025 for a new fire engine was \$907,381.38 with a build time of 36 months. In contrast, refurbishing the existing apparatus at the cost of \$259,078.36, with a build time of six months, and can extend the vehicle's service life by an additional 10-15 years. This approach allows the city to maintain a dependable response capability while responsibly managing capital expenditures. This is a savings of \$648,303.02. The 2008 Sutphen fire apparatus has exceeded the midpoint of its expected service life and is beginning to show signs of age, as evidenced by increased maintenance needs and component wear. While the unit remains operational, the frequency and cost of repairs are expected to rise, and the likelihood of out-of-service time will increase without proactive intervention. It was noted that refurbishment is a strategic option that allows the City to address these concerns without the immediate financial impact of purchasing a new apparatus. The cost of refurbishment is significantly lower than replacement and can be planned within current or near-term budget constraints. Additionally, refurbishment timelines are substantially shorter, reducing the risk of extended gaps in fleet readiness. By investing in refurbishment, the city preserves a valuable asset, ensures continued firefighter safety, and maintains a consistent emergency response capability. This request aligns with best practices in fleet lifecycle management and supports the City's commitment to fiscal responsibility and public safety. Fire Chief Connel requested that the City Council approve a resolution to amend the 2026 budget and accept the proposal from Williams Fire Apparatus for the refurbishment of the 2008 Sutphen fire apparatus at a total cost of \$259,078.36. This includes a 25% down payment of \$64,769.59, with the remaining balance due upon completion of the refurbishment. Additionally, Thomasville Fire Rescue seeks authorization for the Mayor to sign all necessary related documents.

Councilmember Baker moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Brown seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding transport to refurbishment facility, timeline of completion and life expectancy of the refurbished unit. It was noted that the unit would be driven to the facility, the refurbished unit should be back in service within 6-8 months, and it is expected to add 10-plus years to the life of the unit. The motion passed unanimously 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Chastain, Brown, Scott Baker.

The adopted resolution follows.

**CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Thomasville has it as their responsibility to provide Fire Safety Services to the residents of the City of Thomasville and assistance to the surrounding Thomas County area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Thomasville Fire Rescue Department for the City of Thomasville, Georgia, has a 2008 Sutphen fire apparatus that has exceeded the midpoint of its expected service life and is beginning to show signs of age, as evidenced by increased maintenance needs and component wear; and

**WHEREAS**, Williams Fire Apparatus has proposed to refurbish the Thomasville Fire Rescue's 2008 Sutphen fire apparatus in a total amount of \$259,078.36, which includes a 25% down payment in the amount of \$64,769.59, as the sole source authorized to perform such refurbishment for Sutphen Fire Apparatuses; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to accept the proposal from Williams Fire Apparatus to complete the refurbishment of the Thomasville Fire Rescue's 2008 Sutphen fire apparatus in the amount of \$259,078.36; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to amend the FY2026 City of Thomasville Budget, authorizing the expenditure in the amount of \$259,078.36 for the purpose of the Sutphen 2008 Refurbishment by Williams Fire Apparatus; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia, authorizes the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign all necessary and related documents as necessary to execute the agreement with Williams Fire Apparatus to provide refurbishment services of one 2008 Sutphen Fire Apparatus.

**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 Proposal. The City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia approves the proposal amount attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A ("Proposal") and authorizes the Mayor, or Mayor Pro Tempore in the Mayor's absence, to execute and deliver the Proposal 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 Proposal 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 Proposal, as may be necessary or desirable in connection with the execution and delivery of the Proposal 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 Proposal and the execution, delivery, and performance of the Proposal 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 Proposal 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

**Resolution to award bid for the purchase of construction of E-911/YMCA Regional Retention Pond.**

City Engineer, Todd Powell reported that the project involves the construction of a regional storm water retention pond on Remington Avenue in front of the Butler-Mason YMCA, and beside the Emergency Services building. A concrete flow control structure will be constructed to utilize the additional storage capacity and regulate storm water discharge through a controlled outlet. This system is designed to significantly reduce downstream flooding, particularly at the intersection of Clanton Street and Margaret Street, while also minimizing impacts to Briley's Lake. The retention ponds will have 522,000 cubic feet of combined storage available. The current peak flow into the site is estimated at 31 cubic feet per second. With the construction of a flow control structure, only 255,000 cubic feet of storage is required to achieve a reduced outflow rate of 4 cubic feet per second. This provides an 87% reduction in discharge from the area. The retention ponds were designed with a maximum water depth of four feet, however there will be four feet of active storm water storage available for every storm event. The side slopes will slope gently to improve safety, and allow maintenance with standard mowing equipment. This project was advertised for 30 days on both the City's website and Georgia Procurement registry. A total of 19 interested bidders secured plans, however only 4 proposals were received. Jim Boyd Construction with a total base bid of \$414,866.00 was determined to be the lowest priced proposal of the qualified bid proposals received at the bid opening on April 2nd, 2026. The lowest bidder, GM Land Services, failed to provide the required bid bond and was disqualified under Georgia Law for Public works projects. The following is a summary of bids received:

<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>BID AMOUNT</b>
GM Land Services (Hahira, GA)	\$366,000.00
Green's Backhoe (Thomasville, GA)	\$431,289.35
HTS Const. (Albany, GA)	\$562,806.34
Jim Boyd Construction (Albany, GA)	\$414,866.00
Monteluis Const. (Dry Branch, GA)	Bid not received
Jeff N Hess Const. (Acworth, GA)	Bid not received
Suncoast Group (Norcross, GA)	Bid not received
The Scruggs Co. (Hahira, GA)	Bid not received
Reames & Son (Cairo, GA)	Bid not received
Stubbs & Cook, LLC (South GA)	Bid not received
Peed Brothers (Butler, GA)	Bid not received
Bulls Land Management (Hahira, GA)	Bid not received
HD Const. (Lincolnton, GA)	Bid not received
Kellerman Const (Valdosta, GA)	Bid not received
Crown Services (Gainesville, GA)	Bid not received
Kimmel Dev. Services (Cairo, GA)	Bid not received
Blue Line Dev. (Missoula, MT)	Bid not received
Allwater (Atlanta and Brunswick, GA)	Bid not received
Zulu Marine (Darian, GA)	Bid not received

City Engineer Powell reviewed location maps of the proposed construction and adjacent watershed areas. It was noted that the completed retention ponds should be completed at the same time the Remington Avenue project was completed.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown moved to adopt the resolution to award the bid to Jim Boyd Construction as presented. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Chastain, Brown, Scott Baker.

The adopted resolution follows.

**CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Thomasville has it as their responsibility to maintain, repair, and install storm water systems to assist social and economic activity within our community;

**WHEREAS**, the Civil Engineering Department for the City of Thomasville, Georgia desires to reduce negative downstream impacts to Briley's Lake and Clanton and Margaret intersection during significant rainfall events.

**WHEREAS**, the Civil Engineering Department for the City of Thomasville, Georgia developed hydrology reports, construction plans and contract documents for the E911/YMCA Regional Retention Pond;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia desires to make storm water improvements using the 2026 Storm water project funds from the SPLOST funds for said improvements;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia desires to award a contract to Jim Boyd Construction on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026 at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting in the amount of \$414,866.00 to perform the work necessary to complete the E911/YMCA Regional Retention Pond project.

**WHEREAS**, the detention ponds will have 522,000 cubic feet of combined storage available. The current peak flow into the site is estimated at 31 cubic feet per second. With the construction of a flow control structure, only 255,000 cubic feet of storage is required to achieve a reduced outflow rate of 4 cubic feet per second. This provides an 87% reduction in discharge from the area.

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 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 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

**Motion to approve 2025 Budget Amendment.**

Chief Financial Officer, Ashley Cason, reported that each year, the City of Thomasville is required to obtain approval to amend the budget for any Funds with expenditures/expenses that exceed the budget. Like prior years, we wait until the year end is over and present to the Council all the final amounts that are required to be amended at one time. Below is a comparison of the City of Thomasville’s Original 2025 Budget versus the Proposed Amended 2025 Budget. This table reflects all operating expenses, capital expenses, and transfers grouped by Fund Type. This table does not reflect the revenues which exceeded the 2025 Budget by \$7.7million.

<b>Capital, Operating and Transfers by Fund Type</b>	<b>Original 2025 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Amended 2025 Budget</b>
General Fund (1 Fund)	\$22,633,004	\$22,233,004
Special Revenue Funds (4 Funds)	2,700,863	2,745,633
Capital Project Funds (4 Funds)	16,723,233	7,942,393
Enterprise Funds (12 Funds)	123,561,232	129,109,147
Internal Service Funds (11 Funds)	23,235,243	24,500,823
Authority Funds (4 Funds)	2,074,815	2,737,955

The General Fund does not require a budget increase. The General Fund concluded the year with roughly \$400,000 under budget. The primary driver belongs to Planning and Zoning. The budget included roughly \$400,000 in consulting; however, roughly \$100,000 was used. The remaining consulting funds have been rolled into the 2026 budget. For the Special Revenue category, two of the four funds were over budget, which consists of Evidence and the Parks and Recreation Fund. The Evidence Fund had higher than expected court-ordered payments for forfeited funds. Parks and Recreation exceeded budget due to grant-funded projects. The amendment balances the expenditures with the grant revenue received. Overall spending in the Capital Project category was less than budget; however, specific adjustments were necessary for the CHIP and CDBG Fund. The program income from 2016 CHIP program was required to be returned to the State following a DCA policy realignment. For CDBG, sewer improvements originally slated for 2024 were completed in 2025. The budget simply needs to be amended to reflect the timing of completion. Conversely, the SPLOST funds were under budget and can be lowered to reflect actual expenditures. Most notably, the 2018 SPLOST Fund expended \$6.6 million compared to the \$15 million budget. By far, the Enterprise Funds require the largest amendment due to shifting project timelines and utility supply costs. The increases in budgets consist of adjustments to the Wastewater, Electric, Natural Gas, Broadband, and Golf Course. Like the CDBG Fund, Wastewater completed phase I of Wastewater Treatment Plant work in 2025 compared to 2024 as projected. An amendment is required to reflect timing of completion. Electric supply costs exceeded budget by 3.7 million. Additionally, the MEAG year-end settlement refund was only \$157,000 (down from a budget of \$1 million), and \$900,000 was transferred to IT to cover software implementation costs. Natural Gas supply costs budget was roughly

\$765,000 more than budgeted and requires an adjustment. Broadband's amendment stemmed from temporary staffing for the CNSNext customer service transition and the correction of an omitted overtime budget. And lastly, the Golf Course requires a budget amendment to cover operating expenses that were in direct correlation with the revenues that also exceeded budget. More rounds played equated to more inventory purchased and sold. The Internal Service Fund's difference was primarily contributed to Self-Insurance and the increase in claims by year end. Premiums collected did cover all claim expenses for the year. The Authority Fund's budget required an adjustment for the Destination Thomasville Tourism Authority (DTTA) Fund. DTTA transferred all assets between Mainstreet and the newly formed independent DTTA Board. This transfer occurred in 2025, and not prior to 2024-year end as expected. Overall, many funds were well below budget and did not require amendments. In addition to that, revenues far exceeded budget to help cover any overages that might've come up throughout the year.

Councilmember Baker moved to approve 2025 Budget Amendment as presented. Councilmember Scott seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Chastain, Brown, Scott Baker.

### REPORTS

City Manager White reported that preparations are well underway for the annual Rose Show & Festival.

Councilmembers collectively thanked citizens for attending and for providing comments during the Citizens to be Heard portion of the agenda.

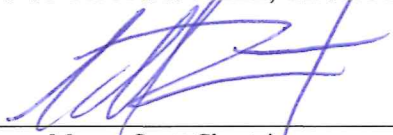
Mayor Pro Tem Brown reported that she recently witnessed a citizen stopping and picking up a lot of trash that was along the roadside. She noted that she was able to thank the individual in person for caring for the community. However, she also wanted to recognize their actions publicly, as it was wonderful to witness that compassion.

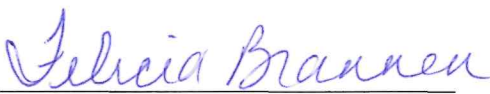
Mayor Chastain reported that each year during the Masters Tournament, the Georgia Chamber and Georgia Allies host the prestigious Red Carpet Tour event, showcasing the best of Georgia to global business leaders. The tour begins and ends at the Masters; and in 2026, the Tour visited Thomasville. This was a first-time event for Thomasville, as the Red Carpet Tour typically only tours the larger metropolitan areas. It was noted that the participants enjoyed their time spent in Thomasville.

### ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business for consideration by the City Council, the Thomasville City Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.

**CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA**

By:   
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Mayor, Scott Chastain

ATTEST:   
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City Clerk, Felicia Brannen

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