City of Thomasville Council Meeting Minutes, October 12, 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 Councilmembers Terry Scott and Royal Baker. Also, present were the City Manager, Chris White; City Attorney, Timothy C. Sanders; Chief Financial Officer, Ashley Cason; other city staff; citizens and members of the media. It shall be recorded that Councilmember Todd Mobley was not in attendance. The meeting was held in the City of Thomasville's Operations Building, located at 944 Smith Avenue, Thomasville, Georgia. The meeting was recorded and uploaded to the online live stream feed located at www.thomasville.org.

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilmember Royal Baker gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Lucinda Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Scott moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2026, as presented. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Chastain, Brown, Scott, Baker.

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. Elizabeth Livingston, resident of Hansell Chastain Road, Thomasville, Georgia, voiced her opposition of the Thomasville Recycling Center ceasing operation. She noted that this service should remain in operation and encouraged Councilmembers and City staff to reach out to other communities for potential solutions instead of eliminating the program entirely.
2. Leslie Johnson, resident of Maury Street, Thomasville, Georgia, also voiced her opposition of the Thomasville Recycling Center closing. She noted people shouldn't put things in landfills unnecessarily. She noted that recycling can help to alleviate issues for the city trucks that have to pick up overflowing garbage cans.
    a. Mayor Chastain noted recycling could be addressed at one of the City's Let's Discuss sessions.
    b. City Manager White reported that metal items can still be recycled and that cardboard was the only recycling that had ceased. He also noted that the Director of Solid Waste was present and would be available after the meeting to speak to concerned citizens.
3. Shirely Kervin, resident of Clay Street, Thomasville, Georgia, voiced concerns about a vacant lot adjacent to Clay Street and Short Street, that was the scene of a recent crime. She noted the crime scene had been resolved; however, lot is overgrown with vegetation and is forest-like. She inquired if there were ordinances that addressed overgrown lots and if the lot owner could be cited or made to clean up the lot in an effort to deter crime there.
    a. City Manager White reported the lot where the crime occurred is owned by CSX Railroad and they have been cited several times for overgrowth code violations.

4. Candee Henderson, resident of Egg and Butter Road South, Thomas County, Georgia, spoke to Council about her mission for Thomasville and Thomas County to use 100% renewable resources by 2035. She shared part one of a brief story of two families in Thomasville who both have a plan to make their homes more energy efficient and to reduce the utilities used in each home utilizing two different plans: 1) A historic home would receive updates of windows, weather stripping, and insulation; 2) An equally sized, more modern, home with plans to add a solar array. She asked how would Thomasville Utilities deal with each scenario? She noted that due to time constraints, part two would be given at a later meeting.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

OLD BUSINESS

Second reading of an ordinance to deannex Lot Numbers 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25, of Baytree Estates, located on Baytree Drive, Thomasville, Georgia.

City Planner, Kenneth Thompson, reported that there had been no changes to the ordinance since its passage on first reading. He further reported that the purpose of the ordinance was that Brookwood School owned the lots and the are seeking the deannexation so that the entire campus would be under and governed by one jurisdiction.

Councilmember Scott moved to order the ordinance to deannex Lot Numbers 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25, of Baytree Estates, located on Baytree Drive, Thomasville, Georgia, as read for the second time, passed and adopted, as presented. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Chastain, Brown, Scott, Baker.

The adopted ordinance follows.

ORDINANCE NO: ORD-47-10122026

AN ORDINANCE TO DEANNEX CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE PURSUANT TO AND IN CONFORMITY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF O.C.G.A. §36-36-22, UPON THE REQUREST OF BROOKWOOD SCHOOL, INC., THE OWNER OF THE REAL PROPERTY PROPOSED TO BE DEANNEXED FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that the real property more particularly described below ("Real Property"), all of the interest in such Real Property being owned by Brookwood School, Inc. that executed a petition formally requesting the Real Property be deannexed from the corporate limits of the City of Thomasville, a copy of which is located in the files of the City Clerk, is hereby deannexed from the corporate limits of the City of Thomasville pursuant to and in conformity with the requirements of O.C.G.A. §36-36-22:

Lot# 19,431 Baytree Drive

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate, lying and being in Land Lot Number 200 in the 18th Land District of Thomas County, Georgia, being Lot Number 19, as shown on a plat of survey of Bay Tree Estates prepared by Leroy Ouzts, Georgia Registered Surveyor No. 1654, dated December 3, 1982, said plat being recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 194 and recorded among the Deed Records of Thomas County, Georgia.

Parcel# 068BTH 019

Lot# 20/21, 393 Baytree Drive

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot No. 200 in the 18th Land District of Thomas County, Georgia, identified as Lot 22 of Baytree Estates as shown on that revised plat of survey of BAYTREE ESTATES prepared by Leroy Ouzts, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 1654, dated December 3, 1982, recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 194 among the deed records of Thomas County, Georgia, also shown on an individual plat of survey of Lot 22 prepared for Kevin Harrison and Deborah Harrison by Frank E. Carlton, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 1544, dated April 23, 1999, recorded in Plat Cabinet 3, Folio 133-A among the deed records of Thomas County, Georgia, references to which plats are made for a more particular description by metes and bounds and courses and distances as set forth thereon.

This is the same property conveyed to Kevin Harrison and Deborah Harrison by Margaret W. Lawrence by Warranty Deed dated February 16, 1998, recorded in Deed Book 616, Page 246 among the deed records of Thomas County, Georgia.

Also conveyed are all those tracts or parcels of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot No. 200 in the 18th Land District of Thomas County, Georgia, identified as Lot Numbers 20 and 21 of Baytree Estates as shown on that revised plat survey of BAYTREE ESTATES prepared by Leroy Ouzts, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 1654, dated December 3, 1982, recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 194 among the deed records of Thomas County, Georgia, reference to which plat is made for a more particular description by metes and bounds and courses and distances as set forth thereon.

Parcel# 068BTH 020

Lot# 22, *cl*- 393 Baytree Drive

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot No. 200 in the 18th Land District of Thomas County, Georgia, identified as Lot 22 of Baytree Estates as shown on that revised plat of survey of BAYTREE ESTATES prepared by Leroy Ouzts, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 1654, dated December 3, 1982, recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 194 among the deed records of Thomas County, Georgia, also shown on an individual plat of survey of Lot 22 prepared for Kevin Harrison and Deborah Harrison by Frank E. Carlton, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 1544, dated April 23, 1999, recorded in Plat Cabinet 3, Folio 133-A among the deed records of Thomas County, Georgia, references to which plats are made for a more particular description by metes and bounds and courses and distances as set forth thereon.

Parcel# 0688TH 022

Lot# 23,341 Baytree Drive

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot No. 200 in the 18th Land District of Thomas County, Georgia, identified as "Tract 1", a portion on Lot 23 of Baytree Estates as shown on that plat of survey prepared by H.J. Griffin & Associates, Georgia Registered Land Surveyors for Gloria Jackson, dated August 4, 1998 and recorded in Plat Cabinet 3, Folio 106-C, among the Deed Records of Thomas County, Georgia, and further identified as portion of Lot 23, as shown on a revision of Lots 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 & 30 of Baytree Estates of a revised plat of Baytree Estates prepared by Leroy Ouzts, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor, dated May 11, 1994, prepared for Tommy Lawrence (the "Property").

The Property is more commonly known as 341 Baytree Drive, Thomasville, Georgia 31792 according to the current system of numbering in the City of Thomasville, Georgia, and is further identified as Parcel No. 0688TH 023.

Parcel# 0688TH 023

Lot# 24, 305 Baytree Drive

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot Number 200 of the 13th Land District of Thomas County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

All of Lot 24 as shown on plat survey of Baytree Estates prepared by Leroy Ouzts, Georgia Registered Surveyor No. 1654 dated December 3, 1982, said plat recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 194 and recorded among the Deed Records of Thomas County, Georgia (the "Property").

Parcel# 0688TH 024

Lot# 25, 303 Baytree Drive

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot No.200 in the 18th Land District of Thomas County, Georgia, being Lot 25 of Baytree Estates as shown on that plat of survey prepared by Frank E. Carlton, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 1544 for Patrick E. Sharpe dated March 6, 1998 and recorded in Plat Cabinet 3, Folio 80-C among the deed records of Thomas County, Georgia, and further identified as Lot 25 as shown on a revision of Lot 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 & 30 of Baytree Estates on a revised plat of Baytree Estates prepared by Leroy Ouzts, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor dated May 11, 1994 for Tommy Lawrence.

Parcel# 0688TH 025

SECTION 11

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to deliver a certified copy of this ordinance to the Department of Community Affairs and the Thomas County Board of Commissioners as required by O.C.G.A. §36-36-22.

SECTION III

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

SECTION IV

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

SECTION V

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 VI

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 VII

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 VIII

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 IX

This ordinance was introduced and read at a lawful meeting of the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia, held on September 28, 2026, and read the second time, passed and adopted in like meeting held on October 12, 2026.

Consider second readings of four (4) separate ordinances to demolish unfit structures in Thomasville.
Executive Director of Engineering & Inspections, Mark Harmon, reported that there had been no changes to any of the four ordinances since their passage on first reading.

1. **Second reading of an ordinance to demolish an unfit structure located at 112 Bosser Street, Thomasville, Georgia.**

   Mayor Pro Tem Brown moved to order the ordinance to demolish an unfit structure located at 112 Bosser Street, Thomasville, Georgia, as read for the second time, passed, and adopted, as presented. Councilmember Scott seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Chastain, Brown, Scott, Baker.

   The adopted ordinance follows.

ORDINANCE NO.: ORD-48-10122026

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 112 BOSSER ST, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY DARRYL BOOKER AND LYSYSHAR D. BOOKER.; 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 112 Bosser 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 112 Bosser Street, Thomasville, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

> Lot Number 10 in Block Number 3 of the property that is shown on the plat of a subdivision (formerly owned by American Missionary Society) surveyed by W. H. Thames, Engineer, on June 16, 1944, said plat of survey being recorded in Deed Book 6-K, Page 34, among the Deed Records in the Office of the Clerk of Thomas County Superior Court.
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> Said lot fronts 50 feet on Bosser Avenue, with even depth of 121.5 feet and having thereon a dwelling house known as 112 Bosser Avenue, according to the present numbering system for the City of Thomasville, Georgia and identified as Tax Parcel#: 007 011006.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That 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 September 28, 2026, and read the second time, passed and adopted in like meeting held on October 12, 2026.

2. **Second reading of an ordinance to demolish an unfit structure located at 122 Holloway Street, Thomasville, Georgia.**

Councilmember Scott moved to order the ordinance to demolish an unfit structure located at 122 Holloway Street, Thomasville, Georgia, as read for the second time, passed and adopted, as presented. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Chastain, Brown, Scott, Baker.

The adopted ordinance follows.

ORDINANCE NO.: ORD-49-10122026

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 122 HOLLOWAY LN, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY ISACC ALLEN BIGLOW.; 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 122 Holloway Ln, 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 122 Holloway Lane, Thomasville, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

A certain house and lot in the City of Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia known as Lot Number Thirteen (13), fronting fifty Three (53) feet on Holloway Street and running back in a northerly direction to the dividing line in the block one hundred and twenty-two (122) feet and eight (8) inches, and being the same property described in a warranty deed from E.J. Birks and M. Sampson, Sr., to Jessie Madison, dated December 16, 1941, recorded in Deed Book 5-X, Page 430 of the Deed Records of Thomas County, Georgia.

The property herein conveyed has located thereon a frame dwelling known as 122 Holloway Street, according to the present numbering system of the City of Thomasville, Georgia. and identified as Tax Parcel#: 007 003017.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances of the City of Thomasville in conflict herewith be and the same herby are repealed for purposes of this ordinance only.

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

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SECTION VIII

This ordinance was introduced and read at a lawful meeting of the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia, held on September 28, 2026, and read the second time, passed and adopted in like meeting held on October 12, 2026.

3. **Second reading of an ordinance to demolish an unfit structure located at 709 Lester Street, Thomasville, Georgia.**

Councilmember Scott moved to order the ordinance to demolish an unfit structure located at 709 Lester Street, Thomasville, Georgia, 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 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Chastain, Brown, Scott, Baker.

The adopted ordinance follows.

ORDINANCE NO.: ORD-50-10122026

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 709 LESTER ST, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY SARAH V. MARTIN; 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 709 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 709 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, being Lot# 4 in Mallette Mascot Addition, as per plat recorded in Deed Book DD, Page 459, Deeds of record, Thomas County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

This lot fronts 50.00 feet on the east side of Lester Street and extends back in uniform width 100.00 feet. This property has located thereon improvements known as 709 Lester Street, according to the present numbering system of the City of Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia. and identified as Tax Parcel#: 007 004018.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances of the City of Thomasville in conflict herewith be and the same herby are repealed for purposes of this ordinance only.

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

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SECTION VIII

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4. **Second reading of an ordinance to demolish an unfit structure located at 1108 NE Madison Alley, Thomasville, Georgia.**

Councilmember Baker moved to order the ordinance to demolish an unfit structure located at 1108 NE Madison Alley, Thomasville, Georgia, as read for the second time, passed and adopted as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Brown seconded that motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Chastain, Brown, Scott, Baker.

The adopted ordinance follows.

ORDINANCE NO.: ORD-51-10122026

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 1108 NE MADISON ALLEY, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY TELESIA ADKINS, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF ROMONA P. RAMSBY; 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 1108 NE Madison Alley, 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 1108 NE Madison Alley, Thomasville, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

> All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying, and being in the City of Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia, and more particularly described as follows: Starting at a point on the northeast margin of North Madison Street a distance of 299 feet from the intersection of North Madison Street and North Boulevard, and from said point of beginning run in an easterly direction a distance of 110 feet to a point; thence in a southern direction a distance of 45 feet to a point; thence in a western direction along the land of Carroll E. Cook a distance of 110 feet; thence in a northern direction a distance of 45 feet back to the point of beginning. Said property have thereon a frame dwelling known as 1108 North Madison Street, according to the present numbering system for the City of Thomasville, Georgia and identified as Tax Parcel#: 002 024006.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances of the City of Thomasville in conflict herewith be and the same herby are repealed for purposes of this ordinance only.

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.

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NEW BUSINESS

Consider a resolution to accept FY2026 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) Grant of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for the municipal building and auditorium renovation project.

Managing Director of Marketing and Communications, April Norton, reported that as a continuation of the 2025 Market Study for the Thomasville Municipal Auditorium, led by Theatre Projects, the City of Thomasville engaged Turner & Townsend Heery and Theatre Projects in summer 2025 to conduct a comprehensive facility assessment and renovation planning study. This initiative aimed to address critical life safety concerns, evaluate long-term facility needs, and develop a phased renovation strategy that integrates life safety improvements and historic preservation with modernization goals and community impact. The resulting plan provides a clear and actionable roadmap for revitalizing the Auditorium as a safe, accessible, and vibrant civic and cultural venue. On January 12th, 2026, the Council of the City of Thomasville adopted a resolution to apply to the Department of Community Affairs for funding in the amount of $25,000 as assistance for the Municipal Building and Auditorium Renovation Project. On August 5th, 2026, Mayor Scott Chastain received a letter informing the City of Thomasville that the Historic Preservation Division (HPD) of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has approved the grant award of the FFY 2026 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) in the amount of $25,000. Director Norton requested that City Council accept the grant awarded by the Historic Preservation Division (HPD) of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs in the amount of $25,000 for the Thomasville Municipal Building and Renovation Project and to certify the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign all necessary and related documents.

Councilmember Baker moved to adopt the resolution to accept the FY2026 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) Grant of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for the municipal building and auditorium renovation project, as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Brown seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Chastain, Brown, Scott, Baker.

The adopted resolution follows.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to implement the Thomasville Municipal Auditorium Comprehensive Facility Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to accept the FFY 2026 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) Grant of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs in the amount of $25,000 so as to obtain funding assistance; 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 Georgia DCA Historic Preservation Fund grant award; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, hereby authorizes the acceptance of a Georgia DCA Historic Preservation Fund grant award in an amount up to $25,000; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, hereby authorizes the allocation of budget funds as required by the grant for this project; 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, or his/her successor, as the signatory on all necessary and related documents as shall be necessary in relation to the Georgia DCA HPF grant award.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, on the 12th day of October 2026.

Consider motion to approve the renewal of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal Services with the City of Moultrie, Georgia, and to authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to execute the Agreement.
Landfill Superintendent, Lee Thomas, reported that the City of Moultrie has been a longstanding customer of the landfill, with the partnership beginning in 1993. Since that time, the agreement has been renewed on consecutive five-year terms. Over the years, staff have developed a strong, collaborative, and trusting working relationship with leaders from the City of Moultrie. This agreement provides for the following:

- Moultrie shall pay Thomasville the sum of $38.50 per ton delivered to Thomasville during the first twelve (12) months of this Agreement.
- Moultrie shall pay Thomasville the sum of $39.25 per ton delivered to Thomasville during the second twelve (12) months of this Agreement.
- Moultrie shall pay Thomasville the sum of $40.00 per ton delivered to Thomasville during the third twelve (12) months of this Agreement.
- Moultrie shall pay Thomasville the sum of $40.00 per ton delivered to Thomasville multiplied by the then current Table 13 – Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), South Region, Class D, Item and Group "Services", the value from this Table corresponding to the percentage change over the previous twelve (12) months or three percent (3%), whichever is lower during the fourth twelve (12) months of this Agreement.
- Moultrie shall pay Thomasville the sum of calculated per ton delivered to Thomasville in the fourth twelve (12) month period multiplied by the then current Table 13 – Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), South Region, Class D, Item and Group "Services", the value from this Table corresponding to the percentage change over the previous twelve (12) months or three percent (3%), whichever is lower during the fifth twelve (12) months of this Agreement.
- The compensation schedule hereinbefore set forth shall be retroactive to the effective date and any billing by Thomasville and payments by Moultrie shall be adjusted according to the compensation schedule contained herein and any refunds or credits shall be made within thirty (30) days of the date of execution of this Agreement

Superintendent Thomas requested that Council consider approval of a motion to renew the intergovernmental waste disposal agreement for city of Moultrie, Georgia and authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to execute the agreement.

Councilmember Scott moved to approve the renewal of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal Services with the City of Moultrie, Georgia, and to authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to execute the Agreement,

as presented. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Chastain, Brown, Scott, Baker.

REPORTS

City Manager White reported that although there were 22 standby linemen from Marietta ready to serve the Thomasville area if impacted by the storm; thankfully the impact was not great enough to require mutual aid assistance. He commended the unified organization of employees to assess outages and get everything up and going in a timely manner.

City Manager White reported the following upcoming community events:

- Georgia Highway 3 Sidewalk Ribbon Cutting, Thursday, October 15, 2026
- Family Movie Night at The Ritz Amphitheater, Saturday, October 17, 2026
- Hands On Thomas County (HOTC) Day, Saturday, October 24, 2026

Councilmember Baker reported the City does still recycle metal, tires, and concrete. However, cardboard recycling is more than challenging due to contamination. The city sorts it, packs it, and burns an enormous amount of diesel and man hours to get it to the recycling facility. Upon arrival at the recycling facility, the loads are rejected due to contamination of varying degrees. Cardboard recycling has very strict requirements such as no waxy coatings, no food particles, certain types of ink, and it has to be only corrugated cardboard. He further noted that upon rejection, the city then has to haul it back to Thomasville and bury it in the landfill. Councilmembers collectively agreed that recycling is important, challenging and additional education is needed to find ways to work through the challenges to do what is best for the city.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business for consideration, the Thomasville City Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM.

CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA

By: _____ Mayor
Mayor, Scott Chastain

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk, Felicia Brannen

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