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CITY COUNCIL APPROVES CONSTRUCTION OF TIME-FILL CNG FUELING STATION

THOMASVILLE, GA – May 15, 2012 – At its regular Council meeting held on May 14th, Thomasville’s City Council approved a recommendation from the Compressed Natural Gas committee to award to Wise Gas, of Weston, FL, a contract in the amount of \$301,113 for the construction of a CNG time-fill fueling station.

The City plans to construct this CNG time-fill station as a part of an overall plan to convert the City’s fleet to CNG fuel where appropriate. Initially, this time-fill fueling station, which uses low-pressure compressed natural gas to fill vehicles over several hours, will have the ability to accommodate six vehicles at one time. Future plans will include scaling this station to accommodate 12 vehicles.

City Manager/Utilities Superintendent Steve Sykes noted that there are several benefits to converting to CNG, including lower costs of fuel, a decreased dependence on foreign oil and a reduced carbon footprint.

“By converting to this cleaner burning fuel source we can reduce our City’s impact on the environment, a goal set in our Strategic Plan. Plus the fuel savings will help us control our operating costs, which in turn will benefit our customers,” Sykes said.

Earlier this year, the City Council approved the purchase of 4 garbage trucks which will be fueled by compressed natural gas. Within the next three years, the City plans to convert all 12 of its garbage trucks to run on CNG, which is estimated to save approximately \$200,000 annually in fuel costs to operate this fleet.

“With diesel costs on the rise, the savings that we will see from switching to a CNG-fueled garbage fleet make the decision to pursue this initiative an easy one,” said Mayor Max Beverly. “We expect that the savings from this project will fully pay for itself within five years.”

Last month the City Council approved the extension of a compressed natural gas line 2,550 feet along Davenport Drive. This line will serve as the main source of natural gas for the CNG time-fill fueling station and also improve the City’s ability to serve its commercial natural gas customers within the industrial area.

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