

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE THOMASTON MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the Thomaston Mayor and City Council was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the city-county meeting room of the Thomaston-Upson Government Complex.

Mayor J. D. Stallings presided at the meeting with Councilmembers Don Greathouse, Doug Head, Jeff Middlebrooks, Lakeitha Reeves, and Ryan Tucker. Others attending Russell Thompson, City Manager and DeAnn Wheeler, City Attorney.

Mayor Stallings opened the meeting with prayer by Councilmember Reeves followed with the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Stallings presented the minutes of January 5, 2021, (regular) and January 8, 2021, (called) for approval. A motion was made by Councilmember Tucker, seconded by Councilmember Middlebrooks, to approve the minutes as written.

Those voting: Councilmember Greathouse – yes, Councilmember Middlebrooks – yes, Councilmember Reeves – yes, Councilmember Tucker – yes, Councilmember Head – yes
All votes were aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Adoption of Agenda - Mayor Stallings presented the agenda for approval. A motion was made by Councilmember Greathouse, seconded by Councilmember Head, to approve the agenda as presented.

Those voting: Councilmember Greathouse – yes, Councilmember Middlebrooks – yes, Councilmember Reeves – yes, Councilmember Tucker – yes, Councilmember Head – yes
All votes were aye. The motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney's Report.

1. Ante-Litem Notice – Ms. Wheeler, City Attorney, noted that this item will need to be discussed in executive session.

City Manager's Report.

1. Approval of Appointments to City Committees and Joint City-County Committees – Mayor Stallings presented the appointments. A motion was made by Councilmember Greathouse, seconded by Councilmember Reeves, to appoint the following individuals to the City committees:

Thomaston Tree Board – reappoint Jane Burdette and appoint Levi Long
Thomaston Zoning Commission – appoint Richard Hollstrom
Historic Preservation Commission – reappoint Tempy Hoyal

Those voting: Councilmember Greathouse – yes, Councilmember Middlebrooks – yes, Councilmember Reeves – yes, Councilmember Tucker – yes, Councilmember Head – yes
All votes were aye. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of Davis Street and West Walker Street Drainage and Headwall Improvements Bid – Mr. Thompson noted that drainage work and headwall repair is needed in the Davis Street and West Walker Street. He noted that the City Engineer has recommended to approve the notice of award to Helix Group. Mr. Thompson noted that it is staff's recommendation to approve the bid as well to the Helix Group in the amount of \$174,420.24.

A motion was made by Councilmember Reeves, seconded by Councilmember Greathouse, to approve the notice of award to Helix Group in the amount of \$174,420.24 for the Davis Street and West Walker Street drainage and headwall improvements project.

Those voting: Councilmember Greathouse – yes, Councilmember Middlebrooks – yes, Councilmember Reeves – yes, Councilmember Tucker – yes, Councilmember Head – yes
All votes were aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Thompson asked to go into an executive session to discuss personnel, real estate, pending and/or potential litigation. A motion was made by Councilmember Middlebrooks, seconded by Councilmember Reeves, to go into an executive session to discuss personnel, real estate, pending and/or potential litigation.

Those voting: Councilmember Greathouse – yes, Councilmember Middlebrooks – yes, Councilmember Reeves – yes, Councilmember Tucker – yes, Councilmember Head – yes
All votes were aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Council closed the open meeting and went into executive session at 7:12 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Greathouse, seconded by Councilmember Middlebrooks, to close the executive session and return to the open meeting.

Those voting: Councilmember Greathouse – yes, Councilmember Middlebrooks – yes, Councilmember Reeves – yes, Councilmember Tucker – yes, Councilmember Head – yes
All votes were aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Council closed the executive session and returned to the open meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Mr. Thompson asked for a vote on the purchase of the Tucker property located at Gordon Street and Hightower Street, parcels T33 141 and T33 142, in the amount of \$75,000. A motion was made by Councilmember Greathouse, seconded by Councilmember Middlebrooks to approve the

purchase of the Parcel T33 141 and T33 142 in the amount of \$75,000 located on Gordon Street/Hightower Street.

Those voting: Councilmember Greathouse – yes, Councilmember Middlebrooks – yes, Councilmember Reeves – yes, Councilmember Tucker – yes, Councilmember Head – yes
All votes were aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Ante-Litem Notice – Mr. Thompson asked Council to deny the ante-litem notice claim that involves a city vehicle accident and authorize the City Attorney to send a letter of notice regarding denying the claim and provide the notice to the City's insurance provider.

A motion was made by Councilmember Head, seconded by Councilmember Greathouse, to deny the ante-litem notice regarding a city vehicle accident and authorize the City Attorney to send a letter of notice denying the claim and provide this ante-litem notice to the City's insurance provider.

Those voting: Councilmember Greathouse – yes, Councilmember Middlebrooks – yes, Councilmember Reeves – yes, Councilmember Tucker – yes, Councilmember Head – yes
All votes were aye. The motion carried unanimously.


Authorize the Purchase of the Dobbs Property and Conveyance of Properties to GDOT for Fire Station Signal – Mr. Thompson asked for Council to approve the purchase of the Dobbs property, 10x15 area, in the amount of \$6500 and convey this property and the City's property, 26x15 size area, to GDOT and authorize Mayor Pro Tem to sign the necessary documents. The lots will be used for the placement of a signal for the new Fire station.

A motion was made by Councilmember Head, seconded by Councilmember Reeves, to approve the purchase of the Dobbs property for \$6500, 10x15 area, and convey this property and the City's property 26x15 area to GDOT and authorize Mayor Pro Tem Head to sign the necessary documents.

Those voting: Councilmember Greathouse – yes, Councilmember Middlebrooks – yes, Councilmember Reeves – yes, Councilmember Tucker – yes, Councilmember Head – yes
All votes were aye. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember Reeves, seconded by Councilmember Tucker, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail Hammock
City Clerk