

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

April 20, 2021 at 7:00PM

An in-person meeting of the Thomaston Mayor and City Council was held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 7:00pm 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, Ryan Tucker, and Lakeitha Reeves. Others in attendance included: Russell Thompson, City Manager; Deann Wheeler, City Attorney; Gail Hammock, City Clerk; Mike Richardson, Police Chief; Pam Helton, Director of Member Services from the Georgia Municipal Association; Sanders Chapman the representative for the Upson County Farm Bureau, Charles Gilbert the representative for McLeRoy Rentals, Kyle Fletcher, Jane Burdette, and Mr. Gary Self.

Mayor Stallings opened the meeting with prayer by councilmember Greathouse then followed with the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes. - Mayor Stallings then presented the meeting minutes of March 26, 2021 (Special Called), March 30, 2021 (Joint), and April 6, 2021 (Regular) for approval. A motion was made by Councilmember Head, seconded by Councilmember Middlebrooks, to approve the minutes as written. Those voting include: Councilmembers Greathouse, Middlebrooks, Tucker, Reeves, and Head. All votes were yes and the motion was carried out unanimously.

Adoption of Agenda. - Mayor Stallings presented the agenda for approval. Mr. Thompson requested an additional item be added to the agenda - "A presentation by Ms. Pam Helton from the Georgia Municipal Association." This was added as a floating topic on the agenda. A motion was made by Councilmember Tucker, seconded by Councilmember Head. Those voting include: Councilmembers Greathouse, Middlebrooks, Tucker, Reeves, and Head. All votes were yes and the motion was carried out unanimously.

City Manager, Mr. Thompson then introduced Ms. Pam Helton from the Georgia Municipal Association who honored Mrs. Gail Hammock by presenting her with The Lifetime Service Award for her 42 years of service to the city.

Introduction of new police officers. - Police Chief, Mike Richardson introduced the new officers in order from highest to lowest rank giving a brief introduction for each officer. The names were listed in the following order:

Corporal Freddie Oates
Sargent Drew Jackson
Corporal Markevius Johnson
Officer Justin Calvert
Patrolman David McCoy

Public Hearing. - Mr. Thompson stated the two annexations to be presented and that Mr. Sanders Chapman was there to represent the annexation of 2.823 acres as C-2 zoning for the Upson County Farm Bureau, Inc. on Highway 19 North. This lot will have a Verizon Wireless Store on it. (Ordinance 1149.) Mr. Charles Gilbert was there to represent the annexation of 2.00 acres as C-2-C (Conditional) zoning for

the McLeRoy Rentals, LLC on Highway 19 North. The conditional zoning is there in regards to an existing billboard on the property. (Ordinance 1150.)

There was no public comment made. A motion to come out of the public hearing was made by Councilmember Tucker, seconded by Councilmember Head. Those voting include: Councilmembers Greathouse, Middlebrooks, Tucker, Reeves, and Head. All votes were yes and the motion was carried out unanimously.

A motion to approve the annexation of 2.00 acres as C-2-C (Conditional) zoning for the McLeRoy Rentals, LLC on Highway 19 North was made by Councilmember Tucker, seconded by Councilmember Middlebrooks. Those voting include: Councilmembers Greathouse, Middlebrooks, Tucker, Reeves, and Head. All votes were yes and the motion was carried out unanimously.

A motion to approve the annexation of 2.823 acres as C-2 zoning for the Upson County Farm Bureau, Inc. on Highway 19 North was made by Councilmember Reeves, seconded by Councilmember Head. Those voting include: Councilmembers Greathouse, Middlebrooks, Tucker, Reeves, and Head. All votes were yes and the motion was carried out unanimously.

Public Comment and Announcements. – None.

City Attorney's Report. – Ms. Wheeler gave an update stating she is currently working with the B.F. Goodrich's (Raytheon Technologies) attorney in regards to the B.F. Goodrich property that is being donated to the city. The expected completion of the donated property is the end of May or the first of June. (Parcel ID T19054).

Deputy City Clerk's Report. – Mrs. Nichols gave a short update stating that her training is going well.

City Engineer's Report. – None.

City Manager's Report. -

1. Approval of Authorization to Proceed with Flock Camera System. - Police Chief, Mike Richardson gave a brief explanation on the Flock Camera System. A motion to approve the camera system was made by Councilmember Greathouse, seconded by Councilmember Head. Those voting include: Councilmembers Greathouse, Middlebrooks, Tucker, Reeves, and Head. All votes were yes and the motion was carried out unanimously.
2. Approval of Georgia EPD Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund (for the former Thomaston Police Department located at 613 North Church Street.) – Mr. Thompson gave a brief explanation of what and how the correction action agreement works and that staff's recommendation is to authorize. A motion to approve the correction action agreement was made by Councilmember Greathouse, seconded by Councilmember Middlebrooks. Those voting include: Councilmembers Greathouse, Middlebrooks, Tucker, Reeves, and Head. All votes were yes and the motion was carried out unanimously.
3. Approval of Advanced Environmental Management, Inc Scope of Work. – Mr. Thompson explained this goes hand in hand with the approval of the Georgia EPD underground storage

tank trust fund correction action agreement. A motion to approve the scope of work was made by Councilmember Tucker, seconded by Councilmember Greathouse. Those voting include: Councilmembers Greathouse, Middlebrooks, Tucker, Reeves, and Head. All votes were yes and the motion was carried out unanimously.

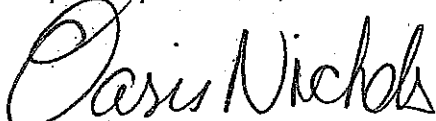
4. Approval of Common Use Agreement with Georgia Power Company. – Mr. Thompson explained this is a reciprocal agreement in regards to some power poles being city owned and others being Georgia Power owned. Staff's recommendation is to execute this agreement pending legal confirmation from the City Attorney, Ms. Wheeler. Ms. Wheeler stated she is currently working with the Georgia Power attorney on modifying the contract and that their attorney has been very receptive in regards to the changes. A motion to approve the common use agreement was made by Councilmember Head, seconded by Councilmember Middlebrooks. Those voting include: Councilmembers Greathouse, Middlebrooks, Tucker, Reeves, and Head. All votes were yes and the motion was carried out unanimously.
5. Discussion of Reissuance of Moratorium. – Mr. Thompson stated that the original moratorium was issued in order to redraft the city's zoning ordinance. Mr. Bill Johnson who is contracted through the city is currently working on this redraft. Ideally reissuing the moratorium will allow for the redraft of the zoning to be completed prior to the new expiration date. The current moratorium expires May 3rd, 2021 and in order for the moratorium not to lapse action needs to take place at this regular meeting or a special called meeting would need to be scheduled prior to the May 3rd date. A question was raised in regards to how the moratorium would affect properties such as the self-storage that Mr. Mark Ellington had annexed in February of 2020 (located at 600 North Center Street.) The reissuance of the moratorium was tabled to later be discussed at a special called meeting.
6. Approval of Concept Art Memorial at Greatest Generation Memorial Park. - Mr. Thompson explained that WLA Studios came back with a terraced memorial design. He then asked Mr. Gary Self to elaborate on the potential scope of work for phase one. Mr. Self, stated he is a member of the Greatest Generation Memorial Park Committee and he would like to see a memorial at the park that is within the budget. Mr. Self, voiced to Mayor and Council how he would like to see them move forward with this first concept phase. A motion to approve the art memorial at Greatest Generation Memorial Park, phase one was made by Councilmember Tucker, seconded by Councilmember Reeves. Those voting include: Councilmembers Greathouse, Middlebrooks, Tucker, Reeves, and Head. All votes were yes and the motion was carried out unanimously.
7. (Mrs. Gail's Last Meeting.) – Mr. Thompson personally thanked Mrs. Hammock for her service to the city and all she has done to assist him throughout the years. Mayor Stallings thanked Mrs. Hammock and read a proclamation marking April 20th, Gail Hammock Day!

Other Business. – Mayor Stallings mentioned The City of Thomason was featured in the recent MEAG magazine. He also mentioned that there will be a Thomaston Night at the Braves game,

Saturday, May 22nd, 2021. Councilmember Head and Mr. Gary Self both spoke kind words of endearment and gratitude to Mrs. Hammock.

Being no further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Reeves, seconded by Councilmember Tucker, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Oasis Nichols". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Oasis Nichols
Deputy City Clerk