

MINTUES OF A MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

May 4, 2021 at 7:00PM

An in-person meeting of the Thomaston Mayor and City Council was held on Tuesday, May 4, 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; Mike Richardson, Police Chief; Sidney Corley, Police Major; Kyle McGee, Public Works Director; Trey Gavin, City Engineer; and Oasis Nichols, Deputy City Clerk.

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

Approval of Minutes. - Mayor Stallings then presented the meeting minutes of April 20, 2021 (Regular) and April 23, 2021 (Special Called) for approval. A motion was made by Councilmember Reeves, seconded by Councilmember Head, 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 two additional items be added to the agenda. The first was the surplus of excess furniture and the second was the cost adjustment to city utility bills which was rescinded the beginning of last year. A motion was made by Councilmember Middlebrooks, seconded by Councilmember Tucker. Those voting include: Councilmembers Greathouse, Middlebrooks, Tucker, Reeves, and Head. All votes were yes and the motion was carried out unanimously.

City Attorney's Report. - None.

Deputy City Clerk's Report. - None.

City Engineer's Report. - Trey Gavin, City Engineer spoke in regards to the road paving project. Mayor and Council asked Mr. Gavin to please run some additional numbers based off of a few paving methods discussed and this item was tabled for the next meeting for Mr. Gavin to calculate those new numbers.

City Manager's Report. -

1. Approval of Appointment to the Thomaston-Upson Library Board. - No nominations were made by Council.
2. Approval of MEGA Power's 2020 Year-End Settlement. - Mr. Thompson gave a brief explanation that the trust fund is held at MEAG Power to offset future debt on our power system and or rate increases. The amount that would go into the trust fund would be \$371,156.00. Staff's recommendation is to execute. A motion to authorize the execution of the MEGA Power's 2020 Year-End Settlement 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.

3. Approval of MEGA Power's 2020 Telecom Project's Year-End Settlement. – Mr. Thompson explained that just as staff recommended the approval and execution of the MEGA Power's 2020 Year-End Settlement staff's recommendation is to execute this as well. The amount to be submitted for the Year-End Settlement is \$1,272.00. A motion to approve MEGA Power's 2020 Telecom Project's Year-End Settlement 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.
4. Approval of Resolution to Update Open Records Officers. – Mr. Thompson explained this is an update stating that Oasis Nichols the Deputy City Clerk is the official records officer for The City of Thomaston and Jennifer Sanz is the backup or alternate officer. Staff's recommendation is to authorize this updated resolution. A motion to approve this updated resolution was made by Councilmember Middlebrooks, 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.
5. Approval / Discussion of Broadband Ready Community Ordinance. – Mr. Thompson stated that this ordinance will allow us to be designated as a Broadband Ready city through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. A motion to approve the ordinance 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.
6. Approval of Purchase of AXON Tasers. - Mr. Thompson explained that AXON is the only provider of tasers and currently runs the market. He stated that this purchase agreement covers five years and is paid in annual installments that incrementally increase for a total of \$78,487.50. He then allowed Police Chief Mike Richardson to inform council on how the Redspeed funds will help cover the cost for this purchase and elaborate about the need for this purchase. A motion to approve the purchase of 25 AXON tasers was made by Councilmember Don, 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.
7. Other Business. - Mr. Thompson stated that other business included the authorization to surplus the furniture by an auction after advertising in the legal organ for 15 days. A motion to authorize an auction to dispose of surplus furniture 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.

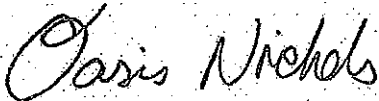
The second subject included in other business is the reenactment of the power cost adjustment for city utility bills. This adjustment will be effective from May through December and will be set to \$0.0002031 per 1,000.00 Kilowatts. A motion to authorize this cost adjustment was made by

Councilmember Head, seconded by Councilmember Tucker. Those voting include: Councilmembers Greathouse, Middlebrooks, Tucker, Reeves, and Head. All votes were yes and the motion was carried out unanimously.

8. Executive Session. – An executive session was requested by Mr. Thompson to discuss personnel and real estate topics amongst Mayor and Council. A motion to enter into an executive session 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. The session was entered into at 8:11p.m. and entered back into a live session at 8:48p.m.

9. Adjournment. - There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Greathouse, seconded by Councilmember Reeves, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:49p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Oasis Nichols
Deputy City Clerk