

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

May 18, 2021 at 7:00PM

An in-person meeting of the Thomaston Mayor and City Council was held on Tuesday, May 18, 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; Lonnie Joyce, Finance Director; and Oasis Nichols, Deputy City Clerk.

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

Approval of Minutes - Mayor Stallings then presented the meeting minutes of May 4, 2021 (Regular) and May 7, 2021 (Special Called) for approval. A motion was made by Councilmember Tucker, seconded by Councilmember Head, to approve the minutes as written. Those voting included: 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. A motion was made by Councilmember Reeves to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Head. Those voting included: 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

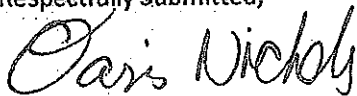
City Engineer's Report – None

City Manager's Report -

1. Approval of 2021 TSPLOST Paving List - A motion was made by Councilmember Tucker to pave the full roads and not segments using methodology C with a reassessment next year, seconded by Councilmember Middlebrooks. Those voting included: Councilmembers Greathouse, Middlebrooks, Tucker, Reeves, and Head. All votes were yes and the motion was carried out unanimously.
2. Discussion of 2022 SPLOST – A motion was made by Councilmember Tucker to move forward with the 35% joint agreement while keeping the verbiage broad to use the funds for what is needed, 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.
3. Discussion of City-County Sewer Contract (Set work session date.) – This topic was scheduled to be addressed at a special called meeting that was held on Friday, May, 21, 2021 at 8:00am in the City Manager's office breakroom.

4. Discussion / Clarification of Intent of Alcohol License - Moratorium – This topic was scheduled to be addressed at a special called meeting that was held on Friday, May, 21, 2021 at 8:00am in the City Manager's office breakroom.
5. Authorization to Adopt Ordinance for City Charges/ Buy-Back Provision for Solar Customers- A motion to adopt this ordinance was made by Councilmember Head, seconded by Councilmember Tucker. Those voting included: Councilmembers Greathouse, Middlebrooks, Tucker, Reeves, and Head. All votes were yes and the motion was carried out unanimously.
6. Authorization to Execute/ Purchase New Financial Software Suite – Mr. Joyce, the Finance Director spoke on the pros and cons of the new suggested software. A motion to Authorize the purchase of the financial software was made by Councilmember Tucker, seconded by Councilmember Reeves. Those voting included: Councilmembers Greathouse, Middlebrooks, Tucker, Reeves, and Head. All votes were yes and the motion was carried out unanimously.
7. Authorization to Dispose of Surplus Items – A motion was made by Councilmember Tucker to move forward with disposing of the surplus items, seconded by Councilmember Middlebrooks. Those voting included: Councilmembers Greathouse, Middlebrooks, Tucker, Reeves, and Head. All votes were yes and the motion was carried out unanimously.
8. Discussion of July Fourth / Freedom Fest Event – Mr. Thompson made an announcement in regards to the Freedom fest event that is hosted by the city. He stated the event would be held from 7pm-10pm on July 4<sup>th</sup> and the city would not have vendors this year.
9. Discussion / Approval of Upcoming Council Meeting Dates – The second meeting in June was moved from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> and the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled. A motion was made by councilmember Head to approved these date changes and a second motion was made by Councilmember Middlebrooks. Those voting included: Councilmembers Greathouse, Middlebrooks, Tucker, Reeves, and Head. All votes were yes and the motion was carried out unanimously.
10. Other Business. - The Mayor reminded Council about the Joint SPLOST meeting on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm and gave a Braves ticket update.
11. Executive Session. – An executive session was requested by Mr. Thompson to discuss a personnel topic amongst Mayor and Council. A motion to enter into an executive session was made by Councilmember Tucker, seconded by Councilmember Reeves. Those voting included: Councilmembers Greathouse, Middlebrooks, Tucker, Reeves, and Head. All votes were yes and the motion was carried out unanimously. The executive session was entered into at 8:24p.m. and was adjourned at 8:35p.m.
12. Adjournment. – There being no further discussion, a motion was made to adjourn this meeting by Councilmember Head, seconded by Councilmember Reeves. The meeting adjourned at 8:36p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Oasis Nichols  
Deputy City Clerk