

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

June 1, 2021 at 7:00PM

An in-person meeting of the Thomaston Mayor and City Council was held on Tuesday, June 1, 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 Jeff Middlebrooks, Ryan Tucker, Lakeitha Reeves, and Doug Head. Others in attendance included: Russell Thompson, City Manager; Deann Wheeler, City Attorney; Mike Richardson, Police Chief; Jennifer Sanz, HR Director; Kyle Fletcher, IDA Director; Renee Harris, Fire Chief; and Oasis Nichols, Deputy City Clerk. Councilmember Greathouse was unable to attend the meeting.

Mayor Stallings opened the meeting with prayer by Police Chief Mike Richardson then followed with the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes. - Mayor Stallings then presented the meeting minutes of May 18, 2021 (Regular) and May 21, 2021 (Special Called) for approval. A motion was made by Councilmember Head, seconded by Councilmember Reeves, to approve the minutes as written. Those voting include: Councilmembers 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 Tucker, seconded by Councilmember Head to adopt the agenda as is. Those voting include: Councilmembers 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 - All supplemental documents are attached.

1. IDA Update by Mrs. Fletcher - A PowerPoint was presented along with a current update on jobs within the community.
2. Discussion / Approval of City-County Sewer Contract - A motion was made by Councilmember Head, seconded by Councilmember Reeves to approve the changes made to the contract and present the contract to the county. Those voting include: Councilmembers Middlebrooks, Tucker, Reeves, and Head. All votes were yes and the motion was carried out unanimously.
3. Authorization to Adopt Ordinance (No. 1154) Providing a Uniform Base Charge for All Utilities - A motion was made by Councilmember Tucker, seconded by Councilmember Head to approve this ordinance. Those voting include: Councilmembers Middlebrooks, Tucker, Reeves, and Head. All votes were yes and the motion was carried out unanimously.

4. Authorization of MEAG Voting Delegate and Alternate - A motion for Mayor, JD Stallings to be the MEAG Power voting delegate and the alternate to be City Manager, Russell Thompson was made by Councilmember Head, seconded by Councilmember Reeves. Those voting include: Councilmembers Middlebrooks, Tucker, Reeves, and Head. All votes were yes and the motion was carried out unanimously.
5. Authorization to Dispose of Surplus Property in The Fire Department - A motion to approve the surplus and or donation of a 1988 ladder truck to Lincoln Park Volunteer Fire Department was made by Councilmember Head, seconded by Councilmember Reeves. Those voting include: Councilmembers Middlebrooks, Tucker, Reeves, and Head. All votes were yes and the motion was carried out unanimously.

Other Business – Mayor Stallings mentioned over 500 people attended Thomaston Night at The Braves game on April 22, 2021. He also reminded everyone that the next meeting date was June 29, 2021.

Executive Session. – An executive session was requested by Mr. Thompson to discuss personnel and pending litigation topics amongst Mayor and Council. A motion to enter into an executive session was made by Councilmember Reeves, seconded by Councilmember Tucker. Those voting include: Councilmembers Middlebrooks, Tucker, Reeves, and Head. All votes were yes and the motion was carried out unanimously. The session was entered into at 7:38p.m. and entered back into a live public session at 8:42p.m.

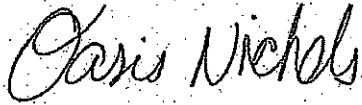
The City Manager, Russell Thompson added the agenda item of transferring property from the OBA back to The City of Thomaston and Upson County. A motion to approve this transfer was made by Councilmember Tucker and seconded by Councilmember Reeves. Those voting include: Councilmembers Middlebrooks, Tucker, Reeves, and Head. All votes were yes and the motion was carried out unanimously.

Mayor, JD Stallings stated that Russell Thompson's employment agreement expires on June 6th, 2021 and asked for the City Council's recommendations. A motion to renew the City Manager's annual contract with a pay increase of 5% was made by Councilmember Tucker and seconded by Councilmember Reeves. Those voting include: Councilmembers Middlebrooks, Tucker, Reeves, and Head. All votes were yes and the motion was carried out unanimously.

The last topic discussed was the creation of part-time positions for both the police and fire department. A motion to approve the creations of these positions was made by Councilmember Head and seconded by Councilmember Middlebrooks. Those voting include: Councilmembers Middlebrooks, Tucker, Reeves, and Head. All votes were yes and the motion was carried out unanimously.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Oasis Nichols
Deputy City Clerk