



CITY OF THOMASTON  
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 15, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.  
CITY-COUNTY MEETING ROOM – MAIN FLOOR  
THOMASTON-UPSON GOVERNMENT COMPLEX

AGENDA

**AMENDED**

## Minutes

A meeting of the Thomaston Mayor and City Council was held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 7:00pm in the City-County meeting room located in the Thomaston-Upson Government Complex. This meeting was open to the public.

### **Attendance:**

Mayor - John David "J.D." Stallings

Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember - Doug Head (At Large)

Councilmember – Lakeitha Reeves (District 1)

Councilmember – Jeff Middlebrooks (District 2)

Councilmember – Don Greathouse (District 4)

City Manager - Russell Thompson

City Attorney – DeAnn Wheeler

Human Resources Director – Danielle Jefferson

Police Chief – Mike Richardson

Consultant – Bobby Sills



Building Official – John Baxter

Economic Development Director – Taylor Smith

Code Enforcement Office / Animal Control – Christian Williams

Accounting Technician - Kemetrice Ellerbee

City Custodian - Maryanne Searcy

Finance Director – Lonnie Joyce

Upton Beacon Newspaper Managing Editor – Bridge Turner

Fun 101.1 – Dave Piper

City Clerk – Oasis Nichols

Councilmember – Ryan Tucker (District 3) – Not Present

(Please see the sign in sheets attached.)

- A. Call Meeting to Order / Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance - Mayor Stallings opened the meeting and asked Councilmember Greathouse to lead the prayer, and the pledge of allegiance.
  
- B. Approval of Minutes for August 1, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting and August 1, 2023 Urban Redevelopment Plan Kick Off Meeting

**Result:** All of the meeting minutes were approved as presented.

**First Motion:** Councilmember Middlebrooks (District 2)

**Second Motion:** Councilmember Greathouse (District 4)

**Vote:** Unanimous



C. Adoption of Agenda

**Result:** Mr. Thompson asked that agenda item number three “Discussion and Presentation of Fire Protection Fees - Consultant – Mr. Bobby Sills” to number one under the City Manager’s Report and add number nine as “Discussion and Potential Action of Fire Protection charge”. The agenda was adopted as amended.

**First Motion:** Councilmember Greathouse (District 4)

**Second Motion:** Councilmember Reeves (District 1)

**Vote:** Unanimous

D. City Attorney’s Report

Nothing at this time.

E. City Clerk’s Report

Nothing at this time.

F. City Engineer’s Report

Nothing at this time.

G. City Manager’s Report

1. Discussion and Presentation of Fire Protection Fees - Consultant – Mr. Bobby Sills

**Result:** Mr. Sills presented a PowerPoint explaining what the fire charges are, why we they are needed, and the cost break down. (See attached.)

2. Discussion and Potential of Adoption of Economic Development Director and Building Safety Director Ordinance

**Result:** The motion was passed to formally create the new departments. (See attached.)

**First Motion:** Councilmember Greathouse (District 4)

**Second Motion:** Councilmember Reeves (District 1)

**Vote:** Unanimous



**Result:** The motion was passed to formally nominate Mr. John Baxter as the Chief Building Official.

**First Motion:** Councilmember Greathouse (District 4)

**Second Motion:** Councilmember Reeves (District 1)

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Result:** The motion was passed to formally nominate Mr. Taylor Smith as the Economic Development Director.

**First Motion:** Councilmember Greathouse (District 4)

**Second Motion:** Councilmember Middlebrooks (District 2)

**Vote:** Unanimous

3. City Promotions Presentation – Danielle Jefferson

**Result:** Mr. John Baxter, Mr. Taylor Smith, and Ms. Kemetrice Ellerbee were all recognized for their hard work and dedication to the city! (see attached.)

4. Discussion of Animal Ordinance Amendment to Article II “Dogs and Cats” of Chapter 14

**Result:** No action was taken. The attached ordinance was discussed and the consensus was that the ordinance was drafted in a very well-suited manner. (See attached.)

5. Discussion and Potential of Historic Preservation Commission Board Recommendation

**Result:** The motion was passed to nominate Mrs. Ivy Jacques to the Historic Preservation Commission.

**First Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember - Doug Head (At Large)

**Second Motion:** Councilmember Reeves (District 1)

**Vote:** Unanimous

6. Discussion and Potential Approval of Property Transfers (DDA Parking Lot & Fire Station)

**Result:** No action was taken. Mr. Thompson stated that there is a future redevelopment project in the future and the old fire station as well as the parking lot would need to be formally transferred over the title to the City of Thomaston.



7. Discussion and Potential Approval of Modification to Three Rivers Memorandum of Agreement  
(Update Deliverable Date)

**Result:** The motion was approved to extend the date of this agreement to April, 30, 2024. (See attached.)

**First Motion:** Councilmember Greathouse (District 4)

**Second Motion:** Councilmember Reeves (District 1)

**Vote:** Unanimous

8. Discussion and Potential of Adoption of 2023 City and Joint Projects Millage Rate Ordinance

**Result:** The motion was passed to adopt ordinance number 1193 as well as to set the Joint Projects Millage rate to 2.997 and the City Millage rate to 2.735. (See attached.)

**First Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember - Doug Head (At Large)

**Second Motion:** Councilmember Middlebrooks (District 2)

**Vote:** Unanimous

9. Discussion and Potential Action of Fire Protection Charge

**Result:** The motion was to approved to delay the implementation of the Fire Protection Charge until January 1, 2024.

**First Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember - Doug Head (At Large)

**Second Motion:** Councilmember Greathouse (District 4)

**Vote:** Unanimous

I. Other Business

- None.

J. Executive Session / Discussion / Potential Action

**Result:** The motions below are to enter into the executive session at 7:42pm to discuss real estate.

**First Motion:** Councilmember Greathouse (District 4)

**Second Motion:** Councilmember Reeves (District 1)

**Vote:** Unanimous



**Result:** The motions below are to exit out of the executive session at 8:16pm.  
**First Motion:** Councilmember Head (At Large)  
**Second Motion:** Councilmember Reeves (District 1)  
**Vote:** Unanimous

K. Adjournment

**Result:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.  
**First Motion:** Councilmember Head (At Large)  
**Second Motion:** Councilmember Reeves (District 1)  
**Vote:** Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Oasis Nichols".

Oasis Nichols, City Clerk

Approved as written,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John David Stallings".

Mayor, John David "J.D." Stallings

