



CITY OF THOMASTON  
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 19, 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, September 19, 2023, at 7:00pm in the City-County meeting room located in Thomaston-Upson Government Complex. This meeting was open to the public.

### **Attendance:**

Mayor - John David "J.D." Stallings  
Councilmember – Jeff Middlebrooks (District 2)  
Councilmember – Ryan Tucker (District 3)  
Councilmember – Don Greathouse (District 4)  
City Manager - Russell Thompson  
City Attorney – DeAnn Wheeler  
Human Resources Director – Danielle Jefferson  
Police Chief – Mike Richardson  
Upson Beacon Newspaper Managing Editor – Bridge Turner  
City Clerk – Oasis Nichols



Councilmember – Lakeitha Reeves (District 1) – Not Present

Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember - Doug Head (At Large) – Not Present

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 September 1, 2023 Special Called Meeting and September 5, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting

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

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

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

**Vote:** Unanimous

C. Adoption of Agenda

**Result:** The motion was passed to adopt the agenda as presented.

**First Motion:** Councilmember Tucker (District 3)

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

**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 Potential Adoption of Property Transfers (DDA Parking Lot & Fire Station) Resolution

**Result:** The motion was passed to transfer to the City of Thomaston the parking lot located at 209 South Church Street to be used for public parking as well as to transfer to the Downtown Development Authority the old fire station located on West Thompson Street (Parcel IDs T22 179 and T22 180) for the intended use to have an entertainment type business which will attract pedestrian foot traffic and excite life in the downtown area. (See attached.)

**First Motion:** Councilmember Tucker (District 3)

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

**Vote:** Unanimous

2. Discussion and Potential Adoption of Food Truck Court Fees and Requirements Resolution

**Result:** The motion was passed to approve the resolution as presented. (See attached.)

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

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

**Vote:** Unanimous

3. Discussion and Potential Approval of Language Access Plan

**Result:** The motion was passed to allow Mayor Stallings to execute the City of Thomaston's Language Access Plan to ensure accommodations are available to individuals who speak different languages. (See attached.)

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

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

**Vote:** Unanimous



4. Discussion and Potential Approval of Allen-Smith Consulting Agreement Renewal

**Result:** The motion was passed to allow Mayor Stallings to execute the agreement with Allen-Smith Consulting for the amount of \$4,000.00. (See attached.)

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

**Second Motion:** Councilmember Tucker (District 3)

**Vote:** Unanimous

5. Discussion and Potential Approval of Tax Specialist of Georgia -Southeast, LLC Agreement

**Result:** The motion was passed to allow Mayor Stallings to execute the agreement with Tax Specialist of Georgia – Southeast, LLC at no cost to the City. (See attached.)

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

**Second Motion:** Councilmember Tucker (District 3)

**Vote:** Unanimous

6. Discussion and Potential Approval of Water Pump Expenditure

**Result:** The motion was passed to approve an expenditure not to exceed the amount of \$95,410.00 to purchase a water pump for the water and sewer department.

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

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

**Vote:** Unanimous

I. Other Business – Mayor Stallings and Mr. Thompson reminded everyone of the below awards and events.

- GICH Site Visit, September 22nd at 12pm in the City Manager’s Conference Room
- Mule Days will be Friday, October 20th from 4pm – 9pm in Downtown Thomaston
- Mayor Stallings asked that some dates be checked in order to arrange a City Council work session meeting for an upcoming Friday.
- Two Birthdays were celebrated: The City Attorney Ms. Wheeler as well as Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember - Doug Head (At Large).



J. Executive Session / Discussion / Potential Action

**Result:** The motions below are to enter into the executive session at 7:20pm to discuss personnel, real estate, and potential litigation.

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

**Second Motion:** Councilmember Tucker (District 3)

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Result:** The motions below are to exit out of the executive session at 8:27pm.

**First Motion:** Councilmember Tucker (District 3)

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

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Result:** The motions below are to amend the City Council agenda to add G7. Under the City Manager's report as "7. Discussion and Potential Approval to Set the Fire Chief Salary Range to \$90,000.00 – \$100,000.00

**First Motion:** Councilmember Tucker (District 3)

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

**Vote:** Unanimous

7. Discussion and Potential Approval to Set the Fire Chief Salary Range to \$90,000.00 – \$100,000.00.

**Result:** The motion was denied as a two to one vote to set the Fire Chief Salary Range to \$90,000.00 – \$100,000.00.

**First Motion:** Councilmember Tucker (District 3)

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

**Vote:** Councilmember Greathouse (District 4) – yes, Councilmember Middlebrooks (District 2) – no, and Councilmember Tucker (District 3) – yes.

K. Adjournment

**Result:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm.

**First Motion:** Councilmember Tucker (District 3)

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

**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 'J.D.' Stallings".

Mayor, John David "J.D." Stallings

