

SUMMARY OF THE THOMASVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023 AT 6:00 PM AT 20 STADIUM DRIVE, THOMASVILLE, NC.

Elected officials in attendance: Mayor Raleigh York, Jr.; Mayor *Pro Tempore* Doug Hunt, and Council Members Wendy Sellars, Lisa Shell, Hunter Thrift and Payton Williams. Council Members Ron Bratton and Jeannette Shepherd had excused absences.

1. Call to Order – Mayor York called the meeting of the Thomasville City Council to order and welcomed everyone in person and online.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda – At Mayor York’s request, City Manager Michael Brandt asked that Council add a closed session for Personnel as item 5.

Council Member Thrift moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mayor *Pro Tem* Hunt seconded. Motion unanimously approved 5 – 0.

3. Recognitions and Presentations

A. Proclamation: National Hospice and Palliative Care Month – Mayor *Pro Tem* Hunt presented this to Kimberly Gleiser, Community Engagement Manager, Hospice of Davidson County

B. Proclamation: Small Business Saturday – November 25th – Mayor York presented this to Keith Tobin, President of the Thomasville Chamber of Commerce.

C. Annual Audit Presentation: Jill Vang, Manager, Martin Starnes & Associates – The City received a favorable unmodified opinion. A copy of the slideshow presentation is available upon request from the City Clerk.

4. Public Forum – No action was taken.

A. Scott Styers thanked Council Member Wendy Sellars for her years of dedicated service on the City Council and beyond. He also thanked the citizens for voting “public servants, not politicians” to the City Council.

B. & C. Pastor Kevin Sellars and Pastor Ellis McLendon spoke separately regarding the need for a homeless shelter with programs to help people get back on their feet.

5. Closed Session – Personnel Matters

Council Member Thrift moved to go into closed session. Mayor *Pro Tem* Hunt seconded. Motion unanimously approved 5 – 0. No action was taken in closed session.

Council Member Thrift moved to amend the agenda by adding item 7. D. Leave of Absence – Jeannette Shepherd. Mayor *Pro Tem* Hunt seconded. Motion unanimously approved 5 – 0.

6. Consent Agenda – City Manager Brandt spoke briefly about each of these items:

- A. Consideration of Approval of Minutes – Briefing Meeting on 10/09/23
- B. Consideration of Approval of Minutes – Council Meeting on 10/16/23
- C. Consideration of Water Shortage Response Plan
- D. Consideration of Updated Thomasville Employee Safety Manual
- E. Consideration of Certified Lease Resolution for Municipal Lease Purchase Agreement Contract 25-428
- F. Consideration of Budget Amendment 2024-P5-01
- G. Consideration of Capital Project Ordinance – Rains Road Pump Station Project
- H. Consideration of Grant Project Ordinance – Sewer Asset Inventory and Assessment Grant Project

Mayor *Pro Tem* Hunt moved to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. Council Member Sellars seconded. Motion unanimously approved 5 – 0.

7. Regular Agenda

A. Consideration of Thomasville Pay and Classification Study

Council Member Williams moved to implement the suggestions resulting from the Pay Study and reassign the classes to grades as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Hunt seconded. Motion unanimously approved 5 – 0.

B. Consideration of Capital Project Ordinance – ARPA State Grant Waterline Replacement Project

Council Member Hunt moved to approve this Capital Project Ordinance. Council Member Sellars seconded. Motion unanimously approved 5 – 0.

C. Consideration of Contract with Aqua Tech for Aquatic Center Services

Council Member Thrift moved to approve this contract. Council Member Shell seconded. Motion unanimously approved 5 – 0.

D. Consideration of Leave of Absence (through 3/1/24) – Jeannette Shepherd

Council Member Thrift moved to approve this Leave of Absence. Mayor Pro Tem Hunt seconded. Motion unanimously approved 5 – 0.

8. Committee Reports and Appointments, Mayor's Report and Appointments, City Manager's Report, City Attorney's Report – Everyone wished Council Member Sellars well in her new position on Thomasville's first elected Board of Education. She and her persistent positivity will be definitely missed on the City Council. Additional reports were given. No action was taken.

9. Additional Items – N/A

10. Adjournment – Council Member Sellars moved to adjourn. Council Member Shell seconded. Motion unanimously approved 5 – 0.