

**THOMASVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024 AT 6:00 PM
20 STADIUM DRIVE, THOMASVILLE, NC.**

Elected officials in attendance: Mayor *Pro Tempore* Lisa Shell and Council Members Neal Grimes, Doug Hunt, JacQuez Johnson, Pat Shelton, Hunter Thrift and Payton Williams. Mayor Raleigh York, Jr. was absent.

1. Call to Order – Mayor *Pro Tem* Lisa Shell called the meeting of the Thomasville City Council to order.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda – There were no additions or deletions to the agenda. Council Member Thrift moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Shelton seconded. Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0.
3. Public Forum – Pastor Ellis McLendon, Pastor Kelvin Sellers, and licensed contractor Kevin Andrews all spoke regarding the need for a homeless shelter in Thomasville. Pastor Sellers asked for a meeting with Council to discuss this further.

4. Public Hearing – Request for Rezoning (Z-23-12)

Applicant/Owner: Ford Associates, LLC
Location: 274 Kennedy Road
Parcel Number: 1633700000065
Existing Zoning: R-10 Low Density Residential
Requested Zoning: C-2 Highway Commercial

Mayor *Pro Tem* Shell opened the public hearing. Ty Comer spoke in favor of this rezoning. No one spoke against this rezoning. Mayor *Pro Tem* Shell closed the hearing. Council Member Hunt moved to approve this rezoning. Council Member Johnson seconded. Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0.

5. Consent Agenda – City Manager Michael Brandt spoke briefly about each of these items:
 - A. Consideration of Approval of Minutes Organizational Meeting on 12/4/23
 - B. Consideration of Approval of Minutes Briefing Meeting on 12/11/23
 - C. Consideration of Approval of Minutes Council Meeting on 12/18/23
 - D. Consideration of Approval of FY 2024 Audit Contract with Martin Starnes & Associates – This will cost the City \$63,000 for 2024, which is \$3,000 higher than last year, as per the 5-year payment plan.

Council Member Hunt moved to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. Council Member Thrift seconded. Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0.

6. Regular Agenda

A. Consideration of Revision of Solid Waste Collection Ordinance Regarding Vacant Properties with Active Water/Sewer Accounts

City Manager Brandt explained that this ordinance amendment corrects a loophole that erroneously excluded unoccupied water/sewer customers from paying for solid waste pick up.

Council Member Hunt moved to approve this ordinance amendment. Council Member Williams seconded. Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0.

B. Consideration of Approval of Resolution to Adopt Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Recreation Director Cory Tobin presented a slideshow summarizing the highlights of this plan.

Council Member Thrift moved to approve this Resolution. Council Member Shelton seconded. Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0.

7. Committee Reports and Appointments, Mayor's Report and Appointments, City Manager's Report, City Attorney's Report

Council Member Thrift moved to appoint:

- Neal Grimes back onto the ABC Board; and
- Casey Gardner to fill Eric Kuppel's unexpired term as Corporate Limits Alternate on the Board of Planning/Adjustment.

Council Member Hunt seconded. Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0.

Additional reports were given, but no other action was taken.

8. Additional Items – n/a

9. Adjournment – Council Member Johnson moved to adjourn. Council Member Williams seconded. Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0.