

**Thomasville City Beautification Committee
Minutes
October 19, 2023
Thomasville Aquatics Center**

Members Present: Carol Brown, Olivia Ilardi, Cherie Johnson, Nathan Smith, Molly Lassiter, Tyler Allred, Myra S. Gray, Hilda Warner, Larry Darr, Crystal Hodges, Denise Barnes

Member Absent: Brooke Murphy

Non-Voting Members Present: Todd Sechrist

Non-Voting Members Absent: David Bovender, Jeannette Shepherd

Guests: Evander Davis, Raleigh York, Cameron Marsden, Tammy Joyce, Eric Kuppel

Carol Brown, Chairperson, called the meeting to order. She welcomed all guests and mentioned absentees.

The minutes from the September 21, 2023, meeting were read individually. Nathan Smith made a motion to approve and Hilda Warner seconded. The motion carried.

Carol then thanked everyone who came out and worked on Everybody's Day. After selling note cards and prints, we made a profit of approximately \$190.00.

The cards and prints are still available for purchase, at both city hall and Tourism. It was suggested that the Historical Commission and Mike's Trains be contacted to see if they would like to sell some of the prints.

Carol presented the financial report for September. Nathan Smith made a motion to accept it and Tyler Allred seconded. The motion carried.

Nathan Smith made a motion to accept the **Thomasville Woman's Club as Business of the Month**. Hilda Warner seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Todd Sechrist gave a landscaping report. The plants and bulbs at the big chair and in Gates Alley will be pulled next Monday, October 23rd. . The new tulip bulbs should arrive on October 27th. However, the pansies are running later. Todd is looking for sources to purchase bagged pine bark.

Tyler Allred gave a report on Litter Sweep and the overall litter issue in Thomasville. He would like to see more involvement from the business owners. There will be a focus on cleaning up the areas involved during Light Up the Holidays, the Christmas Parade, Star of Bethlehem and Chair City Christmas. He also asked if a weed eater and a push lawn mower could be either donated or purchased. **The next Litter Sweep will be held on Saturday, November 11th.**

Eric Kuppel, from Keep Davidson County Beautiful, shared that his group now has permission to bring in equipment and people to help with the litter issue in Thomasville. They plan to work on the Baptist Children's Home Road, near East Davidson High School and Kendall Mill Road.

Denise Barnes reported that the sign on Holly Hill that was damaged has been replaced (in memory of Charles Mason). Thomasville resident Linda Melton has applied to adopt two new areas and possibly a third. Her applications have been processed and signs have been ordered. There was another discussion about replacing all of the older signs with the new ones. An updated cost and quantity will be presented at the November meeting in order to take a vote.

Denise Barnes reported that the installation of Santa's Magical Workshop will begin on Sunday, October 29th. We will have access to the Emporium from 12:30 - 5:30. Plan to meet at the storage building on Trade Street to load, at approximately 11:30.

The subcommittee for Light up the Holidays gave an update on the following:

Music (Todd and Hilda are working on procuring more singers)

Parking lots and roadblocks (when and where to close)

New Santa Claus (Jim White)

Card my Yard (Todd will get a price and find best place for it)
Food trucks (Tammy Joyce offered to set up a coffee kiosk)
Committee members need to report to work at 2:00.
Raleigh York and Tammy Joyce will check on power outlets to be in good working order.

Cherie Johnson got a price and a “mock up” for new zippered sweatshirts for the committee. Nathan Smith made a motion to proceed with ordering them and Hilda Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried. The committee members submitted their sizes. Cherie will send in the order and the sweatshirts should be ready by the next meeting.

Cameron Marsden, Director of Tourism, gave a report on all that is being done to promote Light Up the Holidays, and of the upcoming events.

Tammy Joyce, Downtown Economic Director, clarified that the next **Main Street meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25th, at 10:00 a.m. at the Thomasville Aquatics Center.** There is a time change to allow other interested parties to attend who otherwise couldn't. This meeting will involve a deeper look into the organizational foundation and for people to meet the Main Street team. The times for the future meetings will be staggered to allow a cross-section of people to attend.

With no further business to discuss, Nathan Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Molly Lassister seconded the motion and it carried.

The next City Beautification Meeting will be on Thursday, November 16th, at 8:30, at the Thomasville Aquatics Center.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Denise E. Barnes