

RESULT: **Approved (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Mayor Pro-Tem Miller**
SECONDER: **Councilmember A. Dixon**

- I. Council to discuss appointments to the Downtown Development Authority.

This item was tabled in order to notify applicants that were selected. The announcement will be made on Monday, January 12, 2026.

RESULT: **Approved to Table (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember Messick**
SECONDER: **Councilmember C. Dixon**

- J. Council to consider a proposal between Blaze Leadership and the City of Jonesboro, Georgia regarding Trailblazer Retreat for Elected Officials and Workshops for Senior Leadership.

RESULT: **Approved to Table (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember Messick**
SECONDER: **Mayor Pro-Tem Miller**

- K. Council to consider approval of a quote from Tran Communications, LLC in the amount of \$23,150.00 for Security & IT Infrastructure at 100 Gloria Drive.

RESULT: **Approved (Vote was unanimous)**
MOVER: **Councilmember Curney**
SECONDER: **Councilmember A. Dixon**

- L. Council to consider a lease agreement between the City of Jonesboro, Georgia and Clayton County, Georgia regarding 264 N. Main Street.

RESULT: ADDED TO 01/12/26 CONSENT AGENDA

- M. Council to consider a partial update to the City of Jonesboro Fee Schedule regarding Community Development and Administration.

Community Development Director Akuta stated that the \$75.00 Trade Permits Fee was not included in Council's packet. This is a standard fee which has not changed. It includes HVAC, electrical, and plumbing.

RESULT: ADDED TO 01/12/26 CONSENT AGENDA

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Council to discuss replacement of the digital signage at Lee Street Park.

RESULT: ADDED TO 01/12/26 CONSENT AGENDA

- B. Council to consider a resolution regarding a budget transfer (FY25) from the Cemetery line item 100-4100-53-1800 in the amount of \$35,000.00 and Other Professional Services line item 100-3200-52-1290 in the amount of \$20,000.00 to Building & Facilities Maintenance line item 100-1500-53-1171 to cover cost of damages to signage at Lee Street Park.

RESULT: ADDED TO 01/12/26 CONSENT AGENDA

- C. Council to consider a renewal contract between Luminary MediaWorks and the City of Jonesboro, Georgia for IT Services.

RESULT: ADDED TO 01/12/26 CONSENT AGENDA

- D. Council to consider Health Insurance for Mayor and Councilmembers.

A motion was made for Council to consider Health Insurance for Mayor and Council Members that choose to have it just for them and not their families.

RESULT: **Approved (Vote was 5 to 1)**
MOVER: **Mayor Pro-Tem Miller**
SECONDER: **Councilmember A. Dixon**
AYES: **Mayor Pro-Tem Miller; Councilmembers A. Dixon, C. Dixon, Curney, and Fox**
NAYS: **Councilmember Messick**

E. Council to discuss FY26 Proposed Budget and Ordinance 2026-01 regarding the adoption and approval of the FY26 Budget.

Mayor Sartor stated that Council could agree to accept the FY26 Proposed Budget or have a Special Called Meeting / Budget Retreat to go over each item, line by line, in order to get the budget adjusted for Mayor to present.

Karen Slaton-Dixon spoke regarding the FY26 Proposed Budget.

- FY23 Audit is pretty much done. The Finance Department would need to take the numbers provided by the auditors and put them into a MDNA (Management and Decision Analysis Report) and send it back to the auditors for further processing.
- FY24 through FY25 has not been audited.
- December 30, 2025 - The City has a draft of FY23 financials from the auditors.
- \$900,000.00 went back into the General Fund Balance which means the City brought in more revenue than expenditures.
- FY24 and FY25 may be similar to FY23 wherein there is more revenue than expenditures but waiting for the audit to determine if this will be factual.
- All departments underspent with the exception of one department.
- FY25 has \$2 million dollars more in revenue came in than expenditures gone out. The books will stay open for 60 days. Therefore, the City will still receive invoices in January and February of 2026 that are from 2025. The City would pay out of FY25 Budget. The same process applies to revenues as well. Therefore, the numbers could change.
- Approvals and Payroll – Dates that fell within FY25.
- FY26 Proposed Budget and Debt Service currently coming out of SPLOST since SPLOST is trending so high.
- The City had several Budget Meetings. At one of the Budget Meetings there was about \$600,000.00 in General Fund Budget for Debt Service. The City will put this in SPLOST because this is where the payments would be coming from. This would leave \$520,715.00 in Contingency for FY26. Mayor Sartor would like to put some of it in Georgia Fund 1 (Reserve) in order to gain the most interest.
- What a 2% vs 4% employee raise would look like if considered and based on contingency.
- Money rolls over into the fund balance if the City does not use all of the revenue.
- Explained what prior year means – When cities use money that was left over in the prior year to do any specific projects that may be needed for the City.
- Group Insurance for Mayor and Council is included in FY26 Budget.
- Will begin doing Financial Reports starting February 2026. However, a report can't be done if there is no budget. Currently operating under an old budget. FY26 Proposed Budget pending approval. Once FY26 Budget is approved, then the Financial Report can be done.
- Staff adjustments

X. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, real estate, or personnel matter(s).

None

B. Consider any action(s), if necessary, based on decision(s) made in Executive Session.

None