

## DIVISION 2. - REGULAR MEETINGS

*Footnotes:*

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**Charter reference**— *Regular and special meetings, § 2.18.*

**State Law reference**— *Due notice requirements for other than regular meetings, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(d); requirement to prescribe the time, place and dates of regular meetings of governing authority, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(d); meetings to be open to public, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1; exemptions from open meeting requirements, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3.*

### Sec. 2-51. - Time and place.

Regular meetings of the city council are held at the Jonesboro Police Department or such other place as may be designated on at such time and place as may be established by the mayor and council from time to time by resolution.

(Code 1987, § 2-1-3; Ord. No. 2015-005, § 1, 2-9-2015)

### Sec. 2-52. - Agenda.

- (a) Items to be placed on the council agenda for any regular meeting shall be submitted to the city clerk by 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday preceding the next meeting. No formal action shall be taken on any matter by the city council unless the matter appears on the agenda.
- (b) By a majority vote of the councilmembers present, the city council may vote to discuss any matter not appearing on the agenda, but no official action shall be taken on such matter until a subsequent meeting; provided, however, that by unanimous consent, the councilmembers may take formal action on such an issue.

(Code 1987, § 2-1-4)

### Sec. 2-53. - Order of business.

- (a) The order of business at all regular meetings shall be as follows:
  - (1) Approval of minutes of last meeting;
  - (2) Corrections, if any, to be made in the minutes;
  - (3) Reports of committees;
  - (4) Unfinished business;
  - (5) Reading by the clerk of any communications; and
  - (6) New business.
- (b)

If the city council directs any matter to be the special business of a future meeting, that matter shall have precedence over all other business at that future meeting.

- (c) No proposition shall be entertained by the city council until it has been seconded, and every proposition shall, when required by the mayor or any member, be reduced to writing.

(Code 1987, § 2-1-5)

Sec. 2-54. - Procedure prior to discussion of issues before the city council; contempt.

The mayor or, in his absence, the mayor pro tem shall be the presiding officer and the members of council shall not bring up for debate any issue pending before the council until the presiding officer has recognized the member for such purpose. Any member who shall attempt to disrupt the order of business or bring up any motion before the city council or fail to secure the recognition of the presiding officer before entering upon any discussion or debate on any matter pending before the city council shall be held to be in contempt and shall be punished as provided in the Charter.

(Code 1987, § 2-1-6)

Sec. 2-55. - Recognition of member prior to speaking.

Any member of the council desiring to be recognized shall address the presiding officer as "Mr. Mayor." When recognized, the member shall proceed with his discussion or other business matters that he may desire to bring before the city council. While any member has the floor addressing the city council, it shall be ruled out of order if any other member interrupts or attempts to interrupt the speaker without first obtaining the recognition of the presiding officer.

(Code 1987, § 2-1-7)

Sec. 2-56. - Conduct of spectators.

- (a) It shall be the duty of the chief of police or his designee to be present and on official duty at all special and regular meetings of the city council.
- (b) Except during such periods of time at such meetings as the city council shall set aside for public discussion, it shall be unlawful for any person present as a spectator to interrupt or disturb the proceedings in any manner by voice, actions or otherwise.
- (c) During periods set aside for public discussion of any nature, any person desiring to speak shall secure the permission of the presiding officer by first silently raising his hand and being recognized. The use of profanity, obscene language, threats or any violent or abusive conduct by any person shall constitute a violation of this section.

(d)

It shall be the duty of the chief of police, upon the order of the presiding officer at any such meeting, to forcibly if necessary, evict any person violating the provisions of this section from the council meeting hall. Any such violation shall subject the offender, upon conviction thereof before the municipal court, to a fine and/or imprisonment as prescribed by section 1-12.

(Code 1987, § 2-1-8)

Secs. 2-57—2-90. - Reserved.