



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Branden Whitfield called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

A. Invocation and Pledge to the Flag

Josh Ayers from Victory Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Assistant Chief Warnack led the pledge to the flag.

B. Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Branden Whitfield

Council Member Keith Colquitt

Council Member Bill DuVall

Council Member Wesley Johnson

Council Member Melanie Long

Council Member Lisa Newberry

Council Member Patti Wolfe

C. Adoption of Agenda

Motion made by Council Member Colquitt to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Council Member DuVall.

Voting Yea: Council Member Colquitt, Council Member DuVall, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 6-0.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Long to approve the consent agenda excluding items B & C. Seconded by Council Member Johnson.

A. GMEBS OPEB Actuarial Services Invoice for FY 2025 Audit \$13,350.00 (100-1510-523600)

B. ~~Purchase of a 2025 Ford F550 VersaLift Bucket Truck \$150,000.00 (100-4900-542200)~~

C. ~~Remodel of 605 Tom Brewer Rd (PD & Station 16) and 789 Lee Byrd Rd (Station 15). Roof replacement at 180 Old Loganville Rd (Station 18). \$188,463.00 includes a 10% contingency - 2019 Walton County Public Safety SPLOST and 2023 Gwinnett County Public Safety SPLOST (321-3200, 321-3500, 324-3500)~~

D. Last Month's Minutes

E. January 2026 Financial Report

Voting Yea: Council Member DuVall, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Wolfe
Voting Nay: Council Member Colquitt

Motion carried 5-1.

3. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

4. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Discussion - Raising Compensation for Mayor and Council

Council Member Wolfe presented raising the compensation for the Mayor and Council. Council agreed to raise everyone's compensation by \$250.00. The new rate for Council Members will be \$750.00 monthly, and the Mayors will be \$1,250.00 monthly effective Jan 1, 2028. City Attorney Paul Rosenthal will work on a new ordinance to bring before Council in the April, or May meeting depending on advertisement dates.

Motion made by Council Member Long to table the purchase of the \$150,000 bucket truck (item B) for 30 days. Seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Voting Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Wolfe
Voting Nay: Council Member Colquitt, Council Member DuVall

Motion carried 4-2.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Discussion about Weekly Report

Motion made by Council Member Long to adopt receiving a weekly report from City Manager Danny Roberts that was passed out on Monday with questions.

Seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Council Member Long withdrew her motion.

Not vote was taken.

Council agreed to allow City Manager Danny Roberts to send out the weekly report he had previously prepared.

6. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

7. FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion made by Council Member Johnson to table the remodel (item C) from the consent agenda. Seconded by Council Member Long.

Council Member Johnson withdrew his original motion.

Not vote was taken.

Motion made by Council Member Johnson to replace the roof at Station 18 using contractor Legacy Roofing, in an amount not to exceed \$44,000, which includes the 5% contingency. Seconded by Council Member Long.

Voting Yea: Council Member Colquitt, Council Member DuVall, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Council Member Newberry to table the remainder of the remodel from consent the agenda (item C) for 30 days. Seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Voting Yea: Council Member Colquitt, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Wolfe

Voting Nay: Council Member DuVall

Motion carried 5-1.

8. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

10. CITY ATTORNEY'S UPDATES / REPORTS

A. Approval - Candidate Qualification Charter Changes

Motion made by Council Member Colquitt to approve the candidate qualification charter ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Wolfe.

Voting Yea: Council Member Colquitt, Council Member DuVall, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Wolfe

Voting Nay: Council Member Long

Motion carried 5-1.

This will come back before Council next month for another approval.

City Manager Danny Roberts discussed with Council postponing the July 9, 2026 combined Work Session and Council Meeting. Council agreed to postpone that meeting.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council Member Colquitt to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Newberry.

Voting Yea: Council Member Colquitt, Council Member DuVall, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Long, Council Member Newberry, Council Member Wolfe.

Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned 7:55 pm.

Branden Whitfield
Mayor

Ansley Pope
Deputy City Clerk