

Town of Thunderbolt
Council Meeting April 8, 2026
Minutes

Mayor Williams opened the Public Comment at 6:00PM.

Stella Lavin approached Mayor and Council to give an update to the Clean-up Day, April 18, 2026, Nellie Johnson Park. Please be there at 10:00AM. Mayor Williams thanked Ms. Lavin and her committee for all they do.

Mayor Williams closed the Public Comment at 6:30PM.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30PM, April 8, 2026. Those in attendance were Council Members Bethany Skipper-Greer, David Crenshaw, Lary Ward, Dr. Edward Drohan, Dawn Williams and Brooks Barbaree. Also in attendance were Matthew Walker, Town Administrator and Jan LeViner, Town Clerk. Charlie Barrow was excused.

Mayor Williams delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Williams Approval of Meeting Agenda. Council Member Drohan made a motion to approve the agenda as amended by moving item 15 (a) to Council meeting in May 2026. **Council Member Ward** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Council Member Ward made a motion to approve the minutes as amended from February 11, 2026. **Council Member Crenshaw** seconded. Vote was unanimous, 6-0 to approve.

Mayor Williams read the following Proclamations and Resolution:

- Certified City of Ethics
- Georgia Cities Week
- Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month

Mayor Williams recognized the following businesses for the Know Local – Go Local:

- Freedom Boat Club
- High Cotton
- Coastal Clockworks
- MarineMax

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing for the Board of Zoning Appeals. **Councilman Ward** made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the **Rezoning request from R-3 Classification to a R-1 Classification, 2501 Mechanics Avenue. Petitioner: Coleman Company (Andy Davis). PIN: 30002 06038.** **Council Member Crenshaw** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve.

William Cunningham approached Mayor and Council. Mr. Cunningham distributed a plat for the property showing the split zone line through the middle of the property. He

is asking to have that portion of the plat changed from R-3 to R-1. Mayor Williams asked Ms. LeViner the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission as well as Staff. Ms. LeViner stated the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval as well as Staff. **Councilman Drohan** made a motion to approve as presented. **Councilman Ward** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve. **Councilman Crenshaw** made a motion to close the Public Hearing. **Councilman Ward** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Anna Marie Thomas approached Mayor and Council to give an update on the **Thunderbolt Museum**. Ms. Thomas stated the Museum has license plates for sale for \$25.00 and all proceeds go to the Museum. She stated if anyone is interested to please sign the sign-up sheet. She continued, there will be a community yard sale on May 16, 2026, and they have seven vendors registered to be in the parking lot at the Museum as well as homes that have indicated they will have yard sales at their home. Ms. Thomas also stated they are planting plants and trying to beautify the front of the Museum. Mayor Williams thanked Ms. Thomas and her staff for all the hard work with the Museum.

Shannon Brett approached Mayor and Council to give the Financial Report for the month of March 2026. Ms. Brett stated the Town has received a Certificate of Excellence with our financial reporting. Also, the 2025 Audit is nearly ready and the auditors will be on site the week of April 27, 2026. As to our new software, Springbrook, 100% of the disbursements out of the Town are being handled through Springbrook and the accounting module are in check as are the templates for receivable and prepaids. Capital assets are also set up in the system. Ms. Brett continued, there is about \$9.4M in Georgia Fund One and Bank South is paying 3.79% which is great on the vast majority of the Town's money being held there. The Town Administrator is in the process of setting up water, sewer and the sinking fund capital fund. Mayor Williams thanked Ms. Brett and her Firm for all they do.

Jan LeViner, Town Clerk stated she sent an email to Mayor and Council with her updates and excited that the Georgia Current Magazine has added the Town to the event updates. This will assist in letting residents when there are meetings and events. At the May meeting she would like to give a presentation on our repository, Laserfiche.

Matthew Walker, Town Administrator thanked the Staff and everyone for attending the Easter Egg festivities. Also, the Coastal Regional Commission held their third and final Stakehold Meeting and are continuing research on the AI programs that are available for local governments. Mr. Walker reminded everyone of the Blessing of the Fleet on Saturday, April 25, 2026. He then introduced Destinee Davey, new employee, to everyone. She will be the Supervisor of Police Administrative Services. Mayor Williams and Council welcomed her to the Staff.

Council Member Ward made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. **Council Member Crenshaw** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Department Head Reports

Sean Clayton, Chief, Police Department, approached Mayor and Council and asked if there were any questions with his report as included in the packet. Council Member Crenshaw asked if there could add “x” on the report rather than “o”. This would help with understanding the report. Chief Clayton concurred.

Chief Boyles, Fire Department, approached Mayor and Council. Chief Boyles gave a quick rundown of calls and training hours completed. Chief Boyles gave a presentation showing concerns of Regency Trailer Park. He showed pictures of violations such as extension cords between trailers; HVAC running underneath trailers; lack of mailboxes that could be used to locate someone in need; and lack of space between trailers. It is his plan to go door to door to educate residents as well as distribute smoke detectors. It is also his intent not to point out what they are doing wrong, rather educate them as to how they can correct the violations. He wants to have a good education plan with the management company, Regency, and try to create a safer environment. Chief Boyles would also like to develop a plan where there would be a yearly inspection, again to make it a safer environment. Mayor Williams thanked Chief Boyle for his hard work.

Oscar Crosby, Department of Public Works, approached Mayor and Council. Mr. Crosby stated the well is back online and we have passed all of our bacteria testing. He continued, work is ongoing with the water tank maintenance and there are no complaints. There was a brief discussion regarding the detection of water leaks for residents. As the meters are only read once a month, leaks can go undetected for 30 days. Mr. Crosby stated when the meters are read at the beginning of the month it indicates there could be an issue. If they tried to detect earlier than at the beginning of the month, Staff would be reading meters throughout the month.

Legal Reports

No report.

Dr. Drohan gave a brief update on the Comprehensive Plan Stakeholder Meetings. Dr. Drohan stated that he has come to understand there is less of the explicitness in terms of what we would like to do. The Town can do that on our own but more generally, this is a document that we are creating that is basically a bureaucratic document that will tell the State and the Federal Government and other people that give money, is that we do, that we have done, that we do have a Comprehensive Plan and therefore this provides us, or will provide us, continue to provide us, because we have got one in place currently. He appreciates everyone’s hard work.

Council Member Crenshaw made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel, litigation, and real estate. **Council Member Barbaree** seconded. Motion to approve was unanimous, 6-0.

Council Member Crenshaw made a motion to return to regular session. **Council Member Drohan** seconded. The motion to approve was unanimous, 6-0.

Council Member Crenshaw made a motion to adjourn. **Council Member Ward** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM.

Jan LeViner, Clerk

Dana Williams, Mayor
Town of Thunderbolt