

Town of Thunderbolt
Council Meeting December 10, 2025.

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

Stella Lavin approached Mayor and Council. She offered “slow down” signs to anyone that wanted them.

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

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30PM, December 10, 2025. Those in attendance were Council Members David Crenshaw, Lawrence Ward, Dr. Edward Drohan, James Lavin and Brooks Barbaree. Also in attendance were Charlie Barrow, Town Attorney; Jan LeViner, Town Clerk and Matthew Walker, Town Administrator was excused.

James Lavin delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Clayton approached Mayor and Council to introduce Sabin Corbett a new Town of Thunderbolt Police Officer. Mayor Williams administered the oath to Officer Corbett.

Approval of Meeting Agenda. Council Member Ward made a motion to approve the agenda with moving item 9a, Award the Bid for the Elevated Storage Tank Improvements to Discussion Agenda. **Council Member Crenshaw** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 5-0.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting, November 12, 2025. Council Member Ward made a motion to approve the minutes. **Council Member Crenshaw** seconded. Vote was unanimous, 5-0 to approve.

Mayor Williams recognized the following businesses and encouraged everyone to shop local:

- Benchmark Properties
- Clean Cycle Laundromat
- Nelson’s Quality Shrimp
- Mark One Construction

Anna Marie Thomas approached Mayor and Council to give an update on the Thunderbolt Museum. Ms. Thomas stated they are preparing for the Boat Parade, and they now have sweatshirts, hats and visors for sale at the Museum. They will also have a booth at the Blessing of the Fleet in April. Ms. Thomas reported the Oyster Roast was a huge success and thanked everyone who helped. She also recommended having a “Night Out” where residents could meet Staff and she would like to reinstate Citizen of the Year. Mayor Williams thanked Ms. Thomas for all she is doing for the promotion of the Museum.

Bethany Skipper-Greer joined the meeting.

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing:

Board of Zoning Appeals: Subdivision, split 1 into 2 parcels lots of record by subdivision located on the corner of the area bounded by Woodlawn Drive and Bell Avenue. Petitioner: N&L Rentals, LLC. The petitioner approached Mayor and Council to answer any questions. Mr. Barrow, Town Attorney, stated the motion e by the Planning Commission was to approve unanimously. As there were no questions, Council Member Drohan

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

Second Reading, Proposed 2026 Budget. Matthew Walker, Town Administrator, explained the proposed budget. **Council Member Ward** made a motion a motion to approve. **Council Member Crenshaw** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Shannon Brett approached Mayor and Council to give an overview of the November financial activity of the Town. Ms. Brett stated everything is in order and the roll-out for the new software is tentatively scheduled for February 2026. She continued, the cash position overall was about \$11.9M and about \$11.5M of that is earning as much interest as can be earned. Mayor Williams recommended a separate account be set up for a Sinking Fund. This will be used for infrastructure and would like that to be included on the agenda for January 2026. Council Member Crenshaw asked that in regard to the Georgia Fund One account, he would like a report that is easier to comprehend. Ms. Brett asked if this would be different from the Executive Report that her office provides to the Town each month (included in the packet). Council Member Crenshaw confirmed. It would be sorted by month, year to date, and high to low. Mayor Williams asked Council Member Crenshaw to send an email explaining his request to Mayor and Council. Council Member Crenshaw confirmed.

Council Member Crenshaw recused from the vote on the Consent Agenda.

Consideration of Consent Agenda:

- a. Canal Maintenance Agreement – Chatham County
- b. Air Ionization Systems Installation, Auto-Cleaning Ionization Systems: Include Town Hall, Fire Department and Public Works building.
- c. Alcohol License Renewals for 2026:
 - a. American Legion Post 184
 - b. Bahia Bleu
 - c. Chirlya and Sons
 - d. Coaches Corner
 - e. Despositios
 - f. Emily McCarthy
 - g. Erice Davis
 - h. MANPP
 - i. Nouria Energy
 - j. Parkers
 - k. R&W Entertainment
 - l. Rogers Package
 - m. Tubby's
 - n. Vrinda

Council Member Drohan made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. **Council Member Ward** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 5-0.

Council Member Crenshaw returned to the meeting.

Discussion Agenda:

- a. Award the Bid for the Elevated Storage Tank Improvements: BRW Construction, \$448,053.00. Council Member Crenshaw stated that after discussions with the vendor, there will now be significant savings with the contract. Council Member Crenshaw made a motion to approve as submitted. Council Member Drohan seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Department Head Reports

Chief Clayton, Police Department, approached Mayor and Council to entertain any questions. He reminded everyone of the holiday season and to ensure your cars and homes are locked. Also please be vigilant when in public places.

Chief Boyles, Fire Department, approached Mayor and Council to answer any questions regarding his report as included in the packet before them. Chief Boyles stated the GBI conducted an audit recently and no deficiencies were found.

Oscar Crosby, Department of Public Works approached Mayor and Council. He gave a brief report on the work DPW is doing. Mr. Crosby reported there has been some vandalism at Nellis Johnson park and cameras will be installed.

Elizabeth Rhodes gave the Town Administrator's update as Matthew Walker was out sick.

Jan LeViner, Town Clerk, reminded everyone of the inauguration on January 9, 2026, at Town Hall with the reception immediately following at Bahia Bleu.

Legal Reports

No report.

Council Member Crenshaw shared his concerns with ADA compliance with driveway entrances, particularly next to the school. This is a tripping hazard, and the Town would be liable if there was an accident.

Mayor Williams recognized Staff on their professionalism and the job they do for the Town. He stated he is so very proud to have everyone on Staff and feels the Town has the greatest Staff as they are all dedicated to the Town and it is an honor to work with everyone.

Council Member Drohan expressed his concerns with the delivery trucks on Shell Road as they are blocking the road. There are no warnings for oncoming traffic and the companies should have the responsibility to have an extra employee out there to help guide traffic. He then recognized James Lavin for the work he did while serving on Council. He asked everyone to recognize him with a round of applause.

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

Council Member Ward 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 approve the contract with Coleman Company for Professional services for Drainage Improvements. **Council Member Ward** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 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 8:30PM.

Jan LeViner, Clerk

Dana Williams, Mayor
Town of Thunderbolt