

TYRONE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - REVISED

MINUTES

February 05, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Eric Dial, Mayor
Billy Campbell, Post 3

Jessica Whelan, Post 1
Dia Hunter, Post 2
Maureen Wheeler, Post 4

Brandon Perkins, Town Manager
Dee Baker, Town Clerk
Dennis Davenport, Town Attorney

Also present:
Sandy Beach, Finance Manager
Randy Mundy, Police Chief

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. Please state your name & address. Comments that require a response may not be answered during this time. The Council or staff may respond at a later date.

Dr. Mark Baker, a candidate for District 68, spoke and shared that he was a founding member of South Fulton, a member of the Development Authority, and a retired Police Officer for the Fulton County School system. If elected, he would be willing and accessible. He added that he and his family has history with the Town.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda.

Motion made by Council Member Hunter, Seconded by Council Member Campbell.
Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Wheeler.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters listed under this item are considered to be routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

1. Approval of Council minutes from January 15, 2026.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

Motion made by Council Member Whelan, Seconded by Council Member Campbell.
Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Wheeler.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

2. Audited financial report presentation from Rushton and Company for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Ms. Beach introduced Ms. Julie George from Rushton and Company to present the audit report for the FY ending June 30, 2025. Ms. George thanked Mr. Perkins, Ms. Beach, and the staff for consistently demonstrating a strong work ethic and for being willing to assist her and her staff.

Ms. George gave her presentation, highlighting that their opinion of the Town was an unmodified opinion, which was clean and good. She stated that the government-wide net position as of 2025 totaled \$37 million, with a health balance comprising unrestricted, restricted net investments in Capital Assets. She noted that the Town was investing in infrastructure. She shared that the General Fund revenue increased by 8.6% and the expenditure decreased by just over 4%. The unassigned/assigned Fund Balance was \$10.7 million for a healthy 16 months of annual expenditures. She shared a pie chart indicating the Town's main funding sources, with the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) at 31% and property taxes at 30%, with eleven additional smaller sources. The General Fund pie chart indicated that Public Works was at 31% and Public Safety at 29%. She explained that Public Works were higher due to the many ongoing projects. Regarding the Sewer Fund, Ms. George made Council aware to begin factoring in depreciation. She suggested preparing to perhaps raise fees in the future to offset depreciation.

Ms. George stated that regarding internal controls, the Town along with other small towns run into issues with segregation of duties. The Town hired additional staff and has eliminated some segregation issues. They would be working on procedures to improve the payroll process with limited staff. Ms. George touched on the 2017 and 2023 SPLOST funds and how they played a major role in capital projects. She briefed Council on reporting changes, GASB 101, 102, 103, and 104. Ms. George thanked the Town for their continued cooperation and shared that she and her staff were available year-round for questions.

Mayor Dial inquired about options for the sewer deterioration costs. Ms. George suggested preparing to perhaps raise fees in the future to offset the costs. Mayor Dial inquired if the Town would have to pay in the end. Ms. George stated that the operating expenses should be assessed. When the capacity rights expire, there may be a substantial outlay at the beginning of a new contract. Currently, the Town is ok.

Mayor Dial questioned why the General Government expenditure decreased beyond Public Works and Public Safety in FY25. Ms. George shared that on page 61 of the report, it indicates that Capital Outlay was higher last year, along with payments to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) along with payments to other agencies.

Mayor Dial thanked Ms. George and added that a neighboring city had been through a rough patch with staff misbehaving. It was great to see the Town's trusted and preteen record repeated. Our staff does a fine job.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

IX. OLD BUSINESS

3. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem for a term through December 31, 2026. Eric Dial, Mayor
Mayor Dial opened the nomination for Mayor Pro Tem.

A motion was made to nominate Council Member Campbell for Mayor Pro Tem for a term through December 31, 2026.

Motion made by Council Member Whelan, Seconded by Council Member Wheeler.
Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Wheeler

Voting Nay: Council Member Hunter.

X. NEW BUSINESS

4. Consideration to Authorize Staff to Apply for a Static Military Display at Veterans Park. - Brandon Perkins, Town Manager

Mr. Perkins shared that there had been interest in obtaining a static display piece for Veterans' Park. He met with Council Member Whelan and some local veterans regarding the process. He explained that it could be a long process, and staff were requesting perhaps apply with each branch. The Town, if approved for a large item, would incur the cost to transfer, mount, and maintain. If we refuse the award, the process will begin again. Council Member Campbell asked for the veterans' opinions. Mr. Perkins stated that most would like to see an airplane, but they did not land on any item. Mr. Perkins stated that ideally, the group would grow, and they could possibly raise the funding for the display and maintenance. Council Member Whelan shared her excitement and hope for more to join.

A motion was made to move forward with the applications to military branches for a static display at Veterans Park.

Motion made by Council Member Hunter, Seconded by Council Member Whelan.
Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Wheeler.

5. Consideration to Award the 2025 Storm Drainage Improvements project PW-2024-13 to Piedmont Paving, Incorporated in the amount not to exceed \$337,376.85. Scott Langford, PE Public Works Director and Town Engineer.

Mr. Langford shared that the project included pipe replacements for approximately seven locations and one inlet repair. He added that bids were received in December, and the lowest bidder was Piedmont Paving, Inc.

The project came in \$37,376.85 above the estimated cost; however, the project would be funded through the 2023 SPLOST fund, which had exceeded revenue projections.

Council Member Campbell asked how the locations for improvements were selected. Mr. Langford shared that lists were compiled and prioritized from the required 5-year inspections. Council Member Whelan stated that she was pleased that the 2023 SPLOST had already exceeded projections. Mayor Dial stated that 2017 had exceeded expectations.

A motion was made to award the 2025 Storm Drainage Improvements project PW-2024-13 to Piedmont Paving, Inc. not to exceed \$337,376.85.

Motion made by Council Member Campbell, Seconded by Council Member Whelan.
Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Wheeler.

6. Consideration to approve the 90% plans for the East Crestwood Resurfacing and Multi-Use Path, project number PW-2024-15, and to proceed with land acquisition. Scott Langford, PE Public Works Director & Town Engineer

Mr. Langford shared that the project consisted of the construction and resurfacing of a multi-use path, along with land acquisition. He shared the areas that required acquisition, which included driveways, construction easements, and rights-of-way. He added that a few fire hydrants needed to be relocated per Fayette County Water. He stated that the project would be funded by the General Fund and 2023 SPLOST funds. Council Member Campbell asked why there were different widths of the path on the drawing. Mr. Langford stated that the changes were a result of the need to go around an object or the changes for curves and such. Council Member Wheeler asked if there would be a golf cart crossing on Senoia Road near the railroad tracks. Mr. Langford stated yes, it would be like the crossing on Tyrone Road. Mr. Perkins explained that the path would be a connection from Brooks Drive to the Tullamore subdivision. Council Member Whelan asked for the average path width. Mr. Trocquet stated that it was 10 ft., but it depends on the population and homes in that area. Mayor Dial stated that the County's average was 12 ft.

A motion was made to approve the 90% plan and begin land acquisition on the East Crestwood Resurfacing and Multi-Use Path project number PW-2024-15.

Motion made by Council Member Campbell, Seconded by Council Member Wheeler.
Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Wheeler.

7. Consideration to Award the Palmetto Road repair between 115 Palmetto Road and the Senoia Road intersection to Piedmont Paving, Incorporated in the amount of \$28,800. Scott Langford, PE PW Director & Town Engineer

Mr. Langford explained that a severe rut had formed along Palmetto Road near Senoia Road. Bids were obtained, and Piedmont Paving, Inc. was the low bidder. The project will be funded through the General Fund.

He added that the project needed to be resolved quickly before it worsened. Council Member Wheeler mentioned that the other two bids were double the cost. Mr. Langford stated that one reason could be that Piedmont was already in the area, completing projects. Council Member Wheeler asked if contractors could raise the cost later. Mr. Langford stated that the only reason a contractor could ask for more would be unforeseen issues in the project. Council Member Campbell and Wheeler asked for a timeframe. Mr. Langford stated that they could get started in a couple of weeks. Once they commence, it should be one day to repair the rut and one day to pave. Council Member Whelan asked about safety cones. Mr. Langford stated that due to the location, cones were not an option.

A motion was made to award the Palmetto Road repair between 115 Palmetto Road and the Senoia Road intersection to Piedmont Paving, Inc. for \$28,800.

Motion made by Council Member Whelan, Seconded by Council Member Hunter.
Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Wheeler.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS: *The second public comment period is for any issue. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. Please state your name & address. Comments that require a response may not be answered during this time. The Council or staff may respond at a later date.*

Mr. Jonathan Bonner, who lives on Millbrook Village Drive, shared that it was nice to see Council out in the community and to continue doing what they were doing. He reminded everyone that he was running for State House 68 and that if elected, his goal was to bring money back into the community to build up the Town and County.

XII. STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Trocquet brought a time-sensitive item to Council. He asked for approval for the upfitting for the new bucket truck from 144th Marketing. The item was under state contract for a budgeted amount of \$5,120.00.

A motion was made to approve the upfitting for the bucket truck under state contract from 144th Marketing for the budgeted amount of \$5,120.00

Motion made by Council Member Campbell, Seconded by Council Member Hunter.
Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Wheeler.

Mr. Trocquet stated that the Fayette County Board of Commissioners had an annexation application that would be heard on February 12, 2026. The residential property was located at the corner of Briarwood and Palmetto Roads.

He explained that the annexation would first be heard by the FCBOC, then Tyrone Planning Commission, followed by the Council. He added that the FCBOC would also be sponsoring the Town's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) solicitation application.

Council Member Wheeler asked about the intersection. Mr. Trocquet explained that the annexed portion of Briarwood Road would become the Town's; however, the intersection would still belong to the County.

Chief Mundy shared that the Georgia Chief's Association reached out to him regarding three in-car cameras from the City of Jackson at no charge. Jackson went with a new vendor, so they had three unused cameras. The cost was estimated from \$13,500 to \$15,000.

A motion was to approve the transfer of three in car cameras from the City of Jackson at no cost to the Town.

Motion made by Council Member Hunter, Seconded by Council Member Wheeler.
Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Wheeler.

Mr. Langford informed Council that the Fayette County Water Department did not come out today to patch a portion of Laurelwood Road. Tomorrow morning, the Public Works staff will place a temporary patch in the needed location. He also thanked his staff for all their assistance during the ice storm.

Mr. Perkins gave a shout out the Mr. Langford for working in the cold all day Saturday with East Group on Jenkins Road. Our staff always goes above and beyond. Thank you to Finance and all staff.

Mr. Langford updated Council regarding patching a portion of Jenkins Road on Saturday. It would be a two-step process.

XIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Dial shared that he spoke with Congressman Jack's office regarding the Tyrone Post Office. The new opening date should be the second week of February.

Council Member Whelan shared that a citizen contacted her regarding the enhancement of additional permanent lighting for the new Shamrock Park pavilion. A discussion ensued. Mr. Trocquet shared that he could add more ambient lighting, perhaps color for the holidays, within the RFP for visual and sound that he was currently working on.

Council Member Hunter wished his son a happy 12th birthday. Council Member Hunter inquired about the process of the new pole barn. Mr. Langford shared that the electrical work was over 60% complete. Council Member Campbell inquired about the post within the ground at Handley Park. Mr. Langford shared that they were sanitary yard hydrants to prevent freezing. They were working on methods to prevent them from being run over by vehicles.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made to approve the Executive Session minutes from December 4, 2025.

Motion made by Council Member Campbell, Seconded by Council Member Hunter.
Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Wheeler.

A motion was made to approve the Executive Session minutes from January 15, 2026.

Motion made by Council Member Campbell, Seconded by Council Member Whelan.
Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Wheeler.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion made by Council Member Campbell.
Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Wheeler.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

By: _____
Eric Dial, Mayor

Attest: _____
Dee Baker, Town Clerk