

# Minutes

**Regular Session: Monday, July 14, 2025**

**Meeting Location: Historical Agricultural Building**

**Attending Officials:**

*Janet Jones, David Kilpatrick, Greg Maddox, John Larkin and Jon Payne*

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

**Invocation:** *David Kilpatrick*

**The Pledge of Allegiance**

**First Order of Business:**

The minutes from the regular meeting held on June 09, 2025 were read. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by David Kilpatrick and seconded by Greg Maddox. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Approval / Amendments:**

John Larkin motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Greg Maddox seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Updates:**

CAD REPORT: David read the CAD report for the month of June.

- 1 - **Stormwater & Sidewalks-** John Larkin shared that he has reached out to Carter & Sloope regarding both the Depot Platform to be located at South Burson/Atlanta HWY and the Stormwater Projects on Jefferson Avenue and North Burson. The Stormwater Project is currently in the design phase and remains on schedule to go out for bids in September.  
As for the Depot Platform, we are awaiting a site development plan before moving forward with the sewer installation. John plans to follow up with Carter & Sloope to confirm if there are any remaining items that need to be addressed prior to the sewer work beginning.
- 2 - **City Design & Venue Improvements** - Jon Payne reported that he has requested the construction plans for the Depot Platform and will present them as soon as they are received.  
Jeff Morrow from Maintenance announced that the cabinets have been built and delivered. However, the original quotes did not include demolition costs. He is currently waiting on an estimate from Creative Concepts, which he believes will only be a few hundred dollars. Additionally, the countertops in the Bogart Community Center appear to be salvageable, though removing the countertops in the Agricultural Building without damage may prove more difficult.
- 3 - **Newly Installed Streetlight Within the City** - Grace, the City Clerk, announced that the lights have been installed throughout the city, and several citizens have shared positive and appreciative feedback.

**Agenda Items:**

- 1 - **2025 Millage Rate** - Beverly, Assistant Clerk, announced that the City is able to accept the rollback rate in both Oconee and Athens-Clarke counties. The proposed millage rate would be set at 1.940 for Oconee County and 2.030 for Athens-Clarke County. A vote on the millage rate will take place during the Regular Meeting on August 11, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

- 2 - **IGA Property Tax Collection Agreement (Athens Clarke County)** - Grace announced that the City Attorney has reviewed the updated IGA for Athens-Clarke County to collect property taxes on the City's behalf. The agreement is identical to the previous version, with the only change being the update to reflect the New Tax Commissioner in ACC.
- 3 - **Resolution for Participation in the Amicus Brief in Chang v. City of Milton** - Janet announced that the City of Milton has requested support from other municipalities in their case with Chang. David Kilpatrick made a motion to approve the resolution in support of the City of Milton, which was seconded by John Larkin. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4 - **Installation of Gutter on the Agricultural Building (Quotes)** - After some discussion, Council agreed to request clarification from each contractor regarding their bids—specifically, what each quote includes and why certain items were reflected in some bids but not others—before proceeding with a vote. Greg Maddox made a motion to table the matter, which was seconded by John Larkin. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5 - **Necessary Repairs to the roofing on the Maintenance Building** - After reviewing the quotes, Council concluded that the bid from MTY Roofing was the most thorough and cost-effective. Greg Maddox made a motion to approve MTY Roofing's bid, which was seconded by Jon Payne. The motion passed unanimously.

**There is a Workshop scheduled for July 21st, 2025 at 6:30PM in the Agricultural Building.**

**The next Regular Session Council Meeting will be at 7:00 pm on August 11, 2025.**

Meeting adjourned at **7:41 pm**