

# Minutes

**Regular Session: Monday, August 11th, 2025 at 7 PM**

**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 7:00pm

**Invocation:** *John Larkin*

**The Pledge of Allegiance**

**First Order of Business:**

The minutes from the regular meeting held on July 14, 2025, and the workshop held on July 21, 2025, were read. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by David Kilpatrick, seconded by John Larkin, and passed unanimously.

**Agenda Approval / Amendments:**

Greg Maddox, in a point of order, inquired about the inclusion of “New Business” and “Unfinished Business,” as well as Public Comment, on the agenda.

**Committee Updates:**

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

- 1 - **Stormwater & Sidewalks-** John Larkin confirmed that by the September meeting, Carter and Sloope would have the bidding for the Bernice and Jefferson Avenue project ready to begin, as well as a cost estimate for conducting the proposal and bidding for the Train Depot platform. He also noted that it was unlikely the platform could be completed before July 2026.
- 2 - **City Design & Venue Improvements - No Updates.**

**Agenda Items:**

- 1 - **2025 Millage Rate** - Janet re-introduced the Millage Rate for both Oconee County and Athens Clarke County.

*The public comment period was opened.*

There was no one to speak in opposition of or in favor of the proposed 2025 Millage rate.

*The public comment period was closed.*

**Motion:** John Larkin made a motion to approve the City’s millage rate at 1.940 for Oconee County and 2.030 for Athens-Clarke County. David Kilpatrick seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
- 2 - **Updated bids for the Installation of Gutters on the Agricultural Building** - After some discussion, Council agreed to again 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.
- 3 - **Pollworker Raise Proposal (Represented by Jenny Jordan, Election Superintendent)** - Jenny Jordan presented her proposal to raise the wage for poll workers and managers. Greg Maddox motioned to approved the increase in wages to \$13 from \$10 for poll workers and \$20 from \$12 for poll managers.

- 4 - **New Sign Located at Atlanta Hwy** - After reviewing the bids, the council discussed postponing a vote on the matter until a revised bid that includes removal and disposal costs is received, and an additional third bid is obtained before proceeding.
- 5 - **Comment: Citizen Request (Chelsey Birt)** - Chelsey presented to the council the idea of operating a self-service, honor-system bread stand at the end of her property and inquired about the possibility of others doing the same on their properties.

**The next Regular Session Council Meeting will be at 7:00 pm on September 8, 2025.**

Meeting adjourned at **7:40 pm**