

Minutes

Regular Session: Monday, November 10, 2025 at 7PM

Meeting Location: Historical Agricultural Building

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Roll Call of Attending Officials:

Janet Jones, Greg Maddox, John Larkin and Jon Payne

Rules of Decorum

First Order of Business:

John Larkin made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2025, and October 20, 2025, meetings. Jon Payne seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Agenda Approval / Amendments:

John Larkin made a motion to approve the agenda, contingent upon amending the date from October 13 to November 10, 2025. Greg Maddox seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Petitions and Communications:

None

Committee Updates:

- 1- **CAD Report** - None.
- 2- **Stormwater & Sidewalks**- John Larkin announced that the Stormwater Project for North Burson and Jefferson Avenue has been released for bidding, with all bids due by December 11. Carter and Sloope are expected to have a recommendation on the bids by the January meeting.
- 3- **City Design & Venue Improvements** - Greg Maddox raised concerns regarding wheelchair accessibility in the Agricultural Buildings. The discussion will continue under the Agenda item of City Hall relocation and renovations.
- 4- **City Announcements** - Janet announced the upcoming community events, including the Christmas Tree Lighting on November 24, 2025, and Breakfast with Santa on December 6, 2025. She also noted that Athens-Clarke County will host a TSPLOST meeting in December, and the City will host the District 5 GMA meeting on November 13, 2025.

Agenda Items:

Unfinished Business:

- 1- **Public Comment Policy Ordinance Amendment (Final Reading)**
Janet announced the final reading of the policy and again read aloud the Public Comment Policy to the audience.
Motion: Greg Maddox made a motion to approve the Public Comment and Agenda Formatting Ordinance. John Larkin seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.
- 2- **Agricultural Building Repair (Gutters)**
Greg Maddox made a motion to table the item, noting that he has received two quotes and is waiting on a third. Jon Payne seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.
- 3- **Carter & Sloope: Scope and Fee Letter on the City Park/Platform Project**
John Larkin stated that the design plans provided did not include an engineer's signature and therefore could not be used by Carter and Sloope to prepare bid-ready documents. He made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for design and preparation to be presented before the council. Greg Maddox seconded the motion. John Larkin voted in favor, while Greg Maddox and Jon Payne voted in opposition. The motion did not pass.
- 4- **Municode Ordinance Adoption (Second Reading)**
Janet Jones introduced for the second time the ordinance which would approve the modified and digitized ordinances for the City of Bogart. The document stating an effective date of December 8, 2025, will be revised to December 13, 2025, to comply with the current ordinance requirement that the effective date be five days after the date of adoption.

5- City Hall Relocation Discussion

Council selected November 17th as the date to hold a workshop to discuss the relocation of City Hall and any potential renovations associated with the move.

New Business:

1- Discussion - Changes to Traffic/ Streetscape Downtown

Greg discussed traffic changes on Osceola Avenue and Elder Street, as well as the numerous stop signs and congested traffic conditions on Main Street.

2- Discussion - Sidewalk on Deerwood Ct.

John Larkin stated that Carter and Sloope estimated the cost of installing sidewalks on Jefferson Avenue to be between \$1.5 and \$1.8 million.

3- Discussion - Digital Recording of Council Meetings

Council discussed the possibility of video recording meetings to make them available online.

4- Discussion - City Actions and enforcement of Rules/ Regulations

City Council discussed the enforcement of its rules and regulations, as well as actions related to ensuring compliance.

5- Charter to General Assembly

Grace announced that a resolution would not be needed until the changes to the charter have been itemized, at which point a resolution can be brought before the council.

6- Vote to Update Personnel Policy

Greg Maddox made a motion for City Hall staff to begin reviewing personnel policies to be presented before the council. Jon Payne seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

The next Regular Session Council Meeting will be at 7:00 pm on December 08, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at **8:01 pm**