



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 07, 2025 at 7:00 PM

THREADMILL COMPLEX

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Invocation - Pastor Dorcas Rodriguez - Austell First United Methodist Church
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Add Items to Agenda

2. CONSENT AGENDA – INFORMATION AND UPDATE

(No action required by Council – See Specific Department Director before a Meeting)

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Bills
- B. Approve Legal Bills
- C. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
 - Motion to approve made by Anderson, Seconded by Lamar
 - Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

4. EXCEPTION TO CONSENT AGENDA

5. CITIZENS REPORT

Derek Caffee stated that the challenge is that we need more hands in the city. He encouraged people to get to know their neighbors and volunteer in the city.

Claudette Parker asked if the tax increase does not pass, can it be amended? Mayor Clemons stated No, it cannot be.

Justin (not sure of last name) stated if the taxes increase, we would be higher than several other cities in Cobb County, and we would have better services if we were in unincorporated Cobb.

Michelle Holt has concerns regarding the leaf and limb pick-up. She stated her neighborhood has its own service and they are paying for a service they are not using. Mayor Clemons stated this was being checked into and those people would get refunded once it is determined.

Carey Reeves has concerns regarding the leaf and limb pick-up. She wants a refund from when it started back in early 2025.

Tah Millen is the president of the Austell Business Association and said there are several initiatives for volunteering within the city.

6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE

Ollie Clemons

A. Gas Board Reappointments

Below are the reappointments recommended for the Austell Gas System:

Grant Rainwater - appointment will expire 7/31/2027

Brittney Rasmuson– appointment will expire 7/31/2027

Ray Thomas – appointment will expire 7/31/2027

It is the recommendation that the Council approve the reappointments of the Austell Gas Board members.

Motion to approve made by Adams, Seconded by Myrick

Voting Yea: Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

Voting Nay: Anderson

7. FINANCE REPORT

Valerie Anderson, Chairperson

Rachel Yarbrough, Director

A. Financial Report

8. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Devon Myrick, Chairperson

Elizabeth Young, Director

A. No Report

9. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sandra Leverette, Chairperson

Shameta Jones-Harrell, Police Chief

A. Stats

10. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Meredith Adams, Chairperson

Brandon Merritt, Fire Chief

A. Monthly Run Report

11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Marlin Lamar, Chairperson

Bo Garrison, Director

A. Sidewalk Reconstruction of Berry Park

It is the recommendation of the Public Works Department to accept and approve the bidding of Prime Built, in the amount of \$81,217.50 for the Sidewalk Reconstruction of Berry Park to remove and replace sidewalk, milling and paving adjacent street, drainage improvement and wall demolition and replacement.

PKS was the lowest bidder; however, PKS's application for Addenda Acknowledgement was incomplete.

Quotes received:

Bidder	Amount
PKS	\$55,369.87
Prime Built	\$81,217.50
Solid Solution Services	\$115,398.00
CGS LLC	\$118,329.21
Concrete Construction Inc	\$126,877.00

The funds will come from the 2022 SPLOST account:
345-4200-54-1400, 345-4200-54-1403 and 345-4200-54-1404

Motion to approve made by Lamar, Seconded by Myrick
Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

12. PARKS DEPARTMENT

Devon Myrick, Chairperson

Darrell Weaver, Director

A. No Report

13. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Melanie Elder, Chairperson

Darrell, Weaver, Director

A. Code Enforcement June 2025 Monthly Report

B. Public Hearing: 2025-03R request by Habitat for Humanity to rezone approximately 1.75 acres located at 6138 Bowden St from R-20 (Single-Family Residential) to RA-6 (Single-Family Residential).

Application 2025-03R: by Habitat for Humanity to rezone approximately 1.75 acres located at 6138 Bowden Street from R-20 (Single-Family Residential) to RA-6 (Single-Family Residential). Staff recommends approval of the request. The full staff report and supporting documents are attached.

Attorney Kimbrough opened the public hearing, and Ms. Terry Miller came forward, and Attorney Kimbrough swore her in. Several questions were asked regarding the creek running through the property & Keyla Calderon with the Public Works Department came forward and stated this is for rezoning only, and it is a preliminary request. Keyla stated that there must be more studies done with state requirements before they can proceed.

Motion to close the public hearing made by Anderson, Seconded by Myrick
Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Elder, Lamar, Adams

Motion to deny made by Elder, Seconded by Anderson
Voting Yea: Myrick, Adams, Lamar
Voting Nay: Anderson, Leverette, Elder

Mayor Clemons stated he trusts the work the departments have done and is in favor of approving the rezoning.

The request was approved.

- C. Consideration for the Austell Business Association and Social Concepts of GA for alcohol sales and consumption on Broad Street from Austell Powder Springs Rd to Mulberry Street/City Hall and on Mulberry Street from Joe Jerkins Blvd to Broad Street on September 6, 2025.

The Austell Business Association and Social Concepts of GA is requesting approval of alcohol sales and consumption, sold by licensed vendors, for an event on Broad Street from Austell Powder Springs Road to Mulberry Street/City Hall and on Mulberry Street from Joe Jerkins Blvd to Broad Street on September 6, 2025 as shown on the attached aerial.

The alcohol may only be purchased and consumed within the area mentioned above and must be in a clear plastic cup. Vendors will be required to ID check and apply wristbands for verification of age.

Motion made by Elder, Seconded by Anderson
Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

14. HUMAN RESOURCES

Melanie Elder, Chairperson
Michelle Page, Director

A. Stats

15. ATTORNEY, DUPREE & KIMBROUGH

A. No Report

16. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. No Report

17. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Myrick, Seconded by Leverette
Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

Mayor

Olle Clemons Jr.

Attest

Elizabeth Young

Date

8.5.2025