



## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 08, 2025 at 7:00 PM**

**THREADMILL COMPLEX**

### **MINUTES**

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#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. Invocation - Pastor John Bailey - Gospel Nation Christian Fellowship 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 Myrick

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

#### **4. EXCEPTION TO CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **5. CITIZENS REPORT**

Beacon of Light Prayer Walk is September 27, 2025.

Ann Turner asked how much the rent is at the 3 buildings at Legion Field.

Bryan Covey - South Cobb High School Band is looking for sponsorships for the Battle of the Bands.

Chastity from the Alchemist Den - Austell Community Baby Shower - Speed bump and speed limit signs need to be put on Broad Street. Also a sign needs to be put out that says "Pick up after Pets"

Kirsten Anderson - It is unfair for council to receive a raise.

Claudette Parker - transparency and newsletter to citizens.

Delores Powell – Creating the “Community and Connections” to advertise events.

Kevin Orin - statement about the homestead exemption.

**6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE**

**Ollie Clemons**

Attorney Kimbrough stated that we are preparing for winter.

**7. FINANCE REPORT**

**Valerie Anderson, Chairperson**

**Rachel Yarborough, Director**

A. Monthly Finance 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

B. Citizen's Police Academy (Information Only)

The Austell Police Department is currently accepting applications for the 2025 Citizen's Police Academy. This 12-week program will offer participants an in-depth look into all divisions of the police department. Classes will be held once a week beginning September 11- November 20 and will cover a plethora of topics to include Patrol, CIU, Community-Oriented Policing, Recruiting, K-9, Special Ops, and more.

The purpose of the Citizen's Police Academy is to showcase the police department's functions to the community to help them better understand the daily challenges faced by law enforcement. The program offers hands-on exposure, and it is designed to be informative, exciting, and fun.

To reserve your spot, please contact Lt. Taylor at 470-653-8507 or via email at [dtaylor@austellga.gov](mailto:dtaylor@austellga.gov).

C. Cobb County Next Generation 911 Transition (Information Only)

A transformational milestone has been accomplished as Cobb County 911 has officially completed their full transition to Next Generation 911 (NG911). This achievement marks a significant leap forward in how they serve and protect our community and firmly places Cobb County at the forefront of emergency communications innovation in Georgia.

**Key highlights of this transition include:**

- **Faster call connectivity**—calls now reach us approximately eight seconds quicker, a critical improvement in life-threatening situations
- **Enhanced wireless location accuracy**, allowing us to pinpoint callers more effectively
- **Real-time video to 911**, giving call-takers immediate visual context during emergencies
- **Live translation and transcription**, helping to overcome language barriers and ensure clarity
- **A responder video wall in our Real Time Crime Center (RTCC)**, offering first responders a real-time view of unfolding events for faster, smarter response.

**10. FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Meredith Adams, Chairperson**

**Brandon Merritt, Fire Chief**

- A. July 2025 Fire Department Run Report

**11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**Marlin Lamar, Chairperson**

**Bo Garrison, Director**

- A. Monthly Report

**12. PARKS DEPARTMENT**

**Devon Myrick, Chairperson**

**Zach Evans, Director**

- A. Beavers Park

The Parks Department has completed the demolition at Beavers Park. The park is being backfilled currently, and it will soon be seeded, and trees will be planted.

- B. Legion Park Basketball Court

Parks Staff are in the final stages of planning for the Legion Park basketball court project. Zach Evans had a preconstruction meeting with CBA Sports and representatives from CDBG (Community Development Block Grant). The construction will begin in approximately 6 to 8 weeks. Attached is a conceptual design of the basketball court.

**13. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

**Melanie Elder, Chairperson**

**Darrell, Weaver, Director**

- A. Code Enforcement August 2025 Monthly Report

- B. Public Hearing: 2025-02R request by Sustainable Communities, LLC to rezone approximately 19.61 acres located at the end of Franklin Street previously known as Stonebrook Phase 3 from PUD w/stipulations to PUD w/stipulations (assigning new stipulations).

**Application 2025-02R:**by Sustainable Communities, LLC to rezone approximately 19.61 acres located at the end of Franklin Street previously known as Stonebrook Phase 3A from PUD



w/stipulations to PUD w/stipulations (assigning new stipulations). Staff recommends approval of the request with stipulations:

1. The rezoning be approved per the plan presented dated 08/06/2025;
2. Ensure easement access around the detention pond(s) to be 20 feet to allow for maintenance and inspection.

The full staff report and supporting documents are attached.

Attorney Kimbrough opened the public hearing & swore in the applicant and speaker. Sukunda Rogers spoke in favor of the rezoning.

Elder made a motion to close the public hearing. Seconded by Anderson. Motion passed. 6-0

Motion to approve the rezoning of 19.61 acres on Franklin Street made by Elder, Seconded by Anderson

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

#### **14. HUMAN RESOURCES**

**Melanie Elder, Chairperson**

**Michelle Page, Director**

A. August Workforce Stats

#### **15. ATTORNEY, DUPREE & KIMBROUGH**

#### **16. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Clemons stated that they needed to go into executive session for a real estate matter.

Motion to go into executive session made by Myrick. Seconded by Anderson. Motion passed 6-0

No motions were made and no votes taken.

Motion to close the public hearing made by Myrick, Seconded by Adams

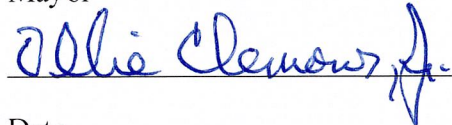
Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

#### **17. ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn made by Myrick, Seconded by Elder.

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

Mayor



Date

10-27-2025

Attest

