



## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 04, 2025 at 7:00 PM

THREADMILL COMPLEX

### MINUTES

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**Present: Mayor, Council, Directors, and City Attorney**

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

- A. Invocation - Pastor Malcolm Lewis - Beacon of Light Church
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Add Items to Agenda  
16 B - CMA Meeting

Motion to approve made by Myrick, Seconded by Anderson.

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

#### **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 Myrick, Seconded by Leverette

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

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

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

Jonathan Foster - Requested and received audio from the budget workshop in May 2025. Asked Mr. Myrick for an apology to Ms. Parker. Mr. Myrick stated there would be no apology because he did not say what Ms. Parker stated he said.

Kirsten Anderson - Against the mayor/council raises.

Sondra Davenport - Asked if things could be presented differently to the citizens to be more transparent.

Wayne Galloway gave his 2 minutes to Kirsten Anderson.

Claudette Parker - Will 65 & older be exempt from the 2% fire tax? Attorney Kimbrough stated he is researching to find out. Is the Norfolk Southern money going to be safeguarded? When are we going to be transparent?

David Traylor - Does not agree with donating the city truck (item 9B) to another state. He feels it could be donated to a needy citizen in Austell.

Ann Turner - Against the raises for mayor/council.

Kevin Norman - Against raises for mayor/council.

Rasaq Adeimi - Against raises for mayor/council.

Mgozi Mbeledogu - Concerned about the city parks and wanting more Public Safety patrolling the areas. Better funding for the school system to help children in need. Ms. Elder stated that she would get her in touch with the school board to help with that.

#### **6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE**

**Ollie Clemons**

Attorney Kimbrough stated we are slightly ahead from last year.

#### **7. FINANCE REPORT**

**Valerie Anderson, Chairperson**

**Rachel Yarbrough, Director**

A. Monthly 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

B. Ford F-150 Donation

Chief Harrell is requesting approval to donate the following vehicle:

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VIN#	MILEAGE
2008	Ford	F-150	1FTRF12298KE14761	153,147



The Austell Police Department received a request for surplus vehicles to be donated. On May 15, 2025, the city shop inspected a 2008 white Ford F-150. The inspection revealed that the truck has a transmission pan leak, an oil leak, and requires some preventative maintenance repairs. However, it is otherwise in acceptable condition as long as it is not driven outside the Austell city limits. Given the vehicle's high mileage, restricted usage, and the cost of repairs, it is recommended that the police department donate the truck to Mayor-elect General Vann of the Town of Tchula, Mississippi. The Ford F-150 was originally donated to the police department by the Austell Gas Company.

Motion to approve made by Leverette, Seconded by Myrick

Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Elder

Voting Nay: Adams, Lamar

#### C. National Night Out

The Austell Police Department is hosting its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Night Out on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, from 6 pm-9 pm at Legion Field. This is a free event for families.

There will be lots of free interactive games, free food, free kids' haircuts, resources, entertainment, free child ID safety kits, and our very own Councilman Myrick has volunteered to get in the dunk tank. We would like to invite everyone to join us for this wonderful community event and a great opportunity to engage positively with our law enforcement personnel.

Michele Newell of WSB-TV will serve as our Mistress of Ceremonies. Putnam's Body Shop, Blue Frog Foods, and One Source Auto have all joined us as sponsors of the event. We have more than 70 confirmed vendors for this, and they are very excited to take part.

#### 10. FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Meredith Adams, Chairperson**

**Brandon Merritt, Fire Chief**

A. August Monthly Run Report

#### 11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**Marlin Lamar, Chairperson**

**Bo Garrison, Director**

A. No Report

#### 12. PARKS DEPARTMENT

**Devon Myrick, Chairperson**

**Darrell Weaver, Director**

A. No Report

#### 13. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

**Melanie Elder, Chairperson**

**Darrell, Weaver, Director**

A. Code Enforcement July 2025 Monthly Report

- B. Public Hearing: 2025-03SLUP Special Land Use Permit request by Armando Lopez Olvera to allow for used auto sales located 2872 Veterans Memorial Hwy.

**Application 2025-03SLUP:** request by Armando Lopez Olvera to allow for used auto sales located at 2872 Veterans Memorial Highway. Staff recommends approval of the request. The full staff report and supporting documents are attached.

Attorney Kimbrough opened the public hearing and swore in Ms. Rodriquez. Ms. Rodriquez spoke and no one signed up to speak in opposition.

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

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

Mayor Clemons voted Yea, the 2025-03SLUP 2872 Veterans Memorial Hwy., was approved.

- C. Public Hearing: 2025-04R rezone request by SDP Acquisitions, LLC to rezone approximately 56 acres located on Bagley Road from Light Industrial (LI), General Commercial (GC) and Single-Family Residential (R-20) to Light Industrial (LI). Parcel IDs (Parcel IDs#18002000270, #18002000280, #18002100010, #18002100020, #18002200150, #18002200220, #19131200030, #19131200040, #19131200050 and #19131300050). **THE APPLICANT HAS REQUESTED TO TABLE THIS ITEM.**

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

- D. Planning & Zoning Board Appointments

It is the recommendation of the Community Affairs Department to reappoint Shawndra Williams, Gwen Somerhalder, and Aquantus Brown for a two-year term each expiring July 31, 2027.

It is the recommendation of the Community Affairs Department to appoint Nicholas Townes at the request of Councilman Devon Myrick for a two-year term expiring July 31, 2027.

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

- E. Variance Board Appointments

It is the recommendation of the Community Affairs Department to reappoint the following board members:

- Natasha Dyer and Marla Miller for a one-year term each expiring July 31, 2026.
- Quila Lee and James Jones for a two-year term each expiring July 31, 2027.



It is the recommendation of the Community Affairs Department to appoint Rick Greenhow for a two-year term expiring July 31, 2027.

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

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

**Melanie Elder, Chairperson**  
**Michelle Page, Director**

A. July Workforce Stats

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

A. Executive Session for an employment issue. Mr. Myrick made a motion to go into executive session. Seconded by Mrs. Adams. Motion passed. 6-0

Mayor Clemons stated there were no motions made and no votes taken.

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

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

A. Salary Increase for Mayor and Council

Mr. Myrick stated that at this time, he would like to table this item.

Motion to table this item made by Myrick, Seconded by Leverette  
Voting Yea: Anderson, Leverette, Myrick, Adams, Elder, Lamar

B. CMA Meeting

August 12, 2025 at 6:30 pm  
Powder Springs Bistro  
4456 Marietta Street  
Powder Springs, GA 30127

#### **17. ADJOURN**

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

Mayor

Dellie Clemons, Jr.

Attest

Elizabeth Young

Date

9.15.2025