

Town of Century Council Meeting Minutes August 25, 2026, at 6:15 PM

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Call Meeting to Order

1. Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Benjamin Boutwell

President Dynette Lewis

Henry Cunningham

Shelisa Abraham

John Bass

Sparkie Harrison

2. Open Meeting with Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Lewis called the meeting to order and lead the meeting in prayer.

Review of Bills List

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Questions about Gas and Garbage being overbudget. Also questions on republic invoices for drying beds, invoices on Waste Pro, Republic, and BP.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Cunningham, Seconded by Bass.

Voting Yea: President Lewis, Cunningham, Abraham, Bass, Harrison

B. Approval of Bills List

Motion made by Bass, Seconded by Cunningham.

Voting Yea: President Lewis, Cunningham, Abraham, Bass, Harrison

Public Forum #1

Little Hands and Feet CDC came and spoke of interest in the open building for a possible daycare. It was stated that there would be an opportunity for them to apply.

Francesca Yabraian spoke on different measures that could be done within the Town of Century if she was elected.

Tiffany Brown spoke about wishing to get a hardship variance to place a mobile home on property that is less than 2 acres and already had a home on it. Councilmember Bass stated that the Town was working on modifying the code and it could possibly help her situation.

4. Action Items

A. Proclamation for Luis Gomez, Jr

Mayor Ben Boutwell read the proclamation.

Council President Lewis stated that she was very grateful for his hard work and dedication.

Councilmember Bass stated that through it all Mayor Gomez always wanted to hear about the progress for the town. The commitment that Mayor Gomez had was unwavering through his illness.

Councilmember Cunningham stated if it was not for Mayor Gomez he would not be on the council without his encouragement.

B. Proclamation for Florida City Government Week

Councilmember Abraham read the proclamation for the Florida City Government Week.

5. Mayor's Report

Walter Arrington with North West Florida Community Health. He stated that they provide healthcare for all individuals even if they cannot pay. He is hoping to get FSU residency program for women's care, therapist available, a case manager and substance abuse. There is also the hope getting VET care, youth program, pharmacy and mobile care. The money has to be spent in Century.

Shelter update, authorization for grant funds has been done. They have approval for construction.

6. Council Comments

Councilmember Bass asked if there was an update on the Freedom Road Bridge project, it was stated not at this time. Also a question about the pump at the prison well and when it would be started/completed.

No other comments.

7. Staff Comments/ Report

Town Clerk stated that the Audit is moving along great. Also that the new software will be up and running on October 1, 2026.

8. Public Forum #2

Francesca Yabraian stated that the Town should have put the health authority on the agenda. It was stated that no one knew that they were coming.

9. Adjourn

Motion made by Bass, Seconded by President Lewis.

Voting Yea: President Lewis, Cunningham, Abraham, Bass, Harrison

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Town of Century

Attest:

Benjamin Boutwell, Mayor

Carrie Moore, Town Clerk

