City Council Meeting
City Hall – Council Chambers
August 20, 2026
6:00 PM – Work Session / 7:00 PM – Council Meeting

WORK SESSION

Mayor Matthew Santini opened the Work Session at 6:00 PM. Council Members discussed each item on the agenda with the corresponding staff members.

Council Member Hodge made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of Potential Litigation. Council Member Cooley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 4-0 with Mayor Santini voting

Mayor Santini closed the Work Session at 6:45 PM

OPENING MEETING

Mayor Santini called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Invocation by Council Member Cooley.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Hodge.

The City Council met in a Regular Session with Matthew J. Santini, Mayor, presiding, and the following present: Kari Hodge, Council Member Ward One; Calvin Cooley, Council Member Ward Four; Gary Fox, Council Member Ward Five (via phone); Alyssa Cordell, Council Member Ward Six; Dan Porta, City Manager; Julia Drake, City Clerk; and Keith Lovell, City Attorney.

Absent: Jayce Stepp, Council Member Ward Two; Cary Roth, Council Member Ward Three

Mayor Santini will be voting on all items at tonight's meeting.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1. **August 6, 2026**

Council Member Cordell made a motion to approve the minutes of August 6, 2026, City Council Meeting. Council Member Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

PUBLIC HEARING – 1ST READING OF ZONING/ANNEXATION REQUESTS

2. **Z26-05: 218 Industrial Park Rd.**

Randy Mannino, Planning and Development Director, stated the applicant requested a change in zoning from H-I (Heavy Industrial) to "T" (Technology) with concurrent variances for the construction of an IT Data Center.

Staff does not oppose the rezoning with the following conditions:

1. The zoning approval is conditioned to the submitted concept site plan, elevations, project descriptions and to include a closed loop water cooling system.

The Concurrent Variance requests are as follows:

1. Reduce the required off-street parking spaces from 1,313 to 286 per the concept site plan. (Sec. 17.6.18).

2. Allow the front building facade to be oriented away from the Industrial Park Road right-of-way for the data center building closest to Industrial Park Road. (Sec. 10.4.3 (J)).

Planning Commission recommended approval 5-0

Keith Lovell, City Attorney, stated that in addition to the staff recommended condition, two (2) other conditions were as follows:

1. The subject property's principal use shall be limited to data processing, storage, hosting and related services and accessory uses shall include principal uses listed as permitted uses in the Technology district ordinance which are associated with data processing, storage, hosting and related services as well as security and customary accessory uses.

2. No certificate of occupancy shall be issued for a data center until a letter providing that electric power is available for the data center. Each building may be treated separately for this purpose. Each individual building may also be subdivided for the provision of electric power.

Mayor Santini opened the public hearing for the zoning portion of the application.

Dan Porta, City Manager, stated that MEAG had been brought in to conduct a study to determine how to get the power to the site.

Mr. Lovell reviewed the parameters for the speakers in the public hearing.

Brandon Bowen, 15 S. Public Square, came forward to represent the application.

Justin Puccio, New York, Executive Vice President of Databank Holdings, Ltd., came forward to give an overview of Databank Holdings and reviewed statistics of the company.

Those that came forward to speak in opposition of the application were Jason Barton (16 Terry Lane), Brian Yogodzinki (8 Running Ter.), Meghan Humphries (126 Douglas St.), Tori Pratt and Michael Roberts (521 Alma St.).

Mr. Bowen returned to the podium to address those that spoke in opposition.

Council Member Hodge inquired about the difference between AI Data Centers and Non-AI Data Centers to which Mr. Bowen provided a brief description of each.

Craig McGahee, Dallas, TX., came forward to give a broader explanation of AI Data Centers versus Non-AI Data Centers.

With no one else to speak for or against the zoning portion of Z26-05, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Santini opened the public hearing for the concurrent variances pertaining to Z26-05.

Mr. Lovell reviewed the two (2) concurrent variances.

Mr. Bowen returned to the podium to represent the variances.

Greg Cordell, 917 N. Tennessee St., came forward to express his concern that his wife, Council Member Cordell, had not been given the opportunity to express her opinion pertaining to this application.

Mr. Lovell reminded the audience that this was a public hearing regarding the concurrent variances.

Mayor Santini said that all conversations held are in a public forum for the purposes of transparency and that each Council Member has a microphone and is free to express their opinions on any case brought before them.

With no one else to come forward to speak for or against the concurrent variances of Z26-05, the public hearing was closed.

This was the first reading and would be voted on following the second reading at the September 3, 2026, City Council Meeting.

Council Member Fox lost connection via phone.

GRANT APPLICATION/ACCEPTANCE

3. FY 2027 LMIG Road Resurfacing Grant

Wade Wilson, Public Works Director, stated Public Works is seeking permission for the Mayor to sign the GDOT FY 2027 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant Cover (LMIG) Letter and any grant application-related documents. It is proposed to resurface approximately 7.4 miles of city streets as part of the normal FY 2027 LMIG paving and an additional 2.4 miles of city streets through the most recent FY 2026 LRA or supplemental LMIG grant bringing the total paving mileage to 9.8 miles. Public Works proposed the FY 2027 LMIG paving project list to include Stonewall St., Tabernacle St., Wellington Dr., Stratford Ln., Wingfoot Tr., Larkwood Cir., Canterbury Ct., Brown Farm Rd., Walnut Dr., St. Francis Pl., Laurel Tr., Main St.-West, West Ave., Settlers Cove, River Shoals Dr., Longview Pt., Herring St., Charles St., Creekstone Ct., Pioneer Tr., Lee St., and Etowah Dr. The most recent LRA paving project list includes Courrant St., Central Ave., Luckie St., Stonehenge Ct., Terrell Dr., Cherry St., Woodcrest Dr., and Ridge Row Dr. This year, the FY 2027 LMIG grant amount is $394,971.96 and the LRA grant amount is $401,870.31.

The estimated total cost for the LRA and LMIG projects is $2,700,000.00. Approximately $1,000,000 will come from the 2020 SPLOST, $1,438,350 from the 2026 SPLOST and $275,350 from the General Fund to cover the remaining amount for these paving projects. This grant requires a 30% local match, and this is a budgeted item. We recommend approval of this grant application.

Council Member Cordell made a motion to approve the FY 2027 LMIG Road Resurfacing Grant. Council Member Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 4-0

Council Member Hodge made a motion to add two (2) items to the agenda. Council Member Cooley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 4-0

BID AWARD/PURCHASES

4. Network Video Server Replacement

Steven Grier, FiberCom Director, stated that the FiberCom Department requested approval for the purchase of seven network servers for our Wisenet video camera system to replace our current servers. This system is used to store video security footage from all city facilities. The total amount is $241,345.00 from Telenet Systems. This is a budgeted 2026 SPLOST item, and the purchase was recommended for your approval.

Council Member Cooley made a motion to approve the Network Video Server Replacement. Council Member Cordell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 4-0

Council Member Fox rejoined the meeting via phone.

5. Utility Associates, Inc

Kevin Cloninger, Police Chief, stated approval was requested to pay Utility Associates Inc. (In car/body cameras) $95,315.00 for the annual support, maintenance, and cloud storage of electronic/ video evidence. This is a budgeted item. The E-save and E-Verify documents are on file.

Council Member Cooley made a motion to approve the Utility Associates, Inc. Council Member Cordell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

6. Police K-9 Unit Purchase

Chief Cloninger stated approval was requested to purchase a K-9 Police Dog from Hurricane Creek K-9 to be utilized by our department as a part of our new crime suppression unit. This single purpose K-9 will be used only for narcotics detection and tracking/search and rescue. In addition to the K-9, I am seeking approval to purchase the equipment to upfit one of our existing patrol vehicles with a kennel insert equipped with a heat alarm sensor for the animal's safety.

Hurricane Creek K-9 has agreed to train and certify one of our officers free of charge with the purchase of one of a single purpose K-9. At the completion of this four-week K-9 handler's school, our officer will be National Narcotic Detection Dog Association Certified (NNDDA). The cost to register this NNDDA certification is $50.00.

The costs associated with this purchase are as follows:

Single purpose K-9 is $12,500.00

Upfitting equipment for the K-9 Kennel / heat sensor is approximately $7,000 - $9,000.

The cost of the NNDDA Certification is $50.00

Total Cost of K-9, Kennel (installed) and training with NNDDA certification should not exceed $22,000.00.

This is not a budgeted item but if approved, this purchase will be paid for with Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds.

Council Member Cordell made a motion to approve the Police K-9 Unit Purchase. Council Member Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

Mayor Santini stated that he would be moving items originally 23-25 up for the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

7. Cartersville Business Improvement District Millage Rate Set at 0.663 for 2026

Diana DeSanto, Finance Director, stated the Cartersville Business Improvement District (BID) is made up of the Downtown Cartersville Business District. These business owners have been self-assessing property tax for many years to raise funds for use in the downtown area. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) works with the local businesses to use the funds to improve the downtown area. The DDA Board requests the City Council approval of their recommended BID's property tax millage of 0.663 mills for 2026. This is the rollback rate, which results in no tax increases. Approval was recommended for the Cartersville Business Improvement District property tax millage of 0.663 mills for 2026.

Mayor Santini opened the public hearing and with no one to come forward to speak for or against, the public hearing was closed.

Council Member Hodge made a motion to approve the Cartersville Business Improvement District Millage Rate Set at 0.663 for 2026. Council Member Cordell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

8. City of Cartersville M&O Millage Rate Set at 2.162 for 2026

Mrs. DeSanto stated the property taxes received from the Cartersville M&O property tax collections are used for the general city government operations, which include police, fire, recreation, public works, etc. The proposed 2026 millage rate is set at 2.162 mill, which is a reduction of 0.5 mills from the 2025 millage rate. This proposed tax decrease for a home with a fair market value of $400,000 is approximately $80 in savings for a City of Cartersville homeowner. Approval was recommended of the Cartersville M&O property tax millage rate of 2.162 mills for 2026.

Mayor Santini opened the public hearing and with no one to come forward to speak for or against, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Santini made a motion to approve the City of Cartersville M&O Millage Rate Set at 2.162 for 2026. Council Member Cordell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

9. Cartersville School System Millage Rate Set at 14.500 Mills for 2026

Mrs. DeSanto stated the Cartersville City School System has recommended to their board to adopt the millage rate of 14.500 mills for 2026. The rollback rate is 14.024 mills. As a result, the rate of 14.50 mills is a property tax increase of 3.39% over the rollback rate. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of $400,000 is approximately $76.16 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of $500,000 is approximately $95.20. Furthermore, the

school system is required to hold three public hearings for the citizens to voice their opinions regarding the proposed property tax increase. The first public hearing was held on Thursday, August 6th, 2026, at 12:00 PM. The second public hearing was held on August 6th, at 6:30 PM, and the third public hearing was held on August 10th, 2026, at 5:30 PM. The City of Cartersville Board of Education approved the 14.50 millage rate at their regular meeting on Monday, August 10th at 6:00 PM. The City Council approves the School Board's recommended tax millage rate for city residents where all the property taxes collected are used by the Cartersville City School System. It was recommended to approve the Cartersville City School System property tax millage rate of 14.500 mills for 2026.

Mayor Santini opened the public hearing and with no one to come forward to speak for or against, the public hearing was closed.

Council Member Hodge made a motion to approve the Cartersville School System Millage Rate Set at 14.500 Mills for 2026. Council Member Cooley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

BID AWARD/PURCHASES

10. 2027 F-600 Chassis 4x4

Tim Storey, Electric Department Director, stated he was requesting approval to purchase a 2027 F-600 Chassis 4x4. The vehicle will replace the departments 2004 F-750 Dump Bed Truck and the 2015 F-550 Dump Bed/Brush truck.

Staff recommended authorization to purchase the vehicle from Hardy Family Ford through Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000155-0005, in the amount of $71,230.00. This purchase is a budgeted expense.

Council Member Cooley made a motion to approve the 2027 F-600 Chassis 4x4. Council Member Cordell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

11. 12' Custom Flatbed Dump with Fold Down & Removeable Sides

Mr. Storey stated this request was for approval to purchase a custom 12-foot dump bed with fold-down and removable sides for an F-600 truck. Staff recommends authorization to purchase the dump bed from Womack Truck Body, Inc., the sole bidder, in the amount of $27,075.00. This is a budgeted expense.

Council Member Cooley made a motion to approve the 12' Custom Flatbed Dump with Fold Down & Removable Sides. Council Member Cordell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

12. Natural Gas Main Relocation – US 411 RaceTrac Project

Michael Dickson, Gas Department Director, stated the construction of a proposed RaceTrac Gas Station & Convenience Store, Project #1760 on U.S. 411/S.R. 20 in Kingston conflicts with the Gas System's existing 12" HP steel natural gas main requiring the development of the above referenced project. The Gas System, therefore, received and opened sealed bids for the above referenced project on August 10, 2026, following a four-week advertisement in the City's official organ and postings on the Georgia Procurement Registry as well as the City's website. Bid proposals were received from six (6)

contractors experienced in the construction of natural gas facilities. Of the six (6) bids received, Southern Pipeline, LLC of Madison, Georgia submitted the low bid in the amount of $215,091.40.

By a detailed estimate prepared by the Gas System dated March 2, 2026, the construction labor cost of this project was estimated to be approximately $232,625.00. The low bid proposal received is significantly less than the estimated construction cost for this project. We have no work experience with Southern Pipeline, LLC, however, we have gathered and reviewed documentation and references for this company and Southern Pipeline, LLC is fully capable of satisfactorily completing this project. The Gas System, therefore, recommended the City Council award this contract for the construction of this project to Southern Pipeline, LLC of Madison, Georgia in the total amount of $215,091.40. This contract is for construction labor only and the materials for this project will be provided by the City whereas the purchase of all material has been previously approved by City Council. All costs associated with this project are reimbursable by a Relocation Agreement between the City of Cartersville and RaceTrac, Inc. previously approved by Council. All affidavits required by O.C.G.A. §50-36-1 et. Seq. and O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 et. Seq. and DOL Rule 300-10-1-.02 have been duly executed and were provided with the proposal received. The Contract Documents have been reviewed and certified by the City Attorney.

Council Member Hodge made a motion to approve the Natural Gas Main Relocation – US411 RaceTrac Project. Council Member Cordell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

13. Water Meter Purchase

Sidney Forsyth, Water Department Director, stated the Water Department is requesting approval to purchase a half pallet of Sensus Ally meters and a half pallet of AMI SmartPoints from Kendall Supply, the City's sole-source meter provider, for a total of $71,088.00.

The Ally meters will be installed at strategic locations throughout the system in place of standard iPERL meters. The Ally meters are equipped with pressure sensors that transmit system pressure data through the AMI network and can alert the City to pressure transients or consistently high or low system pressures that may indicate a problem within the distribution system. This is a budgeted purchase, and we recommend approval.

Council Member Hodge made a motion to approve the Water Meter Purchase. Council Member Cooley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

14. Disk Plow Purchase

Mr. Forsyth stated the Water Department is requesting approval to replace the disk plow currently used to manage and maintain the biosolids recovery farm. The existing plow is of undetermined age and needs to be replaced due to the cost of necessary repairs.

Of the quotes received, the Rome Plow model TAW-20S-30A was the only option that met the required manufacturing and durability specifications for the rugged terrain where it will be used. We recommend awarding the best bid meeting specifications to Rome Plow in the amount of $43,610.00. This is a budgeted expense and was recommended for approval.

Council Member Cordell made a motion to approve the Disk Plow Purchase. Council Member Cooley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

15. Christmas Tree Purchase

Freddy Morgan, Assistant City Manager, stated approval was requested to purchase a replacement Christmas tree from Display Sales in the amount of $22,965.00. The new tree will replace the existing Christmas tree which has reached the end of its usable life.

Council Member Hodge made a motion to approve the Christmas Tree Purchase. Council Member Cooley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

16. Equipment Controls Invoice – SaaS and Sensus Analytics

Mr. Morgan stated approval was requested to pay the Sensus RNI and Analytics annual fees in the amount of $131,326.85. The RNI and Analytics platforms are utilized by each utility and Customer Service to support billing, customer assistance, and maintenance of the AMI system.

Council Member Cordell made a motion to approve the Equipment Controls Invoice. Council Member Cooley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

Council Member Hodge made a motion to add one (1) additional item to the agenda for a total of three (3) added items. Council Member Cooley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

17. Purchase Three (3) 2026 Chevrolet 1500's

Hagen Champion, Fire Chief, stated approval was requested to purchase three (3) 2026 Chevrolet 1500 trucks in the total amount of $198,657.49. This pricing includes the purchase of the three trucks as well as the necessary upfitting modifications for each vehicle. The purchase is being made through Hardy Chevrolet in Dallas, Georgia, utilizing the applicable State Contract bidding process. This is a budgeted item.

Council Member Cooley made a motion to approve the purchase of three (3) 2026 Chevrolet 1500's. Council Member Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

ADDED ITEM

18. Public Safety Headquarters HVAC Repairs Needed

Chief Champion stated approval was recommended for repairs to the HVAC control system at the Public Safety Headquarters. The drivers that manage the system have become inactive, causing the system to lose its automation. CMS Controls evaluated the system and provided a quote of $29,623.00 to upgrade the necessary components and restore full functionality. This is not a budgeted item.

Council Member Cordell made a motion to approve the Public Safety Headquarters HVAC Repair. Council Member Cooley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

BID AWARD/PURCHASES

19. Toyota 7,000 Pound Base Capacity Electric Forklift

Mr. Porta stated the city's warehouse on Old Mill Road needs a forklift to load and unload equipment and materials for city departments and funding for this item is available within the 2026 SPLOST funds. Approval was recommended to purchase a Toyota Electric Forklift and the five-year extended warranty for a total of $58,426.

Council Member Hodge made a motion to approve the Toyota 7,000 Pound Base Capacity Electric Forklift. Council Member Cooley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

20. Senior Aquatics Center Replaster

David Archer, Jr., Parks and Recreation Director, stated approval was requested of the quote from ACE Aquatics Consulting & Equipment, Inc. to replace the plaster at the Senior Aquatics Center. The project will include repairs to delaminated and worn plaster, as well as the replacement of missing tiles.

Three bids were received for the project. ACE Aquatics Consulting & Equipment Inc. submitted the lowest and best proposal in the amount of $31,550.

Council Member Cordell made a motion to approve the Senior Aquatics Center Replaster. Council Member Cooley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

21. New Program Provider Contracts

Mr. Archer stated this item includes the contracts for new Program Providers relating to new programs to be offered by Program Providers through the Parks and Recreation Department. Below are the Providers with their recommended Program offerings:

North Georgia Youth Officials Association – The NGYOA for the providing of officials for youth tackle football. This need has come about due to the increasing challenge of finding referees through in-house efforts.

Jessica Parada-Traina Zumba – On an Independent Contractor basis, Jessica Parada-Traina will provide Zumba Classes on selected dates at the new recreation center. Participants will register with the City of Cartersville, and the City will receive 30% of the revenue.

Ashley Brittian Line Dancing – On an Independent Contractor basis, Ashley Brittian will provide Line Dancing Classes one day per week at 5:30pm at the new recreation center. Participants will register through the City of Cartersville, and the City will receive 30% of the revenue.

Council Member Cooley made a motion to approve the New Program Provider Contracts. Council Member Cordell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

22. Douthit Ferry Road Widening Project (PI 0007494) – THC Proposal for Right-Of-Way Valuation Services

Mr. Wilson stated on June 19, 2026, GDOT issued environmental certification for the proposed right-of-way acquisition for the Douthit Ferry Road Widening Project (PI No. 0007494). On July 1, 2026, the City entered into an agreement with THC, Inc. to provide right-of-way acquisition services. The agreement identified valuation services and associated fees as additional services that were not

included in the original contract. As THC began the acquisition process and reviewed the current project scope and preliminary title work, the required valuation services were identified. THC's August 14, 2026, proposal includes appraisals and specialty valuation services for the parcels listed in the proposal, including newly designated Parcel 13A.

The minimum proposed budget for these services is $287,900.00. Any elective or additional services beyond the proposed scope would require prior City approval and could increase the total project cost. THC was previously selected as the most qualified firm to provide right-of-way acquisition services through the City's qualifications-based selection process. Funding for the valuation services is available through the 2020 SPLOST. Approval of THC's August 14, 2026, fee proposal in the amount of $287,900.00 and authorization to issue a notice to proceed for right-of-way valuation services for the Douthit Ferry Road Widening Project (PI No. 0007494) are recommended.

Council Member Hodge made a motion to approve the Douthit Ferry Road Widening Project (PI 0007494) - THC Proposal for Right-of-Way Valuation Services. Council Member Cooley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

23. City Hall Project – AIA Change Order No. 1

Mr. Morgan stated approval was recommended for a change order #001 for the City Hall project. This change order provides Hogan Construction with an additional thirty-five (35) days to the contract schedule due to architectural and civil delays.

Council Member Hodge made a motion to approve the City Hall Project – AIA Change Order No. 1. Council Member Cordell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

24. Cartersville City Hall Site Plan Revisions

Mr. Morgan stated this additional service proposal includes the required coordination/reconciliation between permitted construction documents and requested site plan revisions. The scope of this proposal includes preparing design modifications and revising construction documents utilizing architectural, civil and electrical engineering, and landscape design services. Approval was recommended.

Council Member Hodge made a motion to approve the Cartersville City Hall Site Plan Revisions pending approval by the City Manager and City Attorney. Council Member Cooley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

RESOLUTIONS

25. GTIB Airport Hangar Grant/Loan Application

Mr. Morgan stated the City is seeking funding assistance through the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) for the Southwest Apron Corporate Hangar project at the Cartersville-Bartow Airport. The project includes site improvements and construction of a 100' x 100' corporate hangar.

The estimated project cost is $2,010,600. The City of Cartersville would contribute a local match of $502,650 and request a loan of $1,005,300 and a grant of $502,650 in GTIB funding.

Council Member Cordell made a motion to approve the GTIB Airport Hangar Grant/Loan Application. Council Member Cooley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

Reference Resolution 35-26

ADDED ITEM

26. CPD Firing Range Change Order

Mr. Morgan stated that approval was recommended for the Change Order for the CPD Firing Range pending approval by the City Manager and City Attorney.

Council Member Hodge made a motion to approve the CPD Firing Range Change Order pending City Manager and City Attorney review and approval. Council Member Cordell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

RESOLUTION

27. Resolution Supporting Updated Bartow County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Chief Champion stated the City of Cartersville has participated in the updating of the Bartow County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). This plan is part of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. It is a comprehensive approach to hazard mitigation planning. This plan is in accordance with Bartow Emergency Management, Georgia Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agencies. This is a key document to receive any funds for hazard mitigation projects. This adoption allows us to remain eligible for Stafford Act assistance. In addition, this is part of the very foundation for emergency management planning, exercises, training, preparedness and mitigation within Cartersville and the rest of Bartow County. The final draft version of the plan was adopted by Bartow County on June 3, 2026. Approval was recommended to adopt a resolution to support this updated version of the Bartow County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Council Member Hodge made a motion to approve the Resolution Supporting Updated Bartow County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Council Member Cordell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

Reference Resolution 36-26

ADDED ITEM

28. Settlement Agreement

Mr. Lovell stated that mediation had been completed with a prior employee, and the settlement agreement was recommended for approval pending review by the City Manager and City Attorney.

Council Member Cooley made a motion to approve the Settlement Agreement pending review and approval by the City Manager and City Attorney. Council Member Cordell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5-0

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

29. June 2026 Financial Report

Mrs. DeSanto presented the financial report for June 2026 and compared the numbers to June 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, Council Member Cordell made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35PM.

/s/ _____
Matthew J. Santini
Mayor

ATTEST:
/s/ _____
Julia Drake
City Clerk

