

City of Andersonville

City Council Minutes

May 5, 2025

The Andersonville City Council met on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the City Conference Room at the Depot. The following council members were present: Mayor Brandon Gross, Mayor Pro Tem Velma Coley, Scottie Barnes, Chris Hobbs and Penny Williams. Also present were City Clerk Teresa Owens, Utility Clerk Jeff Smith, Deputy Brandon Glover, Nikki Thompson, Gia Wagner (NPS), Allyson Drinnon (Congressman Sanford Bishop's Office), Kathryn Fowler Moore (City Attorney), Kim Wood and Evan Richardson.

Mayor Brandon Gross opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Velma Coley gave the invocation.

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A motion to accept the April 2025 minutes was made by Velma Coley and seconded by Scottie Barnes. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Financial Reports

A motion to accept the April 2025 financial statements was made by Scottie Barnes and seconded by Velma Coley. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Guest Speaker

Nikki Thompson – SPCC report

- Nikki asked the council what events should NOT be held at the SPCC
 - Velma Coley suggested no cooking by outside parties only by volunteers
 - Microwave is ok
 - Air Fryer is ok
- Council was thanked for showing up for several events in April
- Over \$4k of gardening equipment and plants was donated to the SPCC
- Butterfly Garden 429, at the SPCC, is now on The Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail
- Can the SPCC rent the space out to bring in some revenue
 - Nikki to create an event rental policy and waivers
 - Factor in the cost of staff member to be present if volunteers/council aren't available for an event

Gia Wagner – Renewal of the NPS Agreement

- Gate and Agreement with NPS
 - Gate was removed from the agreement for now
 - The gate will be discussed more before any agreement
 - The agreement without the gate will be signed by the City
- If it's agreed to close the road, it must be done with a resolution to formally abandon the road
 - Can reserve an easement for the water line
 - Mayor Brandon Gross stated his opinion that the road should remain open to the public and the city should establish a maintenance schedule.

Items Voted on by Council

- Velma Coley made the motion to sign the NPS agreement without the gate information, Chris Hobbs seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- Chris Hobbs made a motion to cancel the uniform contract, and Velma Coley seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- Scottie Barnes made a motion to provide 6 work shirts each to the Public Works employees and Penny Williams seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- Scottie Barnes made a motion to appoint David Wooden as the City's voting delegate for the 2025 Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia annual election and Chris Hobbs seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Items Discussed without Vote

- City Clerk Report
 - Agreed upon property values for the city's GIRMA comprehensive insurance policy have been submitted
 - Utility rate study to compare with surrounding cities – may have to call as information on UNC dashboard outdated
 - Working on the franchise agreement and collecting fees from Pineland
 - Community service person for 187 hours
 - The City Attorney ok'd the waiver he signed
 - Bad asphalt in locations due to roots
 - Will get a sign to warn of uneven pavement for the road near the RV Park
 - Penny Williams suggested that maybe council not take pay for June through December to help the city budget and the Mayor suggested we try some other ways to reduce costs first.
- Cybersecurity Solutions asked about providing computer security services
 - Our software is hosted, not on servers at the office. – The city will not buy this service.
- Relocation of meters currently located outside of City ROW / Utility Easement
 - Ok to move. No vote taken.
- Mayor Brandon Gross and council discussed a bill that had been introduced to create a committee to study the consolidation of Sumter County and Sumter County municipalities.
- Kim Wood volunteered to donate her time to work on the new city logo.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.