

City of Andersonville

City Council Minutes

July 7, 2025

The Andersonville City Council met on Monday, July 7, 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 Wooden and Penny Williams. Also present were Public Works Supervisor Mark Hall, Utility Clerk Jeff Smith, Deputy Rick Wigand, Curtis Dent, Nikki Thompson and Stephanie Wooden.

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

Chris Wooden gave the invocation.

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A motion to accept the June 2025 minutes was made by Chris Wooden and seconded by Velma Coley. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Financial Reports

A motion to accept the June 2025 financial statements was made by Velma Coley and seconded by Chris Wooden. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Guest Speaker

No Guest Speaker

SPCC Report – Nikki Thompson

- The summer program has been successful.
- They received donations of a refrigerator and locking filing cabinet.
- Shiver Lumber Co is donating wood to replace the boards on the bridge at Pride-Harris Park
- The kids will be painting the bridge and picnic table
 - Scottie Barnes will check with a friend that might have paint to donate
- Still working on someone to deliver the sheds that Lowe's has donated

Items Voted on by Council

- After discussion, Chris Wooden made the motion to allow Eddie Hill to buy the city's old dump truck for \$1, Velma Coley seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- After discussion, Chris Wooden made the motion to allow 113 S Oglethorpe St to paint their building a creamy white with either a black or natural door, Velma Coley seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- After discussion, Chris Wooden made the motion to raise utility rates 2.5% / year each of the next 5 years, Velma Coley seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- After discussion, Chris Wooden made the motion to approve the SPLOST projects that were proposed by Mayor Brandon Gross, Penny Williams seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

- After discussion, Scottie Barnes made the motion to allow excused paid absences for council members up to 2 meetings per year (effective immediately), Velma Coley seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Items Discussed without Vote

- City Clerk Report
 - No report.
- Public Works Report
 - For now, should the city pick up the trash that is being left beside the trash cans
 - Mark Hall to check on the cost of a roll off for a few weeks for residents
 - Will wait to see if a roll off is an option before the city starts picking up the trash
 - The Fire Department HVAC has been fixed but it is probably only a matter of time before it needs to be replaced. The city should plan for eventual replacement.
- New Business
 - The Public Hearing date for the Budget was set for Tuesday July 22nd @ 5:30 PM.
 - Council discussed potential work from home and decided not to make any changes. No vote necessary.
 - The August meeting will be moved from the first Monday of the month to the 2nd Monday of the month. The 11th of August.
 - The downed utility lines at the entrance on Prison Walk will be removed except for a fiber line.
- Old Business
 - Landfill maintenance – Mark Hall reported there is still room to dump at this time.
 - Mark Hall to get quotes from Case in Smithfield on renting machinery to clean up. Skid steer, grapple, etc.
 - Imery's natural gas needs – This will be removed from the next agenda.
 - OneSumter Sign – Chris Wooden has not been able to get in contact with OneSumter yet. Multiple messages left but no return call yet.
 - City Logo – Mayor Brandon Gross will check with Kim when she gets back in town.
 - Animal control – Chris Wooden to check with Pam Dixon that works with a rescue group in Ellaville. She might be able to help us.
 - Relocation of meters currently located outside of City ROW/Utility Easement This has not been worked yet but is on the list to work.
 - Uniform contract – the current contract ends October 2026. Teresa Ownes is checking on the cost to get out of the contract.
 - Status of dirt portion of N. Oglethorpe St – This will be removed from the next agenda. Since its dry right now, Mark Hall to check on scraping the road to clean it up.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.