

City of Andersonville

City Council Minutes

August 11, 2025

The Andersonville City Council met on Monday, August 11, 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, Chris Wooden, Chris Hobbs and Penny Williams. Also present were City Clerk Teresa Owens, Public Works Supervisor Mark Hall, Utility Clerk Jeff Smith, Deputy Brandon Glover, Curtis Dent, Cynthia Stormcaller, Nikki Thompson and Stephanie Wooden.

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

Velma Coley gave the invocation.

July 2025 Minutes

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

Financial Reports

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

Guest Speaker

Cynthia Stormcaller

Cynthia presented information about EV charging stations to the council. The RV Park has 50 amp available that could be an entry point for making charging available. It will probably take around 1 year to get a Tesla Supercharger. Cynthia is working with Tesla.

SPCC Report – Nikki Thompson

- There is some old kitchen equipment at the SPCC that they would like to sell to get it out of the way. There is a potential buyer interested, does the council have any value or sell price they want met?
- The SPCC has a quote of \$255 for delivery of the small shed Lowe's donated.
- Information for the Sept 6th Yard Sale from 8AM to Noon
 - If it rains it will be moved to the 24th
 - Can the fire station be used for shade and bathrooms. SPCC will need to coordinate with the Sumter County Fire Dept to have the fire house opened and the firetruck moved outside.
- The SPCC plans to have a table to sell water and raffle tickets.
- Anyone, especially council members, that can help/volunteer for the event will be appreciated.
- Nikki will email the Yard Sale event information to the council members as soon as its finalized.
- Kim and Evan will haul / hold any donations that are left over and they will be donated to Across The Map Missions donation center. Can the city be backup to help store anything leftover if its too much for Kim and Evan?

- SPCC would like to have a trash dumpster available for people to discard any items that don't sell and that they don't want to keep. The city will provide a dumpster.
- Stephanie Wooden reminded council National Cleanup day is Sept 20th and asked for help coordinating the dumpster for the event and the event. Chris Wooden volunteered to coordinate Cleanup Day.
- Council was informed that Cassandra Cody is a new SPCC volunteer that will be working with them going forward.

Items Voted on by Council

- After discussion, Velma Coley made the motion to allow the SPCC to sell the kitchen equipment for what they can get and the SPCC can keep the money, Penny Williams seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- After discussion, Penny Williams made the motion for the city to pay the \$255 moving costs for the small shed for the SPCC as long as the mover is insured, Velma Coley seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- Velma Coley made the motion for the city to give \$200 for the Trunk or Treat event, Penny Williams seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- Velma Coley made the motion to approve the proposed 2025-2026 Budget, Chris Wooden seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- After discussion, Velma Coley made the motion to spend \$400 for a feature spot in the Sheriff's calendar, Chris Wooden seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- After discussion on 2 or 3 nights per week to have law enforcement patrol the city, Chris Wooden motioned to do 2 nights per week for now and Chris Hobbs seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.** Council will revisit this in 6 months.

Items Discussed without Vote

- City Clerk Report
 - Working with Gene on the Audit. We budgeted \$10k for this work but it should have been \$12k. We will need to amend the budget.
 - The utility clerk's computer cannot be upgraded to Windows 11 and Windows 10 will be out of support soon. We will start looking into a replacement computer.
 - The food truck, Jamaican Fury, has inquired about coming to Andersonville. They are good to come any day they want except for Thursdays.
 - Discussion was had on the 2 people that have been driving into town and then just wandering around. Law enforcement does not seem to know about them, and they have not done anything wrong. We will just keep an eye on them for now.
 - Qualifying packets are available to run for city council. They can be turned in on August 19th, 20th or 21st between 8:30AM and 4:30PM.
 - Storm damage at the basketball court. That area was not included in the insurance. We may be able to add it and get coverage but still working on that possibility. Until we determine the status of insurance, we will not start cleanup.
 - We are going to move work orders to google sheets, if council is ok. Council approved.

- Municipal court will require Teresa to take training even if the court isn't used. Do we want to keep court as an option or can another local clerk be our clerk for court?
- Public Works Report
 - The master meter at the well is not registering. Mark has a quote to fix the meter for \$2600 and a quote for a new meter of just under \$4000. Chris Wooden may be able to get a meter from Americus at a good price as they overbought meters a while back. Chris will check with Americus.
 - Mark has a bid for the generator. Mark will send out requests for sealed bids that are to be received at the city office by October 6th at 3:00 PM.
 - Mark received a quote of \$3500-\$4000 to rent a skid steer for a week to grind down the brush at the dump. Council requested Mark to get 2 or 3 more quotes.
- New Business
 - There is a property in the city where there are 3 or 4 RV's that seem to be being lived in full time for over 1 year. Teresa will send a letter to the parties.
 - How to report farm animal(s) in town that are not being taken care of. Probably need to call the Department of Agriculture but it is not an anonymous report. They will take your information.
 - Questions on how we would dissolve our municipal court and what impacts it would have. Teresa will see if our lawyer can come to the next meeting to discuss.
- Old Business
 - Landfill maintenance – Teresa provided information from the Department of Natural Resources / Environmental Compliance Specialist that states the city can not continue dumping brush in our landfill. We may be able to purchase a chipper and use the chips on roads, for mulch and to give away to residents. Teresa will check TSPLOST to see if we have any funds to purchase a chipper.
 - 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.
 - Animal control – Chris Wooden spoke with Pam Dixon that works with a rescue group in Ellaville. She is open to helping us out, but her organization is no kill and will not be able to take extremely aggressive dogs.
 - 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 has not heard back yet from her inquiry about dropping the contract.

Other Business

- The mortar on the south side of Church St is crumbling in places. Mark will look at temporary fixes of the worst areas by replacing the mortar with new mortar.
- Penny Williams asked about the light on Cyanamid. Teresa will reach out to GA Power again.
- Curtis Dent informed the council that there is trash across from his house that has been there for weeks and the pile is increasing in size.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.