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City of Andersonville
City Council Minutes
April 6, 2026

The Andersonville City Council met on Monday, April 6, 2026, 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 Hobbs, Penny Williams, Scottie Barnes and Chris Wooden. Also present were City Clerk Teresa Owens, Utility Clerk Jeff Smith, Deputy Brandon Glover, Stephanie Wooden, Mack Page, Curtis Dent, Lisa Jones (guest), Laine Dupree (guest), Destinee Williams (guest), Kathryn Moore and Evan Richardson.

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

Chris Wooden gave the invocation.

March 2026 Minutes

A motion to accept the March 2026 minutes was made by Velma Coley and seconded by Penny Williams. **The motion was unanimously approved**.

Financial Reports

A motion to accept the March 2026 financial statements, with necessary corrections, was made by Velma Coley and seconded by Chris Hobbs. **The motion was unanimously approved**.

Guest Speaker

Lisa Jones, Juvenile Court Judge and candidate for Superior Court Judge for the Southwestern Judicial Circuit

- Lisa grew up on a farm in Oglethorpe.
- She has been the Juvenile Court Judge and Assistant DA since 2011.
- Her court has no backlogs which saves the county money.
- She has filled in for a Superior Court Judge in the past.
- She feels that now is the right time for her to run for Superior Court Judge.

Destinee Williams, RVRC, Comprehensive Plan Update

- The city's 10 year plan needs to be updated every 5 years
- 2 required meetings to draft, review, etc the plan
- Looking for a May kickoff meeting
- The plan is due 6/30/2027
- The plan is required by state law.
- Need to figure out what program/work you want to do in the next 5 years.
- Anything you want grant money for must be listed in the plan.

Laine Dupree – Air Evac Lifeteam

- Gave out flyers on the Air Evac Lifeteam helicopter service
- Each flight has a pilot, paramedic and nurse

- Flights carry blood and other items not found in ambulances
- If you are a member, there is no charge for a transport
- Here to Atlanta is less than an hour and a half

Items Voted on by Council

- Jerome Ford has asked to purchase the city's inoperable Zero Turn Husqvarna mower since the city council had decided not to replace the blown engine due to cost. Chris Wooden made the motion to surplus the mower at a value of under $500 and sell it for $1. Velma Coley seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- In February, a resident's meter showed 56,770 gallons. Reed & Shows Meter Solutions tested the meter and found it was registering water flow at approximately 127%. They advised reducing the billed consumption by 27% to accurately adjust the resident's February bill. Chris Wooden made the motion to take 27% off the water usage, average the last 12 months of sewage usage and give the customer a 12 month payment plan if nequested. Scottie Barnes seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- Kathryn Moore went over the city's option of creating a Nuisance Abatement Board which would allow the city to dissolve the municipal court and still have a way to resolve blighted property conditions fairly and more efficiently. Once established, the board can inspect properties, hold hearings, declare a property a nuisance, and order the owner to clean up the property. The mayor will get more information from County Commissioner Chairman David Baldwin about his previous offer to provide code-enforcement services for Andersonville like they do for Plains. He will also contact Plains to see how the arrangement is working for them. Chris Wooden made a motion to dissolve the Municipal Court and Scottie Barnes seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Items Discussed without Vote

- SPCC Report
    - Trying to get the raised beds replanted in the next couple of weeks.
- City Clerk Report
    - Girma packet was submitted
    - We have penalties for late PR tax payments that were received today
    - The generator pad will be poured April 13th and the install of the generator will be April 21st – 22nd.
    - Have 3 property complaint letters to write and send.
    - Chris Wooden asked for a list of all the old/non-working equipment the city has.
- Public Works Report
    - Mark is to get a quote for soil to fill the sign bed at HWY 49.
    - The need for new pine straw around the depot and other locations was discussed. Mark had a price of $_____ per bale from Roger Lopez and will get a couple more price quotes and bring back to council.

New Business

- Additional part-time Utility Clerk
  - Will get a posting out for this position.

Old Business

- Municipal Court
  - (see Items Voted on by Council)
- City Clerk Job Posting
  - One of the applicants has been sent an email, asking her to come in for an interview on Friday, April 10.
- City Logo
  - No update
- OneSumter Sign
  - No update

Other Business

- Chris Wooden brought up some issues
  - There is a huge pothole at Cyanamid and Gunboat
  - Cyanamid and Johnson St are very narrow in places – need to clip the edges with the backhoe
  - At the end of Johnson St the storm drain is creating a bad dip in the road. It needs to be dug up and fixed.
  - The bumps at the bridge on HWY 228 are getting bad
  - The humps in the road at the cemetery are getting worse
  - At the RV park there is a pine tree that is almost in the road
  - Need progress reports from the maintenance department
- GMA District 8 is having a meeting in Plains on April 20th from 11AM-1PM
- Velma Coley brought up that the Housing Authority has to be called by the residents for curbside pickup of large items.
- Scottie Barnes said he thought the mayor needed a key to the city office.
- Former Mayor Eddie Hills's aunt sent info on his birthday on May 31st and would like to do something to honor his being the first black Mayor. Maybe a proclamation.

Being no further business, the monthly meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.