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City of Andersonville
City Council Minutes
January 5, 2026

The Andersonville City Council met on Monday, January 5, 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, Public Works Supervisor Mark Hall, Utility Clerk Jeff Smith, Deputy Brandon Glover, Stephanie Wooden, Kim Wood, Evan Richardson, Mack Page, Jeanette Arrington, Kay Preston, Cassandra Cody and Nancy Garrison.

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

Chris Wooden gave the invocation.

City Attorney, City Auditor and City Clerk Appointment

- The mayor stated that he would like to table the auditor appointment until he could get some quotes for the city's current fiscal year audit. A motion for the mayor to get quotes for the city's FYE 06/2026 audit was made by Chris Wooden and Velma Coley seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- A motion to appoint Kathryn Moore as City Attorney and Teresa Owens as City Clerk was made by Velma Coley and Chris Wooden seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

December 2025 Minutes

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

Financial Reports

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

December 16, 2025 Called Meeting

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

Guest Speaker

Kay Preston

- Kay thanked the council for allowing her to be the RV Park Host for this long, but it is time for her to step down from being the RV Park Host. Kay asked the council to allow Mack to continue as the RV Park Host along with his wife Melinda. The Mayor would like to advertise the position with a job description containing some additional duties for the RV Park Host. A job description will be written up, and Mack will be allowed to review it before it is posted.

Additional Items Voted on by Council

- During City Clerk's Report, she went over a report (attached) on an unsuccessful fraud attempt. On December 8th, the clerk discovered what appeared to be unauthorized remote access on the computer in her office. On December 9th, someone remotely deposited a forged/"white-washed" City of Andersonville check into an unknown account. The check was number 022948, payable to"Zsigmond Majteniyi", for $1500.00. On December 10th, the inconsistencies of the check image were recognized with the bank's verification procedures and deposit was referred back to the unknown account. The attempt was unsuccessful and isolated. A report was made to the Sumter County Sheriff's Department. Barnett Computers found no threats after they scanned and reviewed the computer. All passwords were updated and unused checks accounted for and the city's checking account has been flagged by the bank for extra scrutiny. At this time the bank recommends that the city review the account activity daily and if there is a second forgery attempt, close the account and open a new one. After some discussion, Scottie Barnes made a motion to change the bank account number and Chris Wooden seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved**.
- Council approval was requested by the Utility Clerk, Jeff Smith, to allow a customer to have a 12 month payment plan. Chris Wooden made the motion to allow a 12 month plan and Velma Coley seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved**.

Items Discussed without Vote

- SPCC Report
    - Stephanie Wooden stated that the SPCC has not been open much lately but they are trying to get it going again soon.
- City Clerk Report
    - No audit work was done in December.
    - The City Clerk job description has been completed and a copy placed in each council member's packet. A letter from Frank Hudgins, CPA was also attached with his observations and recommendations from his review of the city's financial activity and operations at the request of the mayor to see if the city might benefit from contracting with Mr Hudgins for services similar to those that he provides for the city of Plains.
    - The attempted fraud issue with the Synovus bank account was explained. See Additional Items Voted on by Council.
    - The Pride Harris basketball goal has been replaced.
    - The Andersonville Guild is purchasing some Bluetooth speakers to put up in town for music.
    - We have not received anything back from the NPS Archaeologist for the OneSumter sign.
    - Kay Preston is no longer renting the Town Hall. Suggestion of inspecting the building to see what, if any, repairs would be needed in order to rent again.
    - The food truck event organized by Council member Penny Williams and held in coordination with the NPS Wreaths Across America's event was a great success. The three food trucks that participated have asked to come back next year. Suggested

planning a city Christmas event in addition to food trucks to coordinate with future WAA events.

- Public Works Report
    - PW Department has installed 3 smoke detectors in the SPCC.
    - The hydrant behind the Drummer Boy Museum is not working. Mark will check it out and get quotes on repair or replacement.
    - Mark will put a new net on the new basketball goal in Pride Harris park.
- New Business
    - None
- Old Business
    - City Clerk Job Posting
        - The job description is ready. Will post in a month or two.
    - City Logo
        - Kim Wood passed out some design ideas and stated the Nancy Fields has been helping with the graphics. Council liked the design and picked a few they preferred. Kim will continue working with Nancy to finalize a design to bring back to council.
    - OneSumter Sign
        - No Update.

Other Business

- Chris Wooden will check with the sheriff to confirm if they are scheduling 2 or 3 days a week to patrol Andersonville.
- Velma Coley brought up all the trash on the side of the road at the Prison Walk Housing Authority. Council requested Mark Hall to make one more pickup of curbside items. We will remind the public that curbside service is not currently provided.
- Penny Williams asked about the status of the light on Cyanamid.
- Stephanie Wooden stated the SPCC needs more volunteers. It would be great if city council would volunteer to help open the SPCC at times.
- Nancy Garrison asked why the city doesn't "flush" the hydrants more often. It used to be done much more frequently. It was stated that its not necessary if there are no problems and probably better to not "flush" hydrants unless they need it as it can stir up sediments and cause cloudy water.
- The Mayor asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Chris Wooden made the motion to go into Executive Session and Velma Coley seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved**.

Being no further business, the monthly meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Executive Session Started.