City of Andersonville
City Council Minutes
June 1, 2026

The Andersonville City Council met on Monday, June 1, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the City Conference Room at the Depot. The following council members were present: Mayor Brandon Gross, Chris Hobbs, Penny Williams, Velma Coley and Scottie Barnes. Also present were City Clerk Teresa Owens, Public Works Supervisor Mark Hall, Utility Clerk Jeff Smith, Deputy Brandon Glover, Cynthia Stormcaller, Stephanie Wooden, Cassandra Cody, Bill Davenport and Curtis Dent.

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

Velma Coley gave the invocation.

May 2026 Minutes

A motion to accept the May 2026 minutes was made by Chris Hobbs and seconded by Velma Coley. **The motion was unanimously approved**.

Financial Reports

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

Guest Speaker

DJ Starnes from Sumter Fire Department

Spoke about doing the hydrant tests and that some of our water lines are very old and they will probably occasionally break a line, like last week, no matter how careful they are. The testing is required once a year and usually takes 2 to 3 weeks to get all the tests complete in the city. Andersonville has the option to do the hydrant tests themselves, or the Sumter County Fire Department will continue to do them if the council wants them to. The council told DJ that they are fine with the Fire Department continuing to do the hydrant tests.

Items Voted on by Council

- Scottie Barnes made a motion to allow them to do the car show and Velma Coley seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- Penny Williams made a motion to go ahead and contact the Georgia Department of Public Health, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, and the Georgia Department of Agriculture to request assistance with a complaint previously received regarding a possible rat infestation associated with the burning of accumulated trash at 415 Confederate Street with the photographs previously provided. Velma Coley seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Items Discussed without Vote

- RV Park Report
  - Attendance is way down currently.
  - For the 250 year US flags no money is needed from the city as they received a donation.
  - They do need help from the city to put up the flags.

    - There are only 2 RV sites for big RV's with slides
    - The Guild can work with the city on the contract.
    - They have a donation to wrap the sign by the tennis court with updated artwork and info.
        - Kim and Evan will do the new sign
        - The City can approve the artwork for the sign
    - A traveling nurses wants to stay at the RV Park for 3 months and 1 week – Council is ok with letting her do that.
    - Should have Scottie look at the trees in the RV Park
- SPCC Report
    - No Report
- City Clerk Report
    - The 2023 audit has been filed, and the 2024 audit has been started.
        - Need more dedicated time to work on the 2024 audit
    - We received over 40 applications for the Clerk position through Indeed
    - A zoning approval letter was sent to Wanda Pate for the girl's home
    - Will bring a couple of calculations for Imery's trash to the next meeting to review.
- Public Works Report
    - The generator for the well has been completed.
    - The round straw bale worked well and Mark will get more to finish this week.

New Business

- The Mayor brought up that he has someone interested in doing a car show in Andersonville on June 27th. It should not cost the city anything. **See Items Voted On by Council**

Old Business

- Street Light Audit
    - Still waiting to hear from Georgia Power
- Pole Attachments
    - Still waiting to hear from Georgia Power
- SPLOST DW Generator Project
    - Completed
- Municipal Court
    - no update
- City Clerk Job Posting
    - Have an interview scheduled for Wed with an applicant that look promising.
- City Logo
    - No update
- OneSumter Sign
    - They should be out soon to fix the date on the sign

- Part time utility clerk job

    - On hold for now
- Comprehensive Plan Update
    - No update

Other Business

- Stephanie Wooden – the SPCC could be open more often with more volunteers and they will try for one bingo day this month
- Curtis Dent – big rains lately have a lot of trash floating in ditches that need to be cleaned out.
- Mayor Brandon Gross will check on costs and how it works to move code enforcement to Sumter County
- Cassandra Cody asked about the reason for a 2.5% increase in utilities
    - Mayor Brandon Gross explained why the city must increase utility rates

Being no further business, the monthly meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.