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City of Andersonville
City Council Minutes
March 2, 2026

The Andersonville City Council met on Monday, March 2, 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 and Mack Page.

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

Chris Wooden gave the invocation.

February 2026 Minutes

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

Financial Reports

A motion to accept the February 2026 financial statements was made by Chris Hobbs and seconded by Penny Williams. **The motion was unanimously approved**.

Guests

Carla with Sumter EMC

- Carla handed out a packet with information about Sumter EMC and programs they provide.
- You don't have to be using Sumter EMC to qualify for qualify for grants, youth programs and other benefits offered by Sumter EMC.
- They provide lots of youth programs and scholarships.
- There are various grants available for up to $5,000.00 and Andersonville should look into them and apply.
- Free Economic development tools are also available through Georgia EMC
    - Sign design / monument design
    - Drone footage
    - GIS Mapping
    - choosegeorgia.com

Items Voted on by Council

- GFL Service Fee Increase is going up 4.7% from $18.65 to $19.53. It was decided to go to $19.99 and not do the annual 2.5% increase on this fee. Chris Wooden made the motion to go to $19.99 and Chris Hobbs seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Items Discussed without Vote

- Customer water meter usage being questioned
    - Customer had large water usage and claims no leak
    - Will send the meter out to be tested
        - The city will cover the cost of testing
    - Will average next month's bill if not resolved by then
    - Check meter every day
- SPCC Report
    - No Report
- City Clerk Report
    - Audits have not been worked on very much
    - Waiting on updated GIRMA Policy Renewal Packet to reflect the agreed upon values from previous year
    - GA Sales Tax and Dept. of Labor reports and are current
    - The generator contract has been signed by the city and sent to Premier Generators for their signatures.
    - Cynthia Hilliard (Andersonville Guild) is working with Marketing 360 on the shared Guild/City ad for the Sumter County Guide.
    - Post Office is being open more regularly recently
    - Health care renewal went up $127.95 per employee/mth
    - Images of the parking lot behind the Post Office as well as parking in front of Easterlin's Bandstand were provided to Phoebe Sumter EC Clinical Supervisor in response to their request for possible transport pickup spots for oncology patients
    - On Feb 9th a fire/burn pile was reported behind a residence that is being renovated by the owner. The SC Fire Department was contacted and upon arrival discovered that a large amount of construction material was being burned. They extinguished the fire and cited the owners.
    - Requested Georgia Power to complete a city-wide streetlight audit before we start the process of adding a new light on Cyanamid.
    - City still receiving pole attachment invoices from Georgia Power. Need to verify that we don't have any remaining power pole attachments from old cable distribution system
    - Received notification from MGAG that January winter storm had caused freeze-offs that cut gas production and the low supply/high demand situation caused spot prices to spike and pushed the SSCF (Swing Supply Charge Fund), which is a shock absorber for daily price swings negative. Policy allows passing through SSCF costs over $1M. MGAG will add a new invoice line and recover costs over six months (50% in January, remainder over five months). Andersonville's share: $377.
- Public Works Report (Mark Hall Absent)
    - Teresa reported on Mark's behalf that the fire hydrant behind Drummer Boy Museum has been fixed.
    - Chris Wooden asked whether city workers could pick up the bagged trash from a resident's home if he provides bags for the residents to clean up their property. He also said he would pick up the bags himself if the council did not want city workers to handle it. The other council members were agreeable to city workers doing the pickup.

- Velma Coley reported that residents at the Housing Authority apartments on Prison Walk continue putting trash out for curb-side pickup, even though that service has been discontinued for some time and a roll-off container is now provided

- New Business
  - GFL Service Fee Increase is going up 4.7% from $18.65 to $19.53. It was decided to go to $19.99 and not do the annual 2.5% increase on this fee. See items voted on above.
  - Mayor Brandon Gross stated we need to start working on the budget. A meeting was set for March 24th at 5:30 PM to read through and get an overview.
  - Mayor Gross noted that County Commissioner Chairman David Baldwin had offered county code-enforcement services, similar to what they provide for Plains, if the city wants more information. He will look into the cost.

- Old Business
  - Municipal Court
    - Our city attorney, Kathryn Moore, will come to the April meeting to discuss dissolving the court and appointing a code board. Also discussions on a blight tax.
  - City Clerk Job Posting
    - There has been one inquiry. Will look at posting in more locations.
  - City Logo
    - The logo is still being worked on.
  - OneSumter Sign
    - The sign is about 4 weeks from being ready.
    - We will take the existing sign up in approximately 2 weeks to be ready for the new sign.
  - CD Investments
    - They have been staggered out to come due as different dates.
  - Mud Run
    - Looking for someone to coordinate

Other Business

- Mack Page, interim RV Park host, requested to put a 2'x2' freezer out of his camper, under a canopy tent.
  - No vote but council is ok with the freezer

Being no further business, the monthly meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.