

Town of Gainesboro

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Mayor: Lloyd Williams

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Alderwoman: Beth Young

Alderwoman: Deborah Whitaker

MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 4, 2025

1. THE MAYOR, LLOYD WILLIAMS, CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.
2. ALDERMAN/ALDERWOMEN PRESENT: THOMAS GOETZ, BETH YOUNG AND DEBORAH WHITAKER.
3. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OBSERVED BY ALL PRESENT.
4. ALDERWOMAN BETH YOUNG MADE A MOTION WITH ALDERWOMAN DEB WHITAKER AS 2ND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2025. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION PASSED
5. ALDERWOMAN DEB WHITAKER MADE A MOTION WITH ALDERMAN TOM GOETZ AS 2ND TO APPROVE THE WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2025. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION PASSED.
6. ALDERMAN TOM GOETZ MADE A MOTION WITH ALDERWOMAN BETH YOUNG AS 2ND TO APPROVE THE WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2025. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ROGER GORE ASKED WHAT THE PERCENTAGE RATE WAS THAT THE WATER/SEWER WAS INCREASING. TOWN CLERK LISA DODSON STATED THAT IT WAS NOT A PERCENTAGE. JACKSON-THORNTON TAKES A LOT OF DIFFERENT FACTORS TO COME UP WITH THE SHORTFALL AND THEN PROCEEDS TO INCREASE WHERE NEEDED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

JACKSON COUNTY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING WILL BE SATURDAY DEC 6 AT 2PM
CHRISTMAS PARADE WILL BE SATURDAY DEC 6 AT 5:30 PM

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/BOARD OF ALDERMEN/OTHER OFFICERS/SUPERVISORS:

1. THERE WERE 185 TOTAL POLICE DEPT EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER.
2. WATER LOSS OCTOBER 15 THROUGH NOVEMBER 14, 2025 WAS 27.727% THERE WERE 2 BIG WATER LEAKS
3. WASTEWATER SUPERVISOR CHAD SCOTT IS GETTING BIDS FOR RAKE

OLD BUSINESS:

1. ALDERMAN TOM GOETZ MADE A MOTION WITH ALDERWOMAN BETH YOUNG AS 2ND TO APPROVE SECOND READING OF **ORDINANCE #2025-11-01** - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 18 CHAPTER 5 SECTION 501 UTILITY SERVICE AND INSTALLATION GUIDELINES. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ALDERWOMAN DEB WHITAKER MADE A MOTION WITH ALDERMAN TOM GOETZ AS 2ND TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF **ORDINANCE #2025-12-01** AN ORDINANCE TO SET WATER AND SEWER RATE SCHEDULE FOR THE TOWN OF GAINESBORO EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2026 AS PER RECOMMENDATION FROM JACKSON-THORNTON WATER/SEWER RATE STUDY. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION PASSED.
2. ALDERMAN TOM GOETZ MADE A MOTION WITH ALDERWOMAN DEB WHITAKER AS 2ND TO APPROVE **ORDINANCE #2025-12-02** AN ORDINANCE TO SET WATER AND SEWER RATE SCHEDULE FOR THE TOWN OF GAINESBORO EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027 AS PER RECOMMENDATION FROM JACKSON-THORNTON WATER/SEWER RATE STUDY. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION PASSED

3. ALDERWOMAN DEB WHITAKER MADE A MOTION WITH ALDERWOMAN BETH YOUNG AS 2ND TO APPROVE ALLOWING JAMES C HAILEY ENGINEERING TO START THE BIDDING PROCESS FOR THE STORMWATER PROJECT ZONE 1 AND ZONE 5. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION PASSED.
4. ALDERWOMAN DEB WHITAKER MADE A MOTION WITH ALDERWOMAN BETH YOUNG AS 2ND TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 5 NEW PORTABLE RADIOS FOR THE POLICE DEPT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4649.50 ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION PASSED.
5. BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN GAVE APPROVAL TO ROARING RIVER CULTURAL ALLIANCE TO ALLOW FOR KINETIC ARTWORK ON THE SQUARE FROM FEBRUARY 2 TO APRIL 15 INSTEAD OF THE BASKETS. ARTWORK WILL BE FROM LOCAL ARTIST AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE WHEN TAKEN DOWN IN APRIL.
6. ALDERMAN TOM GOETZ MADE A MOTION WITH ALDERWOMAN DEB WHITAKER AS 2ND TO APPROVE PAY INCREASE FOR CITY JUDGE LEE RICHARDSON TO \$600 PER COURT APPEARANCE WITH 4 COURT APPEARANCES PER YEAR.
7. DISCUSSION WAS HAD ON WHETHER TO BORROW MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND OR THE BANK FOR THE WATER INTAKE PROJECT. ALDERMEN WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH AUDITOR JOHN POOLE ON THURSDAY DEC 11, 2025 TO DISCUSS AND THEN MAKE A DECISION AT A LATER DATE.

ADJOURNMENT:

ALDERMAN TOM GOETZ MADE A MOTION WITH ALDERWOMAN BETH YOUNG AS 2ND TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:07 PM. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION PASSED



MAYOR



TOWN RECORDER