

Town of Gainesboro

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Mayor: Lloyd Williams

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Alderwoman: Beth Young

Alderwoman: Deborah Whitaker

MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 13, 2026

1. THE MAYOR LLOYD WILLIAMS, CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:01 P.M.
2. ALDERMAN/ALDERWOMEN PRESENT: TOM 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 JULY 2, 2026. 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 AUGUST 7, 2026. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NANCY PRUETT THANKED THE MAYOR FOR HIS 12 YEARS OF SERVICE, MAYOR SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD RUN, AND HAD DONE SOME GOOD THINGS FOR THE TOWN. SAID HE WAS GOING TO MISS EVERYONE. THE TOWN AND EMPLOYEES PRESENTED A GIFT AND CARD FOR HIS SERVICE.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

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

1. POLICE CHIEF MICHAEL SMITH GAVE A SUMMARY OF EVENTS FOR POLICE DEPT. THERE WERE 185 TOTAL EVENTS FOR JULY. POLICE CHIEF AND ALDERMEN GAVE APPROVAL TO OLIVIA JOHNSON WITH THE JC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR STREET CLOSURE AROUND THE SQUARE ON OCTOBER 31, 2026 FOR JEEP OR TREAT FROM 4 PM TO 10 PM. AND ALSO, TO TARA GIBSON WITH GIB-FLO FARMS FOR THE FALL FESTIVAL. ALDERMAN TOM GOETZ MADE A MOTION WITH ALDERWOMAN BETH YOUNG AS 2ND TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 2 POLICE VEHICLES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FROM THE LAKE MARY FL POLICE DEPT. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION PASSED. POLICE CHIEF INFORMED BOARD AND MAYOR THAT WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOTEL, THERE WOULD BE POSSIBILITIES OF ROAD CLOSURES ON S MAIN DURING THE WEEK. CHIEF INFORMED OWNER THAT IT NEEDED TO BE OPENED DURING WEEKENDS TO ALLOW FOR RESTAURANT AND CHURCH PATRONS TO TRAVEL THROUGH. OWNER IS WILLING TO WORK WITH THE CITY TO WHATEVER IS NEEDED.
2. WATER LOSS JUNE 15 THROUGH JULY 14, 2026 WAS 33.781%.
3. WATER DIST SUPERVISOR JOSEPH LYNCH SAID THEY HAVE FIXED ABOUT 10 SERVICE LINE LEAKS. ELKINS MTN MASTER METER HAS BEEN PUT BACK IN PLACE AND THE PATCHING OF THE ROAD WILL BE COMPLETED THIS WEEK.
4. WASTEWATER SUPERVISOR CHAD SCOTT – NOTHING TO REPORT

OLD BUSINESS:

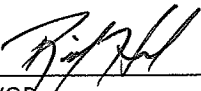
1. RESIDENT MIKE VAUGHN THANKED THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR WORKING WITH HIM ON LARGE WATER LEAK.
2. DISCUSSION OF ALL DAY ROAD CLOSURE AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ALDERWOMAN DEB WHITAKER WANTED TO KNOW THE REASONING SINCE THERE WASN'T MUCH TRAFFIC AFTER SCHOOL DROPOFFS AND BEFORE PICKUPS IN THE AFTERNOON. POLICE CHIEF MICHAEL SMITH STATED THAT HOMELAN SECURITY ADVISED TO KEEP IT ONE WAY DURING THE DAY FOR SAFETY REASONS. CHIEF STATED THEY COULD CHANGE IF THEY WANTED TO DO SO. ALL AGREED NOT TO CHANGE YET SINCE THE HOTEL CONSTRUCTION COULD CAUSE ROAD CLOSURE ON S MAIN IN THE FUTURE AND TRAFFIC WOULD BE DIVERTED ANYWAY.

NEW BUSINESS:

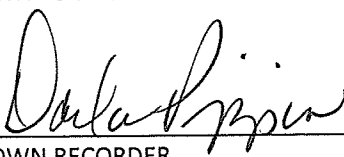
1. ALDERMEN AGREED THAT WE WOULD NEED THE HELP OF AN ENGINEER IN ORDER TO BID THE REPAIR AT THE WASTEWATER PLANT. TOWN RECORDER WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH JAMES C. HAILEY ENGINEERING.
2. ALDERWOMAN BETH YOUNG MADE A MOTION WITH ALDERMAN TOM GOETZ AS 2ND TO APPROVE ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR PAINTING EXTERIOR OF CITY HALL. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION PASSED.
3. ALDERWOMAN BETH YOUNG MADE A MOTION WITH ALDERMAN TOM GOETZ AS 2ND TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF **ORDINANCE #2026-08-01** – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GAINESBORO TN: TO INCLUDE A DEFINITION FOR DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES AND TO ALLOW THESE USES ONLY WITHIN THE INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT/ZONE OF GAINESBORO AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GAINESBORO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION PASSED.
4. A DISCUSSION CONCERNING PURCHASE/LEASE OF A NEW TRACTOR FOR STREETS DEPT OR REPAIR OF EXISTING. ALL AGREED TO REPAIR WHAT WE CAN ON EXISTING.
5. ALDERWOMAN BETH YOUNG MADE A MOTION WITH ALDERWOMAN DEB WHITAKER AS 2ND TO APPROVE **RESOLUTION #2026-08-01** TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JUDY HOUSLEY SAFETY PARTNERS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH PUBL ENITY PARTNERS. \$3000 50/50 GRANT. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION PASSED.
6. ALDERWOMAN DEB WHITAKER MADE A MOTION WITH ALDERWOMAN BETH YOUNG AS 2ND TO APPROVE **RESOLUTION #2026-08-02** TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROPERTY CONSERVATION MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH PUBLIC ENTITY PARTNERS PROPERTY LOSS DEPARTMENT. \$8000 50/50 GRANT. ALDERWOMEN VOTEE AYE. ALDERMAN TOM GOETZ VOTED NAY. MOTION PASSED.
7. A DISCUSSION WAS HAD CONCERNING STOP SIGN AND MAIL TRUCK ISSUE ON SHORT ST. ALDERMAN TOM GOETZ AND POLICE CHIEF MICHAEL SMITH STATED THAT IF AREA RESIDENTS GOT ON GOOGLE AND MARK THE ROAD AS CLOSED THEN THE MAIL TRUCKS USING MAPS WOULD SEE THAT THE ROAD WAS CLOSED.
8. JAMES C HAILEY SECURED ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$635,000 FOR WATER PLANT/INTAKE PROJECT.
9. THE ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN WOULD LIKE TO WAIT TO SEE IF JCUD WILL PAY FOR HALF OF COST OF MASTER METERS AND INSTALLATION OF BEFORE A DECISION IS MADE TO PURCHASE.
10. KARA SMITH WITH THE REALTY FIRM PRESENTED A PROPOSAL TO THE CITY FROM HER CLIENT TO PURCHASE A CITY OWNED BUILDING. CITY ATTORNEY KAYLA CANTRELL STATED THAT THE CITY WOULD NEED TO DECLARE THE PROPERTY SALVAGE AND THEN TO RESOLUTE TO SELL THE PROPERTY. MAYOR STATED THAT THE BUILDING IS USED FOR STORING STREETS/WATER DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT AND PARTS AND THEREFORE THE CITY WOULD HAVE TO SECURE ANOTHER LOCATION. ALSO STATED THAT THE TOWN WOULD NEED TO KEEP THE PARKING LOT FOR FIRE DEPT, POLICE DEPT AND MUNICIPAL COURT. THIS ITEM WILL BE ADDED TO THE NEXT WORKSHOP WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN SCHEDULED.
11. WASTEWATER SUPERVISOR CHAD SCOTT PRESENTED 3 BIDS FOR NEW OR REPAIR AND MOVE EXISTING AC DUE TO THE GASSES AT PLANT CORRODING THE PIPES AND CAUSING THE GAS TO LEAK FROM THE UNIT. ALDERMAN TOM GOETZ STATED ALL BIDS NEED TO BE FOR SAME SCOPE. CHAD SCOTT TO GET BIDS FOR SAME SCOPE FOR NEXT MEETING.
12. ALDERMEN TOM GOETZ OPENED SEALED BIDS FOR DESIGN BUILD OF POCKET PARK, SKILLED SERVICES PRESENTED A BID FOR \$89,200 FOR WORK AS DESCRIBED WITH ADD ALTERNATE #1 FOR \$15,000. ASA ENGINEERING PRESENTED A BID OF \$10,000 FOR MASTER PLAN.
ALDERMAN TOM GOETZ MADE A MOTION WITH ALDERWOMAN BETH YOUNG AS 2ND TO APPROVE ASA ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FOR MASTER PLAN. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION PASSED.

ADJOURNMENT:

ALDERMAN TOM GOETZ MADE A MOTION WITH ALDERWOMAN BETH YOUNG AS 2ND TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:16 PM. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION PASSED



MAYOR



TOWN RECORDER