



Agenda
City of Clarkesville
Council Work Session
5:00 PM September 1,
2026

1. *Call to Order*
2. *Unfinished Business*
3. *New Business*
 - 3a. *Sara Burke Will Present the Grants Update*
 - 3b. *Park Design Discussion*
4. *Open Discussion*
5. *Public Comment*
6. *Consider Going Into Executive Session*
 - 6a. *Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of or lease property as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(B).*
7. *Adjournment*

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Grants Update

Current Grant Activities

Georgia DNR Stewardship Grant

- Attended the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Stewardship Grant information session.
- Evaluating potential projects that could improve parks, recreation, conservation, and public access opportunities while aligning with grant priorities.
- Working in conjunction with the SRWA as they will be heavily involved not only in the application, but in the reporting process.
- Secondary grant for park improvements – currently obtaining quotes and information from other Georgia schools, churches, etc. who have recently had parks built.

Grant Administration Updates

Police Department Safety Grant

- Completed all required progress reports.
- All approved equipment has been ordered for our training grant.
- Required reimbursement documentation has been submitted and uploaded to the grant portal.
- The project remains on schedule and in compliance with grant requirements.
- Still waiting on LPRs to be ordered.

Next Steps

- Continue development of the GEFA WIPP application.
- DNR Stewardship Grant program.
- Incorporate GTIB reviewer feedback into future transportation and infrastructure grant applications (Mainly getting written plans)
- Monitor reimbursement status and closeout requirements for the Police Department Safety Grant.
- Finalize closeout for Water Sewer Infrastructure Grant (Closeout report submitted July 10th and follow ups have been submitted. We need the FY25 audit results before this can be fully closed.
- Website session learning about /entering RFQ/RFPs
- DNR account set up
- Sam.gov account renewal

- Meetings set with local municipalities, have already met with Habersham County and Demorest. My goal is to coordinate and generally stay informed about what other governments are working on.
- Body-worn Cameras
- Fire department PPE