



Agenda
City of Clarkesville
Regular Meeting
6:00 PM April 7, 2025

1. *Call to Order*
2. *Invocation and Pledge*
 - 2a. *Pastor Matt Henderson With First Presbyterian Church Will Lead the Meeting in Prayer*
3. *Consent Agenda*
 - 3a. *Discuss and Consider Approval of the March 3, 2025 Work Session, Executive Session and Council Meeting Minutes*
4. *Committee Reports*
 - 4a. *Finance, Main Street, Fire, ESG, Police, Planning and Zoning*
5. *Unfinished Business*
 - 5a. *Discuss Millage Rate Resolution*
6. *New Business*
 - 6a. *Arbor Day Proclamation*
7. *Public Comment*
8. *Consider Going Into Executive Session*
9. *Adjournment*

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COUNCIL WORK SESSION

March 3, 2025
Minutes
City of Clarkesville
Council Work Session

The Council Work Session was held on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 5:00 PM at City Hall. Those present were Council Member Don Nix, Council Member Rick Wood, Council Member Angelia Kiker, Council Member Brad Coppedge, Council Member Franklin Brown, Mayor Barrie Aycock.

Agenda Item #1: *Call to Order*

Mayor Aycock called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item #2: *Unfinished Business*

Sub-Item #2a.: *Update on House Bill 581*

The City is opted in to HB 581. The process should be similar to prior tax years and changes to the Bill are expected.

Sub-Item #2b.: *Discuss of New Millage Rate Formula and Home Rule*

City Attorney Matt Skilling presented a preliminary resolution that amends the charter to increase the maximum millage rate, in order to change from 100 to 40 percent evaluation. Council suggested changing the word increase to amend. The final resolution will be presented at the next council meeting.

Agenda Item #3: *New Business*

Sub-Item #3a.: *Discussion of Habersham County Safety Awareness Program (SAP)*

Habersham County asked Mr. Dickerson to share information on the Safety Awareness Program. This allows anyone that wishes to report unsafe roads or intersections.

Sub-Item #3b.: *Discuss Property on Robertson Loop Road*

Mr. Ramirez at 1885 Robertson Loop Road, next to the City Shop, has had the property surveyed. Mr. Dickerson would like to move forward with deeding a small corner piece of property to Mr. Ramirez.

Council Member Franklin Brown made a motion to approve moving forward with deeding over the property.

Seconded: Council Member Brad Coppedge

Passed (3 - 0)

Agenda Item #4: *Open Discussion*

There was no open discussion.

Agenda Item #5: *Public Comment*

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #6: *Consider Going Into Executive Session*

Council Member Brad Coppedge made a motion to enter executive session .

Seconded: Council Member Franklin Brown

Passed (4 - 0)

Agenda Item #7: *Adjournment*

Council Member Brad Coppedge made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded: Council Member Franklin Brown

Passed (5 - 0)

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Poole, City Clerk

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Agenda Item #1: *Call to Order*

Agenda Item #2: *Invocation and Pledge*

Sub-Item #2a.: *Hills Crossing Baptist Church Pastor David Stancil Will Lead the Meeting in Prayer*

Pastor Stancil led the meeting in prayer.

Agenda Item #3: *Recognition of Eagle Scout Callum Osborne*

Mr. Dickerson recognized Callum Osborne for the restoration of the river overlook at Pitt's Park.

Agenda Item #4: *Consent Agenda*

Sub-Item #4a.: *Discuss and Consider Approval of the Following Minutes:*

February 3, 2024 Work Session, Executive Session and Council Meeting

February 10, 2024 Public Hearing

Council Member Brad Coppedge made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Seconded: Mayor Pro - Tempore Franklin

Brown

Passed (5 - 0)

Agenda Item #5: *Committee Reports*

Sub-Item #5a.: *Finance, Main Street, Fire, ESG, Police and Planning and Zoning*

Department heads presented their monthly updates.

Agenda Item #6: *Unfinished Business*

Sub-Item #6a.: *Discuss and Vote to Approve Millage Rate Ordinance 2025-1*

After discussion in the work session, Attorney Matt Skilling is going to make some minor changes to the presented resolution. The updated resolution will be presented at the April meeting.

Agenda Item #7: *New Business*

Sub-Item #7a.: *Discuss and Vote to Approve 2024 Budget Amendments Resolution 2025-2*

Mayor Pro - Tempore Franklin Brown made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-1.

Seconded: Council Member Angelia Kiker

Passed (5 - 0)

Agenda Item #8: Public Comment

Tom Cossick, 170 Paul Franklin Road, gave thoughts on the old courthouse property.

Dale Latty, 500 E. Water Street, would not like a fire station on the old courthouse property.

Agenda Item #9: Consider Going Into Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Agenda Item #10: Adjournment

Council Member Rick Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded: Mayor Pro - Tempore Franklin Brown

Passed (5 - 0)

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Poole, City Clerk

City of Clarkesville
(UNAUDITED)

Financial Report - As of Feb 28 2025					2024
	Budget	Actual	Difference	%Budget	Actual
General Fund					
Administrative Revenue	2,719,081	1,891,376	(827,705)	70%	1,907,937
Main Street	18,600	425	(18,175)	2%	16,161
Fire Revenue	20,000	5,305	(14,695)	27%	0
Planning Revenue	28,000	4,594	(23,406)	16%	4,341
Police Revenue	97,500	22,333	(75,167)	23%	12,314
Streets Revenue	29,226	32,318	3,092	111%	0
Hotel/Motel	3,500	1,358	(2,142)	39%	262
ARPA	0	0	0	0%	0
Total General Fund Revenues	2,915,907	1,957,709	(958,198)	67%	1,941,015
Expenses					
Administration	890,944	210,353	(680,591)	24%	103,071
Main Street	209,445	27,877	(181,568)	13%	34,801
Fire	517,020	80,036	(436,984)	15%	65,735
Parks	29,226	3,463	(25,763)	12%	41,387
Planning & Zoning	91,901	12,631	(79,270)	14%	13,369
Police	1,012,305	126,884	(885,421)	13%	133,125
Streets	181,881	27,985	(153,896)	15%	21,118
Total General Fund Expenses	2,932,722	489,229	(2,443,493)	17%	412,606
General Fund Revenues over Expenses	0	1,468,480	(3,401,691)		1,528,409
Water/Sewer Fund					
Water Revenues	1,469,230	257,871	(1,211,359)	18%	217,083
Sewer Revenues	578,000	102,188	(475,812)	18%	98,739
Sanitation Revenues	211,535	36,759	(174,776)	17%	34,567
Total Water/Sanitation/Sewer Revenues	2,258,765	396,818	(1,861,947)	18%	350,389
Administration Expense	1,474,094	232,645	1,241,449	16%	222,517
Water Plant Expense	380,000	62,217	317,783	16%	53,499
Water Distribution Expense	42,721	7,684	35,037	18%	5,678
Waste Water Plant Expense	90,815	16,535	74,280	18%	6,429
Waste Water Collection	59,600	6,819	52,781	11%	3,270
Sanitation	211,535	37,036	174,499	18%	31,371
Total Water/Sanitation/Sewer Expenses	2,258,765	362,936	1,895,829	16%	322,764
W/S/S Revenues over Expenses	0	33,882	33,882		27,625
Total City Fund Revenues over Expenses	0	1,502,362	(3,367,809)		1,556,034

Main Street Report March 2025

New Businesses

- Hush
- The Plantique market
- The Mindful Market
- Portraits and Pastries

Events

- Coffee and Connections
- In town events
 - Total of events 34
 - Total Attendance of 485

Upcoming events

- Easter in The Garden – April 12
- First Friday – May 2
- 63rd Annual Mountain Laurel Festival – May 17

FD Council Report April 2025

Total 91

Fires 7

EMS 39

MVA 3

Building Damage 1

Service 11

Canceled/False 30

City 61

County 28

Demorest 2

City Hall Meeting

April, 8th 2025

- Sanitary Survey Inspection
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Inspection
- Best Operated Facility Award

Departmental Activity Report for the Month of March

The following permits were issued for the month of March:

1 Permanent Sign

0 Temporary Sign

0 Plan Review

2 Building

2 Plumbing

3 Electrical

2 Mechanical

3 Tree Removal

1 Demolition – 3 Way Trading Post

22 Construction inspections

1 Code enforcement actions

COs Issued: 1 - Residential

Planning Activities: Waffle House has purchased the property that is currently the Three Way Trading Post and is planning on demolishing the structures to begin construction of a new restaurant in that location. A definite project timeline has not been not been given yet, but hopefully construction will start later this year.

Arbor Day Proclamation

Whereas, 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

Whereas, the holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

Whereas, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

Now, Therefore, The Mayor and Council of the City of Clarkesville do hereby proclaim April 25, 2025 as

Clarkesville Arbor Day

In the City of Clarkesville, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this 25th day of April in the year 2025

Mayor Barrie Aycock