



Agenda
City of Clarkesville
Regular Meeting
6:00 PM February 2, 2026

1. *Call to Order*
2. *Invocation and Pledge*
 - 2a. *Pastor Walden Grady With Clarkesville Baptist Church Will Lead the Meeting in Prayer*
3. *Consent Agenda*
 - 3a. *Discuss and Consider Approval of the Minutes for the January 5, 2026 Council Meeting*
4. *Committee Reports*
 - 4a. *Finance, MainStreet, Fire, ESG, Police Department, Planning and Zoning, Grants, Downtown Development*
5. *Unfinished Business*
 - 5a. *Discuss and Vote to Approve the GMEBS Retirement Adoption Agreement Ordinance 2026-1*
6. *New Business*
7. *Public Comment*
8. *Consider Going Into Executive Session*
9. *Adjournment*

OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

January 5, 2026
Minutes
City of Clarkesville
Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting was held on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 6:00 PM at City Hall. Those present were Council Member Blake Rainwater, Council Member Leigh Johnston, Council Member Brad Coppedge, Mayor Pro - Tempore Angelia Kiker, Mayor Franklin Brown, Council Member Don Nix.

Agenda Item #1: *Call to Order*

City Clerk Julie Poole called the meeting to order.

Sub-Item #1a.: *Franklin Brown Will Be Sworn in as Mayor*

Pastor Hobie Wood administered the Oath of Office and Franklin Brown was sworn in as Mayor.

Sub-Item #1b.: *Leigh Johnston Will Be Sworn in as Council Member*

Mayor Franklin Brown administered the Oath of Office and Leigh Johnston was sworn in as a Council Member.

Sub-Item #1c.: *Blake Rainwater Will Be Sworn in as Council Member*

Mayor Franklin Brown administered the Oath of Office and Blake Rainwater was sworn in as a Council Member.

Agenda Item #2: *Invocation and Pledge*

Sub-Item #2a.: *Pastor Hobie Wood With Christ Presbyterian Church Will Lead the Meeting in Prayer*

Pastor Wood led the meeting in prayer.

Agenda Item #3: *Consent Agenda*

Sub-Item #3a.: *Discuss and Consider Approval of the December 8, 2025 Work Session, Executive Session and Council Meeting Minutes*

Council Member Brad Coppedge made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Seconded: Council Member Don Nix

Passed (5 - 0)

Agenda Item #4: *Committee Reports*

Sub-Item #4a.: *Finance, Main Street, Fire, ESG, Police Department, Planning and Zoning Department Heads presented their monthly reports.*

Agenda Item #5: *Unfinished Business*

Agenda Item #6: *New Business*

Sub-Item #6a.: *Discuss and Vote to Approve Appointment of the Following Positions for 2026:*

City Manager Keith Dickerson

City Clerk Julie Poole

City Attorney Firm Sanders, Ranck & Skilling, P.C.

City Judge Robert A. Sneed

Council Member Brad Coppedge made a motion to approve the 2026 appointments.

Seconded: Mayor Pro - Tempore Angelia Kiker

Passed (5 - 0)

Sub-Item #6b.: *Discuss and Vote to Elect Mayor Pro Tempore for 2026*

Mayor Brown nominated Angelia Kiker as Mayor Pro Tempore.

Mayor Franklin Brown made a motion to approve Angelia Kiker as Mayor Pro Tempore.

Seconded: Council Member Brad Coppedge

Passed (5 - 0)

Sub-Item #6c.: *Discuss and Vote to Approve the Alcohol License Renewal for Avirett Holdings*

LLC dba Ash & Barrel

Mayor Pro - Tempore Angelia Kiker made a motion to approve the alcohol license.

Seconded: Council Member Brad Coppedge

Passed Unanimously

Agenda Item #7: *Public Comment*

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item #8: *Consider Going Into Executive Session*

There was no Executive Session.

Agenda Item #9: *Adjournment*

Council Member Don Nix made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded: Council Member Brad Coppedge

Passed Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Poole, City Clerk

Fire Department Council Report February 2026

January Total 66

Fires 3

EMS 36

Service 8

Gas Leak 1

Tree/Lines Down 2

False 12

In City 42

Out City 24

City of Clarkesville

City Hall Meeting

February 2, 2026

- Water Plant Withdrawal Renewal
- Water Conservation Plan
- Drought Contingency Plan
- Reservoir Management Plan
- Watershed Management Plan
- Storm Cleanup Report

An Ordinance 2026-1 to amend and restate the Retirement Plan for the Employees of the City of Clarkesville, Georgia, in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Adoption Agreement, any Addendum to the Adoption Agreement, the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) Basic Plan Document, and the GMEBS Trust Agreement. When accepted by the authorized officers of the City and GMEBS, the foregoing shall constitute a Contract between the City and GMEBS, all as authorized and provided by O.C.G.A. § 47-5-1 et seq.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clarkesville, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority thereof:

Section 1. The Retirement Plan for the Employees of the City of Clarkesville, Georgia, is hereby amended and restated as set forth in and subject to the terms and conditions stated in the following Adoption Agreement, any Addendum to the Adoption Agreement, the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) Basic Plan Document, and the GMEBS Trust Agreement.

Section 2. Except as otherwise specifically required by law or by the terms of the Basic Plan Document or Adoption Agreement (or any Addendum), the rights and obligations under the Plan with respect to persons whose employment with the City was terminated or who vacated office with the City for any reason whatsoever prior to the effective date of this Ordinance are fixed and shall be governed by such Plan, if any, as it existed and was in effect at the time of such termination.

Section 3. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be February 2, 2026 **(not earlier than the first day of the current Plan Year in which the Plan is adopted, unless a retroactive corrective amendment is permitted under EPCRS, Rev. Proc. 2021-30 (or subsequent updated guidance))**.

Section 4. All Ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are expressly repealed.

Approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clarkesville, Georgia, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Attest:

CITY OF CLARKESVILLE, GEORGIA

Julie Poole, City Clerk

Franklin Brown, Mayor

(SEAL)

Approved:

Matt Skilling, City Attorney

The terms of the foregoing Adoption Agreement are approved by the Board of Trustees of Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Trustees of Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System has caused its Seal and the signatures of its duly authorized officers to be affixed this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Board of Trustees
Georgia Municipal Employees
Benefit System

Secretary

(SEAL)