



Agenda
City of Clarkesville
Regular Meeting
6:00 PM May 4, 2026

1. *Call to Order*
2. *Invocation and Pledge*
 - 2a. *John Burke will lead the meeting in prayer.*
3. *Consent Agenda*
 - 3a. *Discuss and Vote to Approve the Following Meeting Minutes:*

April 7, 2026 Work Session
April 13, 2026 Council Meeting
April 13, 2026 Executive Session
4. *Committee Reports*
 - 4a. *Finance, Main Street, Fire, ESG, Planning and Zoning, Police, Economic Development*
5. *Unfinished Business*
6. *New Business*
 - 6a. *Discuss and Vote to Approve BP Clarkesville 442 Inc. to Sell Package Beer and Wine at 442 Washington Street*
 - 6b. *Discuss and Vote to Approve Oasis of Clarkesville LLC to Sell Liquor, Beer and Wine for Consumption on the Premises as a Bar or Tavern at 522 Monroe St.*
 - 6c. *Announce and Recognize the Winners of the Georgia Cities' Week Coloring Contest*
7. *Public Comment*
8. *Consider Going Into Executive Session*
9. *Adjournment*

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COUNCIL WORK SESSION

April 7, 2026
Minutes
City of Clarkesville
Council Work Session

The Council Work Session was held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 5:00 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*

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item #2: *Unfinished Business*

Sub-Item #2a.: *Discuss Generator Purchase*

Joe Deputy discussed the need for a mobile generator, for use in multiple capacities, but very important for two lift stations. Joe supplied possibly outdated quotes for a few used generators. For the April Council meeting, Joe will supply updated quotes and report more accurate costs for transfer switches and other installation needs.

Sub-Item #2b.: *Update on 555 Monroe Street Property*

Mayor Brown presented and discussed with Council the completed topography for the property. He has also contacted Ronnie Davidson to present renderings for the property.

Sub-Item #2c.: *Discuss Council Department Assignments*

Council will be updated at the Council Meeting with new department assignments.

Agenda Item #3: *New Business*

Sub-Item #3a.: *Grants Update*

Sara presented the monthly grants updates. Sara, Joe and Council discussed the status of infrastructure funding.

Agenda Item #4: *Open Discussion*

Mayor and Council discussed reopening the conversations regarding developer impact fees. Brad Coppedge volunteered to take on impact fees. Blake and Leigh volunteered to take on infrastructure funding. Council talked with Joe about manhole restorations updates.

Yvonne Marinelli presented the Clarkesville Branding Guide, which includes proper use and colors for the Experience Clarkesville logo. The process of trademarking the logo will begin as soon as possible.

Discussion of the Spring Retreat took place. Leigh would like Pete Pyrzenski from Georgia Municipal Association to attend and other speakers. A date will be set after reaching out to him.

Rosie and Yvonne would like to celebrate Georgia Cities' Week. A proclamation will be

presented for approval at the April Council Meeting and small events and advertising will take place for the week.

Mayor Brown updated on the water billing complaint from 480 Barron Dr.

Agenda Item #5: Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item #6: Consider Going Into Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Agenda Item #7: Adjournment

Council Member Brad Coppedge made a motion to adjourn .

Seconded: Council Member Blake Rainwater

Passed (5 - 0)

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Poole, City Clerk

OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

April 13, 2026
Minutes
City of Clarkesville
Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting was held on Monday, April 13, 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*

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item #2: *Invocation and Pledge*

Sub-Item #2a.: *Pastor Ross Wheeler with Clarkesville First Methodist Church Will Lead the Meeting in Prayer*

Pastor Ross led the meeting in prayer.

Agenda Item #3: *Consent Agenda*

Sub-Item #3a.: *Discuss and Vote to Approve the Following Minutes:*

March 2, 2026 Work Session and Council Meeting

March 31, 2026 Called Meeting and Executive Session

Council Member Brad Coppedge made a motion to approve the March 2, Work Session and Council Meeting minutes.

Seconded: Mayor Pro - Tempore Angelia Kiker

Passed (5 - 0)

Council Member Leigh Johnston made a motion to approve the March 31, 2026 Called Meeting and Executive Session Minutes.

Seconded: Council Member Brad Coppedge

Passed (5 - 0)

Agenda Item #4: *Committee Reports*

Sub-Item #4a.: *Finance, Main Street, Fire, ESG, Planning and Zoning, Police, Economic Development*

Department Heads presented their monthly reports.

Agenda Item #5: *Unfinished Business*

Sub-Item #5a.: *Discuss Council Member Department Assignments*

Mayor and Council discussed their monthly department assignments.

Agenda Item #6: *New Business*

Sub-Item #6a.: *Discuss and Vote to Approve the Clarkesville Branding Guide*

Mayor Pro - Tempore Angelia Kiker made a motion to approve the branding guide as presented.

Seconded: Council Member Brad Coppedge (5 - 0)

Sub-Item #6b.: Discuss and Vote to Approve Resolution 2026-2 Georgia Cities Week

Council Member Don Nix made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-2.

Seconded: Council Member Brad Coppedge Passed (5 - 0)

Sub-Item #6c.: Discuss and Vote to Approve the 2026 Work Session Schedule

Brad Coppedge questioned the December 7 meeting on the schedule. This is an error and will be corrected.

Council Member Brad Coppedge made a motion to approve the amended Work Session schedule.

Seconded: Mayor Pro - Tempore Angelia Kiker Passed (5 - 0)

Sub-Item #6d.: Discuss and Vote to Approve a Mobile Generator Purchase

Council Member Blake Rainwater made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of a used mobile generator and four transfer switches, not to exceed \$45,000 for the purchase and installation costs.

Seconded: Council Member Brad Coppedge Passed (5 - 0)

Sub-Item #6e.: Discuss and Vote to Approve Resolution 2026-3 Veterans and First Responders Month

Council Member Leigh Johnston made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-3.

Seconded: Council Member Blake Rainwater Passed (5 - 0)

Agenda Item #7: Public Comment

Leigh Johnston asked for the Police Department to enforce the vehicle noise ordinance. A social media campaign will begin to make people aware that stronger enforcement will begin.

Agenda Item #8: Consider Going Into Executive Session

Sub-Item #8a.: Vote to Enter Executive Session 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).

Council Member Leigh Johnston made a motion to enter executive session

Seconded: Mayor Pro - Tempore Angelia Kiker Passed (5 - 0)

Agenda Item #9: Adjournment

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

Seconded: Council Member Brad Coppedge Passed (5 - 0)

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Poole, City Clerk

REVENUE & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

03/01/2026 To 03/31/2026

CITY OF CLARKESVILLE

FY 2026

*100 in the % Used column indicates that no budget exists

			Current Period (\$)	YTD (\$)	Budget (\$)	% Used
100 General Fund						
Revenue						
Revenue Subtotal			\$91,821.56	\$2,340,879.19	\$3,172,441.00	74
Expenditure						
Expenditure Subtotal			\$464,930.57	\$1,193,531.59	\$3,175,941.00	38
Before Transfers	Deficiency Of Revenue Subtotal		-\$373,109.01	\$1,147,347.60	-\$3,500.00	-32,781
After Transfers	Deficiency Of Revenue Subtotal		-\$373,109.01	\$1,147,347.60	-\$3,500.00	-32,781
275 Special Revenue Fund						
Revenue						
Revenue Subtotal			\$105.49	\$577.27	\$3,500.00	16
After Transfers	Excess Of Revenue Subtotal		\$105.49	\$577.27	\$3,500.00	16
505 Water Fund						
Revenue						
Revenue Subtotal			\$130,843.14	\$396,018.11	\$1,577,869.00	25
Expenditure						
Expenditure Subtotal			\$245,926.69	\$614,465.46	\$2,061,009.00	30
Before Transfers	Deficiency Of Revenue Subtotal		-\$115,083.55	-\$218,447.35	-\$483,140.00	45
After Transfers	Deficiency Of Revenue Subtotal		-\$115,083.55	-\$218,447.35	-\$483,140.00	45
506 Sewer Fund						
Revenue						
Revenue Subtotal			\$56,490.27	\$173,022.63	\$648,440.00	27
Expenditure						
Expenditure Subtotal			\$10,872.19	\$29,253.23	\$165,300.00	18
Before Transfers	Excess Of Revenue Subtotal		\$45,618.08	\$143,769.40	\$483,140.00	30
After Transfers	Excess Of Revenue Subtotal		\$45,618.08	\$143,769.40	\$483,140.00	30
540 Solid Waste Fund						
Revenue						
Revenue Subtotal			\$19,162.79	\$56,984.51	\$220,200.00	26
Expenditure						
Expenditure Subtotal			\$33,744.37	\$70,841.68	\$220,200.00	32
Before Transfers	Deficiency Of Revenue Subtotal		-\$14,581.58	-\$13,857.17	\$0.00	*100
After Transfers	Deficiency Of Revenue Subtotal		-\$14,581.58	-\$13,857.17	\$0.00	*100



**City of Clarkesville Main Street Program
Monthly City Council Report: March 2026**

Presented: May 2026

New Businesses in March:

- Heart-Felt In-Home Care of Georgia LLC
- Nima Corp (Madison's on Main)

March Meetings:

- Main Street Board- 1 meeting
- Events Committee- 2 meetings
- Economic Development Committee- 1 meeting
- Mountain Laurel Committee- 1 meeting

March Events:

- Mardi Gras- March 7 (Attendance: 160)
- Easter in the Garden- March 28 (Attendance: 102)
- Other In Town Events:
 - Total Events- 33
 - Total Attendance Estimated- 727

Upcoming Events:

- 64th Mountain Laurel Festival- May 16
- Coffee and Community (Main Street)- May 26

Other Events:

- Cruise in with a Purpose Car Show (Partnership)- April 10
- Cruise in with a Purpose Car Show (Partnership)- May 8
- Clarkesville's Growers & Makers Farmers Market (City)- May 2

Other Tasks:

- Had Calendar of Events placed in City Utility Bills
- Promoted Pie Day in Downtown Clarkesville- March 14
- Attended first DDA meeting- March 19
- Mountain Laurel Festival Event Planning
- Red, White, and Tunes Event Planning

- Created Clarkesville, Mountain Laurel, and Red, White, and Tunes advertisements for the Northeast Georgian, Vacation Guide, Hometown Neighbors, and social media
- Met with a local artist with Yvonne about potential downtown mural opportunities
- Met twice with GA Main Street Representative- Cassidi Kendrick
- Worked with Yvonne on a Patriotic Downtown Wreath Project
- Worked with Yvonne on New Banners and Flags for Downtown
- Worked with Yvonne on Brand Guide Design for the City
- Recorded Experience Clarkesville Weekend Radio Show (3 shows)
- Attended GA Main Street's Third Thursday Coffee and Conversation: Public Art in Hapeville and Suwanee Live Session (1 Training Hour)
- Attended New Manager Retreat in Thomasville, Georgia (March 24-25)- 16 Training Hours
- Completed Monthly Community Activity Report for GA Main Street

Fire Department Council Report May 2026

March Total Responses 80

Fire 8

MVA 2

EMS 55

Service 6

False/Canceled 9

City 41

County 39

Departmental Activity Report for the Month of April

The following permits were issued for the month of April:

0 Permanent Signs

0 Temporary Sign

0 Plan Review

1 Building

0 Plumbing

1 Electrical

1 Mechanical

0 Tree Removal

0 Land Disturbance

12 Construction inspections

1 Code Enforcement Actions

COs Issued: 1 Residential CO

Planning Activities:



Economic Development

City Council Report

Meeting: May 4, 2026

- Met with Joe & Evans Lockwood, owners of west side of downtown square building.
- Attended Main Street meetings
- Appeared on WCHM radio for morning show guest spots as well as the “Experience Clarkesville” weekend show.
- Developed schedule for guest spots on the “Experience “Clarkesville” weekend show through the month of May.
- Attended Mardi Gras
- Met with Georgia Power representatives regarding additional data inquiries.
- Attended Rotary Club
- Attended the Georgia Academy for Economic Development “Collaborate and Thrive” and “Essentials” classes.
- Held first DDA meeting on March 19th.
- Met with Lane Gresham and Rosie regarding brand guide
- Attended the Georgia Certified Economic Developers “Workforce Development” course in Warner Robins
- Helped organize “Pi Day” in the Downtown district