



Agenda
City of Clarkesville
Regular Meeting
6:00 PM August 3, 2026

1. *Call to Order*
2. *Invocation and Pledge*
 - 2a. *Pastor Jimmy Latham With Christ Presbyterian Church Will Lead the Meeting in Prayer*
3. *Consent Agenda*
 - 3a. *Discuss and Consider Approval of the Following Minutes:*
 - May 26, 2026 Work Session and Executive Session*
 - June 1, 2026 Council Meeting*
 - June 17, 2026 Retreat, 9:15 am Executive Session and 3:30 Executive Session*
 - July 13, 2026 Council Meeting and Executive Session*
 - July 28, 2026 Work Session*
4. *Committee Reports*
 - 4a. *MainStreet, Economic Development, Fire, ESG, Planning and Zoning, Police*
5. *Unfinished Business*
6. *New Business*
 - 6a. *Discuss and Consider Approval for AanviOm, LLC to Sell Beer and Wine at 183 Grant Street*
7. *Public Comment*
8. *Consider Going Into Executive Session*
9. *Adjournment*

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COUNCIL WORK SESSION

May 26, 2026
Minutes
City of Clarkesville
Council Work Session

The Council Work Session was held on Tuesday, May 26, 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 Yard Debris Pick Up and Right of Way Maintenance*

Brad Coppedge created a presentation of a public works overview. Included in the presentation were employee numbers and job duties. Joe Deputy followed up with problems with the brush program. These problems include aging equipment, large piles and limited time. Council discussed at length ways to continue the program, either keeping it in house or outsourcing brush pickup to a contractor. The Mayor would like to have how much money it would be to add 2 staff members to ESG and some quotes from contractors to perform the work.

Agenda Item #3: *New Business*

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

Sara Burke provided the monthly grants update. Mayor Brown asked if she had found any infrastructure grants specific to the waste water plant. While it is at the top of her priority list, she has not found a grant that we would qualify for.

Sub-Item #3b.: *Discuss the Federal Transit Administration Pilot Program Transit Oriented Development Planning*

Sara Burke discussed the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Grant. Sara suggested we focus on pedestrian traffic and safety, including sidewalks and bike lanes. She would like feedback from Mayor and Council on areas they would like to include in the application.

Sub-Item #3c.: *Discuss and Approve Resolution 2026-4, 2025 Budget Amendments*

Julie Poole presented preliminary budget amendments for 2025 in preparation of the audit. The final resolution will be presented at the next Council Meeting for approval.

Agenda Item #4: *Open Discussion*

Leigh Johnston asked Joe Deputy for an update on striping the streets that were recently paved. He is currently looking for a company to complete this.

Agenda Item #5: *Public Comment*

Veronica Bowen discussed pot holes and infrastructure with Council and Joe Deputy.

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

Mayor Pro - Tempore Angelia Kiker made a motion to enter executive session to interview one or more applicants for the position of the executive head of an agency as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(2).

Seconded: Council Member Leigh Johnston

Passed (5 - 0)

Agenda Item #7: *Adjournment*

Mayor Pro - Tempore Angelia Kiker made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded: Council Member Don Nix

Passed (5 - 0)

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Poole, City Clerk

OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

June 1, 2026
Minutes
City of Clarkesville
Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting was held on Monday, June 1, 2026, at 6:00 PM at City Hall. Those present were Council Member Brad Coppedge, Mayor Pro - Tempore Angelia Kiker, Council Member Don Nix. Council Member Blake Rainwater, Council Member Leigh Johnston, Mayor Franklin Brown were absent.

Agenda Item #1: *Call to Order*

Sub-Item #1a.: *Mayor Pro-Tem Angelia Kiker Will Call the Meeting to Order*
Mayor Pro-Tem Angelia Kiker called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item #2: *Invocation and Pledge*
Angelia Kiker led the meeting in prayer.

Agenda Item #3: *Consent Agenda*

Sub-Item #3a.: *Discuss and Consider Approval of the Following Minutes:*

April 27, 2026 Work Session and Executive Session
May 4, 2026 Council Meeting and Executive Session
May 12, 2026 Called Meeting and Executive Session
May 22, 2026 Called Meeting and Executive Session

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

Seconded: Council Member Don Nix

Passed Unanimously

Agenda Item #4: *Committee Reports*

Sub-Item #4a.: *Finance, Fire, MainStreet, Police, Economic Development, ESG*
Department Heads presented their monthly reports.

Agenda Item #5: *Unfinished Business*

Agenda Item #6: *New Business*

Sub-Item #6a.: *Discuss and Consider Approval of Resolution 2026-4; 2025 Budget Amendments*
Council Member Don Nix made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-4.

Seconded: Council Member Brad Coppedge

Passed Unanimously

Agenda Item #7: *Public Comment*

Alison George on Springwood Dr. asked questions regarding the brush pickup program. Council and Joe Deputy answered her questions.

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

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COUNCIL CALLED MEETING

June 17, 2026
Minutes
City of Clarkesville
Council Called Meeting

The Council Called Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 9:00 AM at 157 Mary Street Clarkesville, GA 30523. 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: *Executive Session*

Sub-Item #2a.: *Vote to Enter Executive Session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employments, compensation, hiring disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(2).*

Council Member Brad Coppedge made a motion to enter executive session

Seconded: Council Member Blake Rainwater

Passed (4 - 0)

Agenda Item #3: *Discuss and Consider Approval of the Following Minutes:*

*April 27, 2026 Work Session and Executive Session
May 4, 2026 Council Meeting and Executive Session
May 12, 2026 Called Meeting and Executive Session
May 22, 2026 Called Meeting and Executive Session*

This is a re-vote from the June 1 Council Meeting, where there was not a quorum.

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

Seconded: Council Member Blake Rainwater

Passed (4 - 0)

Agenda Item #4: *Discuss and Consider Approval of Resolution 2026-4, 2025 Budget Amendments*

This is a re-vote from the June 1 Council Meeting, where there was not a quorum.

Council Member Don Nix made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-4.

Seconded: Council Member Brad Coppedge

Passed (5 - 0)

Agenda Item #5: *Discuss Roles and Responsibilities of Executive Management Team*

City Attorney Matt Skilling reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the Mayor, Council and City Manager as defined in the City Charter and Georgia State Law, along with the roles and responsibilities of assigned project managers.

Agenda Item #6: *Discuss and Vote to Approve Project Management Roles and Responsibilities*

This topic was discussed with Roles and Responsibilities.

Agenda Item #7: *Discussion of Waste Water Infrastructure Project*

Pete Pyrzensi with GMA joined the meeting to give insight into beginning and funding the Infrastructure Project. The project and ideas, including design and funding, were generally discussed at length.

Council Member Brad Coppedge made a motion to table the Waste Water Infrastructure project until it is recommended by the City Manager and approved by Council to continue the project. This includes providing public information, updates, negotiating partnerships or contracts, or interacting with committees or advisory groups. This motion will allow for discovery or research efforts to continue by assigned project managers, including planning, fact finding, due diligence and funding.

Seconded: Council Member Blake Rainwater

Passed (5 - 0)

Agenda Item #8: Discussion of Fire Station Project

Mayor Brown presented drawings of a suggested footprint for the Fire Station at 555 Monroe Street. The project and ideas were generally discussed at length.

Council Member Brad Coppedge made a motion to table the Fire Station project until it is recommended by the City Manager and approved by Council to continue the project. This includes providing public information, updates, negotiating partnerships or contracts, or interacting with committees or advisory groups. This motion will allow for discovery or research efforts to continue by assigned project managers, including planning, fact finding, due diligence and funding.

Seconded: Council Member Blake Rainwater

(5 - 0)

Agenda Item #9: Discussion of 555 Monroe Street Project

The vision of the project was discussed generally at length. All Council Members are NOT in agreement that a hotel should be built on this property.

Council Member Brad Coppedge made a motion to table the 555 Monroe Street Commercial Property project until it is recommended by the City Manager and approved by Council to continue the project. This includes providing public information, updates, negotiating partnerships or contracts, or interacting with committees or advisory groups. This motion will allow for discovery or research efforts to continue by assigned project managers, including planning, fact finding, due diligence and funding.

Seconded: Council Member Leigh Johnston

Passed (5 - 0)

Agenda Item #10: Discussion of Brush Pickup Service

Joe Deputy has spoken with Mackenzie Appleton and McCallister Tree Service to receive quotes for contracting out brush service. Council agreed that ESG will continue the brush program as is for now, and the new City Manager will address the topic.

Agenda Item #11: Open Discussion

Mayor and Council talked with each department head individually. Each provided general updates on their departments.

Consider Entering Executive Session

Council Member Leigh Johnston made a motion to enter executive session

Seconded: Mayor Pro - Tempore Angelia Kiker

Passed (5 - 0)

Agenda Item #12: Adjournment

Council Member Leigh Johnston made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded: Council Member Don Nix

Passed (5 - 0)

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Poole, City Clerk

OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

July 13, 2026
Minutes
City of Clarkesville
Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting was held on Monday, July 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.: *Police Department Chaplain, Dr. Kenneth Franklin, Will Lead the Meeting in Prayer*

Dr. Kenneth Franklin led the meeting in prayer.

Agenda Item #3: *Consent Agenda*

Agenda Item #4: *Committee Reports*

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

Department Heads presented their monthly reports.

Agenda Item #5: *Unfinished Business*

Agenda Item #6: *New Business*

Sub-Item #6a.: *Discuss and Vote to Approve the Employment Contract and Appoint Jason Streetman as City Manager Effective August 3, 2026*

Council Member Brad Coppedge made a motion to approve the employment contract for Jason Streetman as City Manager for the City of Clarkesville effective August 3, 2026.

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

Sub-Item #6b.: *Discuss and Vote to Approve the Habersham County FLOST Intergovernmental Agreement*

Council Member Leigh Johnston made a motion to approve the Habersham County FLOST Intergovernmental Agreement.

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

Sub-Item #6c.: *Discuss and Consider Approval of Resolution 2026-5 FLOST*

Council Member Blake Rainwater made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-5.

Seconded: Council Member Don Nix **Passed (5 - 0)**

Sub-Item #6d.: *Discuss and Vote to Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Demorest for Court Clerk Services*
There was no motion to approve the IGA.

Agenda Item #7: *Public Comment*

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 Brad Coppedge made a motion to enter executive session

Seconded: Council Member Blake Rainwater

Passed (5 - 0)

Agenda Item #9: *Adjournment*

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

Seconded: Council Member Blake Rainwater

Passed (5 - 0)

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Poole, City Clerk

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COUNCIL WORK SESSION

July 28, 2026
Minutes
City of Clarkesville
Council Work Session

The Council Work Session was held on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 5:00 PM at City Hall. Those present were Council Member Blake Rainwater, Council Member Leigh Johnston, Council Member Brad Coppedge, Council Member Don Nix. Mayor Pro - Tempore Angelia Kiker, Mayor Franklin Brown were absent.

Agenda Item #1: *Call to Order*

City Clerk Julie Poole called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item #2: *Unfinished Business*

Sub-Item #2a.: *Discuss Fire Station RFQ/RFP*

Leigh Johnston requested that there be a vote to allow work to be completed on the Fire Station project. Council agreed that the project should remain tabled until Mr. Streetman comes onboard and requests the project to continue.

Agenda Item #3: *New Business*

Sub-Item #3a.: *Discuss Mauldin House Gardens*

There are several trees in the Mauldin Gardens that are old and diseased. These trees need to either be removed or cleaned up. An arborist has given advise to Sarah Samsel and two quotes have been provided.

Sub-Item #3b.: *Discuss IGSA for Fort Gordon*

Fort Gordon in Augusta, GA has requested an Intergovernmental Services Agreement to maintain washers and dryers on base, as we already have with Fort Benning. The project will be led by the ESG team in Augusta. Mayor Brown completed a site visit and an further contract documents will be presented for approval in the near future.

Sub-Item #3c.: *Discuss Stairs at 172 Jefferson Street*

Mayor Brown has contracted work to begin on the repair of the stairs on Jefferson St.

Agenda Item #4: *Open Discussion*

Council discussed, with Sara Burke, a GEFA grant. If we go for this grant, an RFQ needs to be published as soon as possible. Council agreed that we hold off on this grant as it does not fit our needs at this time.

Agenda Item #5: *Public Comment*

Alan Hoag at 140 Wayne Street asked if there has been a highest and best use analysis on the Monroe Street property. Council answered that an analysis of that nature has not been completed.

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

Agenda Item #7: *Adjournment*

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

Seconded: Council Member Blake Rainwater

Passed Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Poole, City Clerk



City of Clarkesville Main Street Program Monthly City Council Report: July 2026

Presented: August 3, 2026

New Businesses in July:

- None

July Meetings:

- Main Street Board Meetings: 1
- Main Street Board Training Sessions: 0
- Events Committee Meetings: 1
- Economic Development Committee Meetings: 1
- DDA Meetings Attended: 0

July Events:

Main Street Events in July: 1

Main Street Partnered Events: 2

- Red, White, & Tunes: July 11
- Cruise in with a Purpose Car Show- July 10

Total Downtown Events for July: 47

Total Estimated Attendance for All Events: 3,520

Other Meetings & Professional Development/Training Opportunities in July:

- GA Main Street Third Thursday Virtual Meeting – July 16

Other Tasks:

- Conducted planning efforts for Red, White & Tunes & executed the event successfully (Main Street Events Committee).
- Assisted with Cruise-In with a Purpose Car Show preparations- July 10.
- Developed advertisements, promotional materials, and social media content for upcoming community events and downtown initiatives.
- Prepared agendas, meeting notices, reminders, and communications for board and committee members.
- Submitted the June Community Activity Report to Georgia Main Street to maintain accreditation status and ensure continued compliance with state program requirements.
- Responded to citizen, business, volunteer, and stakeholder inquiries throughout the month.
- Coordinated with city staff, volunteers, businesses, nonprofit partners, board members, elected officials, and community organizations to support Main Street initiatives and community events.
- Managed day-to-day administrative functions related to downtown development, event planning, marketing, community engagement, and Main Street program administration.
- Began planning efforts for the 3rd quarter Coffee & Community, Fall Festival, Downtown Clarkesville Christmas, and Small Business Saturday
- Mailed 38 “thank you” letters to community partners
- Started volunteer recruitment for Mauldin House
- Gave 4 tours of Mauldin House/Mauldin House property
- Communications with Renee Royal re: painted crosswalks
- Developed digital application for Fall Festival
- Communications with Explore Georgia re: digital advertising for 2027
- Interviews with media partners re: Red, White, & Tunes

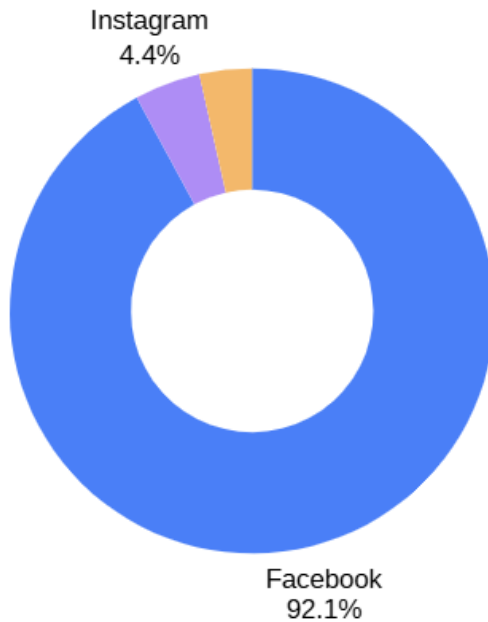


City of Clarkesville Economic Development Monthly City Council Report: July 2026

Presented: August 3, 2026

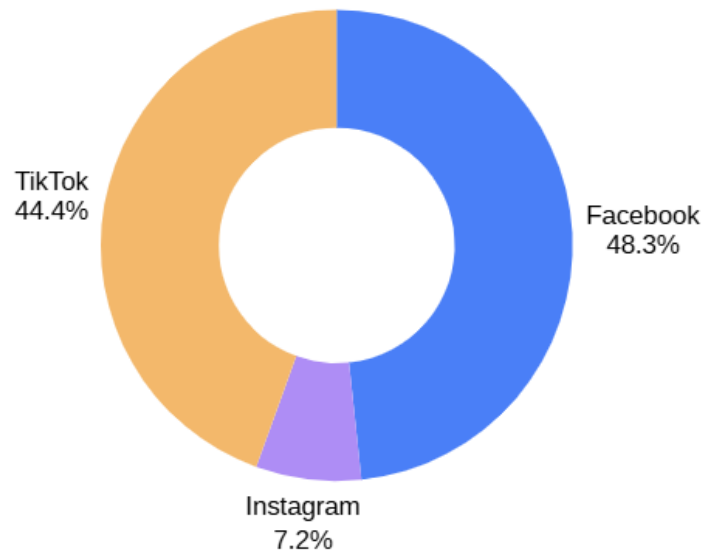
Content Views:

● Facebook ● Instagram ● TikTok



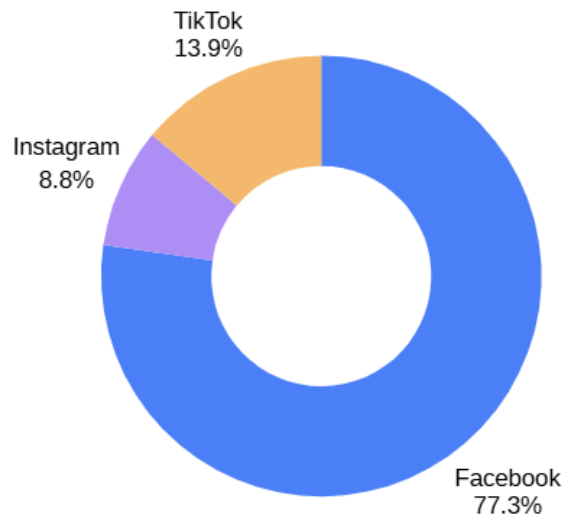
New Follows:

● Facebook ● Instagram ● TikTok



Content Interaction:

● Facebook ● Instagram ● TikTok



Economic Development:

- Appeared on WCHM radio's morning show as guest.
- Met with Mary Beth Horton re: the Downtown Clarkesville Renaissance Strategic Vision Plan conducted in 2015 with the UGA
- Met with city of Cornelia officials re: insight on wastewater plant with Councilwoman Leigh Johnston and Partnership Habersham
- Met with Grounds & Gardens team re: utilization of Mauldin House gardens for small gatherings. Ex: Yoga hosted by A Garden for Wellness
- Lunch meeting with Natalia Serrano with Northeast Georgia Health Systems
- Met with Councilman Brad Coppedge re: strategic plan
- Continued work on vacant property profiles and inventory
- Connected prospective new businesses with vacant property information
- Communications with Georgia Power's Economic Development Department re: drone footage of downtown
- Communications with real estate agents re: vacant commercial properties
- Follow ups with business owners after Red, White, & Tunes to gain insight on business impact
- Phone call with Georgia Power re: expedited power restoration to wastewater plant
- Communications with DCA re: Rural Zone & State Opportunity Zones
- Communications with Danny Bivins (UGA CVIG) re: the Downtown Clarkesville RSVP
- Communications with city of Blue Ridge to confirm site visit in October
- Communications with city of Cumming re: site visit and meeting with their Mayor and planning team
- Communications with Jefferey Burke re: UGA Archway Partnership program
- Participated in website training
- Emails with April Norton on Thomasville re: shop local incentives

Tourism & Special Events:

- Appeared on WCHM radio for prerecorded "Experience Clarkesville" weekend show.
- Created City of Clarkesville advertisement for Business Card Resource Guide and America 250 special publication
- Attended regular Rotary Club meetings
- Attended Camp STEMpowerment as a panel speaker at NGTC
- Attended Northeast Georgia Mountain Travel Association luncheon at NGTC

Special Projects:

- Posted special announcements re: water main break & debris cleanup on social media platforms
- Submitted 2 columns to The Northeast Georgian
- Communications with Lane Gresham re: the Old Clarkesville Cemetery non-profit
- Communications with Life South to coordinate blood drive

Fire Department Council Report August 2026

June Responses 70

Fires 0

EMS 47

MVA 2

Service 10

False/Canceled 11

City 43

County 27

Departmental Activity Report for the Month of July

The following permits were issued for the month of July:

0 Permanent Sign

0 Temporary Sign

0 Plan Review

1 Building

0 Plumbing

2 Electrical

0 Mechanical

0 Tree Removal

0 Code Enforcement Actions

13 Construction inspections

COs Issued: 3 Residential COs.

Planning Activities: The Planning Commission is in the discussion phase of amending types of building processes allowed in residential zoning.