



Agenda
City of Clarkesville
Council Work Session
5:00 PM December 9, 2024

1. *Call to Order*
2. *Unfinished Business*
 - 2a. *Discuss Fort Moore and Camp Merrill Proposal*
 - 2b. *Discuss Lease of City Property*
3. *New Business*
 - 3a. *Discuss the Habersham County Fire Department Study*
4. *Open Discussion*
5. *Public Comment*
6. *Consider Going Into Executive Session*
7. *Adjournment*

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HABERSHAM**

RESOLUTION NO.: _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLARKESVILLE
AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE WITH HABERSHAM COUNTY
IN A FIRE CONSOLIDATION FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR FIRE
SERVICES IN HABERSHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, the City of Clarkesville is committed to ensuring the safety and welfare of its residents through efficient and effective fire protection and emergency response services; and

WHEREAS, Habersham County has proposed a study to evaluate the feasibility of consolidating fire protection and emergency services between the City of Clarkesville and other municipalities within Habersham County to improve service delivery, enhance coordination, and achieve potential cost savings; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clarkesville recognizes the importance of evaluating opportunities to enhance service delivery while maintaining fiscal responsibility and high-quality services; and

WHEREAS, participation in the fire consolidation feasibility study does not obligate the City of Clarkesville to proceed with consolidation but allows for informed decision-making based on comprehensive analysis and community input; and

WHEREAS, collaboration with Habersham County and other stakeholders in this study aligns with the City's strategic goals of fostering intergovernmental cooperation and ensuring sustainable public safety services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Clarkesville and it is hereby resolved and certified by the authority of the same as follows:

1. Approval to Join the Study:

The City of Clarkesville agrees to participate in the fire consolidation feasibility study in partnership with Habersham County and other participating municipalities.

2. Fees for Consultant:

The County has agreed to and shall pay for the cost of the study.

3. Designation of Representative:

The City Council designates the Fire Chief and City Manager as the City's representative to participate in the study process and provide input on behalf of the City.

4. Community Engagement:

The City Council commits to ensuring community engagement throughout the study process to gather input and maintain transparency.

5. No Obligation to Consolidate:

Participation in the study does not obligate the City of Clarkesville, in any way, to proceed with consolidation. Any decision regarding consolidation will require further evaluation and separate approval by the City Council.

SO RESOLVED this _____ day of _____, 202__ by the City Council of the City of Clarkesville.

**CITY OF CLARKESVILLE
HABERSHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA**

_____, MAYOR

ATTEST:

[CITY SEAL]

CITY CLERK