

Special Town Council Meeting  
AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING  
September 18, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

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**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Billy Hollingsworth  
Charles Worthy  
Dwight Lane  
Michael Thomas

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Maria Dickerson  
Tomekia Means  
Anthony "Tony" Hill

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Carla Knotts, Clerk/Treasurer, Charlene Stroud, Melissa Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Yon, Joyce Duncan, and others concerned.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Commander Charlene Stroud gave the call to order.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this meeting is for the Town Council to see the condition of this building and to see if they can help to get some type of grants for renovations.

**MEETING:**

Commander Stroud told everyone about what they offered the Veterans. She said they can help navigate health benefits, offer awards and scholarships to high school students, offer a community hub where people can gather, have ceremonies for Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and other things.

Commander Stroud told council they wanted to make sure the tower up there was deenergized. She said a ramp for handicap persons is going to cost \$15,000.00. She also told council she had the building checked for termites. They did find some termite damage at the door and water is standing under the building. They need to make some type of drain to keep water from standing under there. (Attachment included to show items discussed in this meeting).

Mayor Hollingsworth asked her if she knew what grants were available.

Councilman Thomas asked if she had reached out to Senator Ronnie Cromer or Representative Ralph Norman to see if they could help.

Ms. Melissa Stevens asked if anyone had an assessment on what the cost would be and what repairs need to be done.

They asked if maybe the Town had an empty building where they could hold their meetings until they figured out what to do about this building.

Councilman Thomas asked her if she had asked the Rescue Squad to see if they could use some of the Armory Building that is not being used. He told her to contact Tommy Long and Representative Todd Johnson.

Mayor Hollingsworth told her to get a cost on the renovations.

Councilman Lane said to get a codes person to let them know what needs to be done.

Mayor Hollingsworth told her we would do what we could to help them.

Commander Stroud told council the Veterans Day Parade is being worked on. Mayor Hollingsworth said we need this and we need to show off our Veterans.

On November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Crisp Catering will be selling BBQ Sandwiches @ Friendship Baptist Church. Some of the proceeds go to the Veterans.

Mayor Hollingsworth told everyone grants are a lengthy process. It can be long drawn.

Mayor Hollingsworth told them he could possibly get the town to make a ditch so they can drain the water from under the building.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion to adjourn made by Commander Stroud and seconded by Mayor Hollingsworth. All in favor.

**APPROVED:**

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Mayor Billy Hollingsworth

**ATTEST:**

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Carla Knotts, Clerk/Treasurer