



**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE: January 15, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Shannon Stinchcomb

**OPENING PRAYER:** Mayor Shannon Stinchcomb

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
Shannon Stinchcomb	Mayor	present
Frank Cheely	Council Member	present
James Shedd	Council Member	present
Rebecca Knight	Council Member	present
Jason Allen	Council Member	present
Ken Lewis	Town Attorney	present
Laura Crenshaw	Town Clerk	present
Guests: Zita Shedd Lauren Allen Godwin Deroseney	Hunter Stinchcomb John Withers	Jimmy Fowler Josh Honea

**PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:** All

**WELCOME GUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
Mayor Shannon Stinchcomb

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:**  
Council Member Knight made motion to approve the minutes and financial reports.  
Council Member Allen made second. Unanimous to approve.

**AMENDMENTS TO OLD OR NEW BUSINESS:** None at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Future Vision Committee:** None at this time.

**Historical Society Committee:**  
Council Member Shedd advised that Train Day will be happening 7/4/26 at 11:00 to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday of America. Each Town needs to have a float or a car in the parade – or we can help with the Historical Society float.

**Permitting, Zoning, & Code Enforcement Report:**

The list of items that have been turned over to CPL was presented for the record by Clerk Crenshaw.

**SPLOST Roads Report:**

None at this time.

**SPLOST Recreation Report:**

None at this time.

**Financial Balances as of December 31, 2025:**

Road SPLOST: \$ 249,462.69

Disbursement: \$ 0.00

Rec SPLOST: \$ 41,053.18

Disbursement: \$ 0.00

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. CKH Contract Signature**

Mayor Stinchcomb was not in office when the Council voted to sign with CKH for accounting and audit services. Council gave approval for him to sign the contract. No action required.

**2. 109 Carl Ceder Hill Rd**

Council reviewed documents submitted by CPL giving approval for the construction at 109 Carl Cedar Hill Road to resume. A valid Building Permit was issued by Bureau Veritas. CPL inspected the site and closed the demolition permit from the removal of the old day care building. No action required.

**3. 43 Carl Midway Church Road**

Steve Landers did not appear for the meeting. Attorney Lewis advised that Landers just needs to submit the applications for the project to CPL. No action taken.

**4. LMIG/LRA Items**

A sheet explaining the submission needs for the LMIG grant, the LRA funds that are in the DOT account, and a follow up on the missing solar sign from Carl Midway Church Road was submitted for review by Clerk Crenshaw. It was agreed that we must contact Darrell Greeson for help with the LMIG grant submission, and Mayor Stinchcomb requested his contact information. No action taken.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Maintenance Issues**

A list of maintenance needs for Town Hall and the park was submitted for Council review: Gutters, Christmas Balls in the cedar tree since 2024, broken flag brace on Carl Bethlehem Road, a new A-frame ladder. Council Member Knight made motion to table this until after Executive Session. Council Member Allen made second. Unanimous to table.

### **2. Mayor Training In Tifton, GA**

Council approved the hotel, mileage, and meals expenses for Mayor Stinchcomb to attend the required Mayor training sessions in Tifton, GA, on 3/18/26-3/20/26.

### **3. New Front Door Mat**

A new front door mat would cost about \$125. Council Member Knight said to just do away with the mat. No action taken.

### **4. Alcohol / Gaming License Renewals**

The alcohol/gaming license renewals for Carl House, Kenny's Food Mart, and Mehek Businesses (the Smoke Shop) were presented for Council approval. All licenses were signed by Mayor Stinchcomb. No action required.

### **5. Business License Renewals**

Attorney Lewis questioned why all the business licenses were held up on renewal. Clerk Crenshaw stated that she was advised repeatedly by Mayor Pro Tem Shedd and other Council members that the Council has to approve all license renewals going forward. Attorney Lewis stated that the license renewals are purely administrative and not Council business. No action taken.

### **6. John Withers/Josh Honea - 1247 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Truck Parking**

Council Member Allen stated that he is confused about issues with the truck parking verses the Zoning Code and Town Ordinances. Council Member Knight asked if an application for a business license has been submitted. Clerk Crenshaw responded they have not yet submitted for a business license. Mr. Withers, property owner, gave a brief history of R&R Manufacturing that was operating at this address for many years. Now the building is leased to Sky Collision and SE Hydraulics – both of which have current business licenses. Council Member Allen advised that if the RV/Truck parking is compliant with the Code, it would have to have it's own business license. Council Member Knight reiterated that if you want to put that business in Carl, it has to have a business license. Josh Honea advised Council that there are roll-off dumpsters at the rear of the property that are not under his purview – those are separate. The dumpsters are stored on the property until that company needs them. Mayor Stinchcomb added that there are no RV's there now – it is all tractor trailers that are running all night, and the Town is getting noise complaints. Mr. Withers said that he has instructed Honea to not rent to refrigerated trucks because of the noise. Mr. Withers stated that his attorney, John Stell, told him that if the office for the business is not in Carl, then he does need a permit in Carl. Attorney Lewis told him that is not correct. Allen counterfered that the

parking is a new use in the property that is in Carl, and a Carl business license is required. Attorney Lewis engaged Mr. Withers in an explanation that just like Sky Collision and SE Hydraulics, the new use requires its own Carl business license. Mayor Stinchcomb pointed out that there is actually truck parking and roll-off storage. Council Member Shedd pointed out that 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Parks Mill Rd are designated as “no-truck” routes, and that one of the trucks has already demolished the railroad crossing. Attorney Lewis stated that a storage business license would cover both the trucks and the roll-offs. Council Member Allen inquired about who is actually operating the business. Honea is an employee of Withers and Withers maintained that it is his business. Attorney Lewis stated that R&R could apply for a license for a storage business. Zita Shedd asked if a vote is required. Attorney Lewis said that there is nothing to vote on until an application has been submitted. Mayor Stinchcomb again stated that he wants a license for both businesses. Attorney Lewis countered that one storage license can cover both. No action to be taken until an application has been received.

#### **7. Jason Jones – 1568 Carl Bethlehem Rd**

Mr. Jones did not appear for the meeting. Council Member Knight made a motion to table. Council Member Allen made second. Unanimous to table.

#### **8. Temporary Power Pole Permit – 1226 Atlanta Highway**

Property owner Jimmy Fowler wants a temporary power pole for a security gate with CPL. Mayor Stinchcomb asked if this is just for the lot where Fowler has truck parking. Fowler stated that the power pole is for a gate at the entrance to the property. He currently has a solar-powered security system for theft issues. He eventually wants warehouses in place of the truck parking, and an outdoor venue. Council Member Knight asked about what type of warehouses and if it is an approved use in the Highway Corridor overlay. Attorney Lewis advised to submit a plan to CPL for evaluation and recommendations for the Council. Council Member Knight stated that warehouses do not work with the Comprehensive Plan for the Town. Fowler stated that it is C-3 property. Council Member Allen stated that it is more than a zoning issue – it has to be compliant with the adopted Comprehensive Plan. Allen also asked about who is providing sewer on the property. Fowler said he paid \$102,000 to Barrow County for the tap to the Auburn pump station. Mayor Stinchcomb advised Fowler to submit the project to CPL. Lauren Allen asked who defines “temporary”. Attorney Lewis stated that we will get clarification from CPL. Jimmy Fowler also stated that he has power to the double-wide trailer at 51 Carl Midway Church Road and he plans to rezone that for the outdoor venue. Hunter Stinchcomb made a complaint about the appearance of the property at 1226 Atlanta Highway – that the property should have vegetation and shrubs with a tarped fence, but it is all dirt. Council Member Allen advised Mr. Stinchcomb that any blight complaint should be properly registered with the Town.

Council Member Shedd interrupted the business to make a statement. He stated that Clerk Laura Crenshaw changed the name on his personal Windstream account to a

derogatory nickname. The email says “Mom Mom” when it auto-populates and this just started mid- January. Council Member Allen stated that the account is his personal account and there is no way that came from Town Hall. Clerk Crenshaw said that she had no clue how that got on there, but she did not do it. Zita Sheed shouted from her seat that, “We know she did it!”, then Lauren Allen addressed Mrs. Shedd by stating, “How dare you accuse her!” Mayor Stinchcomb regained order by stating that it is his (Shedd’s) Windstream account and something must have happened with the new computer was installed at their home that week, and that he would take a look at it later. Hunter Stinchcomb then stated, “We know she did it – she made the Town accounts for everyone!” Clerk Crenshaw corrected Mr. Stinchcomb, stating that, “The Town .gov email only has two emails – Jason Allen was the test run, and Mayor Stinchcomb because he is the Mayor. The other accounts were never created because Google is overcharging the Town for each account. Jimmie Shedd does not have a .gov email through the Town.” Mr. Stinchcomb replied that that was not what he was told.

#### **9. Change in the Mayor Pro Tempore**

Council Member Knight opened the discussion by stating that it is a new year and a new Mayor; we need a new Pro Tem. She suggested Jason Allen for the new Pro Tem. Council Member Cheely made motion to approve Jason Allen as the new Mayor Pro Tempore. Council Member Knight made second. Unanimous for Jason Allen to be the new Mayor Pro Tempore.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Hunter Stinchcomb stated that whomever puts in a bid for the landscaping in the park needs to include the gutters. It was agreed that this is a good idea.

Lauren Allen brought up the hold on business licenses and how it negatively impacts the businesses.

Josh Honea made comment that he just works for Mr. Withers. Attorney Lewis asked him to have John Stell call him about Mr. Withers’ business license. Honea stated that he had spoken with Mayor Stinchcomb and all the loud trucks are gone. Honea also asked if Carl will be charging fines soon. The Mayor told him the violation was on the noise ordinance, but we will not charge fines right away. Council Member Shedd stated that 10:00 pm is the limit – it must be quite after 10:00 pm.

#### **ADJOURN:**

Council Member Knight made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Council Member Allen made second. Unanimous to adjourn to Executive Session.