



Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE: August 21, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Shedd

OPENING PRAYER: Council Member Jason Allen

Attendee Name	Title	Status
James Shedd	Mayor Pro Tem	present
Frank Cheely	Council Member	present
Rebecca Knight	Council Member	not present
Jason Allen	Council Member	present
Ken Lewis	Town Attorney	present
Laura Crenshaw	Town Clerk	present
Guests: Nancy Parker	Keith Parker	Kris Robinson
Zita Shedd	Timothy Mathis	Guy Abernathy
Morgan Ervin	Shannon Stinchcomb	Godwin Deroseney
Cristobal Colon	Jimmy Fowler	

PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG: All

WELCOME GUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Pro Tem Shedd

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Motion to approve the minutes and financial reports was made by Council Member Cheely. Second was made by Council Member Allen. Unanimous to approve.

AMENDMENTS TO OLD OR NEW BUSINESS:

New business agenda item # 1 of accepting the resignation of Mayor David Brock was requested by Ms. Robin Brock the day of the Council Meeting. She addressed the Town Attorney and Council prior to the meeting having been called to order and then left the premises. Legal Council will address the issue. Business proceeded with New Business item #2 now becoming item #1.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Future Vision Committee:

No report at this time.

Historical Society Committee:

No report made at this time.

Permitting, Zoning, & Code Enforcement Report:

Clerk Crenshaw submitted into the record a listing of the properties that are holding on the selection of a 3rd party provider for Plan Review, Inspections, and Zoning Administration as well as Code Enforcement

SPLOST Roads Report:

No report at this time.

SPLOST Recreation Report:

We have received a price from the installer of the park equipment to come back and add the mulch, edging, & ground cover. The price is higher than what the Council had previously approved. Council Member Allen said he would like to get two more quotes for comparison. Allen also stated that he would volunteer his tractor and time to spread the mulch if necessary.

Financial Balances as of July 31, 2025:

Road SPLOST: \$203,409.23

Disbursement: \$0.00

Rec SPLOST: \$43,887.90

Disbursement: \$1,800.00

Pressure Washing, Painting Town Hall & Pavilion
\$5,640.75

Installation of New Playground Equipment.

OLD BUSINESS:**1. Proposals for Plan Review & Inspections**

Council Member Allen made a motion that any discussion regarding selection of a provider/providers be tabled until September. Council Member Cheely made second. Unanimous to table until September

2. IT Update

Clerk Crenshaw made report that the .gov website is up and running, and we are ready to make the new email accounts for the Council Members. We are also posting to the citizens on the new Town of Carl Facebook page and Instagram.

NEW BUSINESS:**1. Peddler's License/Yard Sale Permit**

Tim Mathis, aka “Pops” of Pop’s Produce, addressed the Council. Mayor Brock had refused to grant him a business license for 2025. He has had the produce stand/yard sale at the intersection of Carl Bethlehem Road and Carl Midway Church Road for years. Council Member Allen stated that he had received complaints about Pops leaving yard sale items out and not cleaning up the location, but he was unaware that the business license had been denied by Mayor Brock, or that Pops even had a license in the past. Pops stated that he had had a yard sale the weekend of 8/16/25 and everything was cleaned up nice, and he does not see why he can’t get a Peddler’s License or his business license back. Council Member Allen stated that the Council is aware that we need to make some parameters for the 3-Day Peddler’s License and we need to create the actual License/Permit. Town Attorney Lewis and Mayor Pro Tem Shedd agreed that Pops can continue on with his produce/yard sale as long as everything is kept clean and orderly while the Town reviews the Code on this. Council Member Allen made a motion to table the discussion for the September meeting. Council Member Cheely made second. Unanimous to table.

2. Southeast Culvert Properties

Kris Robinson addressed the Council on behalf of the property owners, 13 States Properties. When the properties CA03 005A, CA03 006, CA03 008 were rezoned for Industrial use, Bureau Veritas failed to notify them that the Town of Carl Unified Development Code requires a 500’ buffer from any residential property line. The approved plans for the SE Culvert project clearly show development within 100’ of the property line for the cemetery located on parcel CA03 009, which has a Residential zoning. Attorney Ken Lewis advised Kris that he just needs to submit for a variance. Kris stated that he knows the railroad spur to the plant will encroach on the buffer, and that the plans are to apply for the Land Disturbance Permit within the next 12 months. Council Member Allen made motion to table this item until the variance application has been made. Council Member Cheely made second. Unanimous to table.

Kris Robinson that asked if the existing Demo Permit for the mobile home located at 34 Carl Cedar Hill Road can be revised to include the mobile home located at 41 Carl Cedar Hill Road so that SE Culvert can demo both structures at the same time. Attorney Lewis advised him to submit the Bureau Veritas permit for review.

3. Proposals for Tax Services

Clerk Crenshaw advised the Council that we have only received proposals from two CPAs to provide tax services. Council Member Allen stated that he would like another to make 3 proposals to choose from. Attorney Lewis advised that we need to table until we have the 3rd proposal. Council Member Allen made a motion to table. Council Member Cheely made second. Unanimous to table.

4. Clerk Training & GMA Meetings

Clerk Crenshaw asked for Council Approval to attend two training classes at the Carl Vinson Institute in Athens, GA, on 9/8/2025 – 9/9/2025. The cost of the two training

classes would be \$500. In addition to the training classes, the Georgia Municipal Association has two Clerk meetings coming up on 10/9/2025 and 10/21/2025. Council Member Allen made motion to approve. Council Member Cheely made second. Unanimous to approve.

5. Arborist For Park, Carl Midway Church Rd, & Carl Cedar Hill Rd

There are two trees in the park that need attention; one looks dead and one needs to be pruned. Ms. Robin Gunby at 29 Carl Cedar Hill Rd has a tree that she says needs to come down. Ms. Gumby says that the tree in is the right-of-way and is the Town's responsibility. Mr. Dwayne Elliott wants a tree removed from the property at 80 Carl Midway Church Road (which belongs to Council Member Kight) as it is a danger in the curve and it has been hit by vehicles several times. Council Member Allen made motion that the Town get an Arborist to come look at these trees and give a bid. Council Member Cheely made second to get bids. Unanimous to table until the bids are presented to the Council.

6. LMIG/LRA Projects

The Town received \$7,242.00 in funds for the Local Roads Assistance (LRA) Grant through the DOT back in June. Mayor Brock had designated these funds for re-stripping, refreshing signage, and thermoplastic stop lines on the roads in the Town. Clerk Crenshaw asked Mayor Pro Tem Shedd and Council Member Allen to determine priority on the roads so that bids for the work can be obtained. The Council was unaware that Mayor Brock had had the Clerk submit for any grants, or that funds had been designated for any road projects. Additionally, the Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) submission deadline is coming up. The Clerk needs to know which roads need to be paved next in order to get a quote from Barrow County and submit for those funds. Council Member Allen made a motion to table this to September to gather information. Council Member Cheely made second. Unanimous to table until September.

7. Carl-Midway Church Road Signage Project

Mayor Brock had hired Darrell Greeson to work with the Town on Special Projects – namely ordering signage to reduce speeding for Carl-Midway Church Road due to the fatalities on the road. There is signage in the shed that is supposed to be on the road, and there was a mix-up on the order for the LED signs. With the resignation of Mayor Brock, Darrell Greeson is the only person who knows what needs to be done to complete the project. Mayor Pro Tem stated that he would contact Darrell and bring him back on board to complete the project, or at least get guidance. No action taken at this time.

8. 1202 Atlanta Highway

The Rape Crisis Center wants to purchase a larger sign. The sign they have currently is already larger than allowed for a Residential zoning (9 sf is allowed; they have 18sf). The sign that they want is 24 sf. If the use is considered institutional, that would allow for a sign that measures 32 sf. Mayor Pro Tem Shedd questioned if the larger sign would

impede the line of sight for drivers on Atlanta Highway. Council Member Allen said he would like to see a simple drawing & roadway layout. Mayor Brock had told the manager at the Crisis Center that the Town would waive all permit fees since they are a non-profit, and that the application process would basically be perfunctory. The Town is awaiting the application and drawings. No action taken at this time.

9. Banking Changes

Mayor Pro Tem Shedd announced that Bank OZK wants to set up a workshop with the Town to make a proposal on interest rates to keep our business at bank OZK. The Council had previously voted to move our accounts to First American for better interest rates. With the resignation of Mayor Brock, that move has been reconsidered by the Council. Once Shedd has that date, he will call for a Workshop. No action at this time.

10. 1702 Carl Bethlehem Rd Business License

Nancy Parker addressed the Council. She and her husband Keith reminded the Council that Mayor Dave Brock had blocked the sale of their property back in June, including demanding an unnecessary rezoning. They have a new buyer for the property, Cristobal Colon, who had submitted for a business license. The use, the name of the business, and the facilities will remain exactly the same, therefore the nonconforming use meets the requirements of the Unified Development Code for the Town of Carl. Council Member Allen made a motion to grant the business license for Carl Mini Storage, Inc. to Cristobal Colon. Council Member Cheely made second. Unanimous to grant the business license.

11. Zoning Administrator Proposals

Clerk Crenshaw advised the Council that we have only received two proposals for Zoning Administration. The Council is considering an IGA with Barrow County for Zoning Administration. Council Member Allen made a motion to table this item until the Council has been able to meet with the County. Council Member Cheely made second. Unanimous to table until further notice.

12. 43 Carl Midway Church Rd

Guy Abernathy, Contractor, addressed the Council on behalf of the property owner. The Unified Development Code requires one parking spot per bedroom; which means the facility would have to have at least 15 parking spaces. According to the UDC, the Zoning Administrator can reduce that requirement by up to 25%, which would reduce the required amount to 12 spaces. The site plan for the property is drawn with 12 spaces. Attorney Lewis stated that there is a quandry since we have all things Zoning temporarily on hold and are trying to get resolution. Council Member Allen made motion to table this until the Zoning Administration issue has been resolved. Council Member Cheely made second. Unanimous to table until Zoning Administration has been settled.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nancy Parker thanked the Council for granting the Business License for Colon. The sale of their business will be finalized on August 22, 2025. Keith Parker made a statement that it is not right that business owners do not have a vote on Town Council – they are affected as much, if not more, as the residents. Council Member Allen advised that only registered residents can vote. Parker stated that he just does not think it is right for the business owners to not have representation.

Jimmy Fowler asked the Council why we

cannot just go back to Barrow County for Permitting & Inspections, but keep Zoning at Carl. Council Allen responded by stating that we are considering all our options. The residents of Carl deserve to have Code Enforcement as well as Planning & Zoning done by us. The Council will decide what is best for the Town of Carl.

ADJOURN:

Council Member Allen made a motion to adjourn to an Executive Session. Council Member Cheely made second. Council adjourned to Executive Session.