



## Regular Meeting Minutes

**DATE: March 20, 2025**

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Attendee Name	Title	Status
David Brock	Mayor	present
Frank Cheely	Council Member	present
James Shedd	Council Member	present
Rebecca Knight	Council Member	present
Jason Allen	Council Member	present
Ken Lewis	City Attorney	present
Laura Crenshaw	City Clerk	present
Shannon Stinchomb	Guest	present
Zita Shedd	Guest	present
Brandon Shedd	Guest	present

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor David Brock

**OPENING PRAYER:** Mayor David Brock

**PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:** All

**WELCOME GUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Brock welcomed the guests. No public comment at this time.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Council Member Cheely made motion to approve the minutes and financial reports from the February meeting. Council Member Knight made second. Unanimous to approve the minutes and financial reports.

**AMENDMENTS TO OLD OR NEW BUSINESS:**

Council Member Shedd opened conversation regarding reactivating the tornado siren. The Town had proposed getting weather radios for our elderly residents that do not have smart phones, but Council Member Shedd raised concerns about the residents knowing

how to operate the radios, having them plugged in and accessible, having battery back up, etc. Mayor Brock stated that he had already addressed this with the Mayor of Auburn, who had the siren deactivated. The City Limits of Auburn have extended beyond the range of the siren, so they discontinued use of the siren. Mayor Brock had asked for it to be reactivated for the residents of Carl that depend on it, but to no avail. Clerk Crenshaw was tasked with contacting GEMA to see if the Town of Carl has any recourse in having the siren reactivated.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Infrastructure & Planning Committee:**

The Mayor stated that he has a meeting coming up regarding sewer access. Council Member Knight mentioned that sewer is being ran down Kilcrease Road for a new subdivision. Council Member Allen questioned why the Town of Carl, with only 250 residences, cannot be included in the new lines. Attorney Lewis stated that he was privy to some discussion between Barrow County and the City of Auburn, and it was stated that there was no capacity for Carl; this new subdivision has been in the works for a very long time. Mayor Brock stated that Barrow County has capacity for us at Tanner's Bridge, but we have to have a way to get to it. Mr. Stinchcomb stated that the Town of Carl will have to pay for an Engineering Plan with the storm drain lines and proposed sewer lines in order to be prepared for discussions with Barrow County. Attorney Lewis suggested that Mayor Brock contact the person who drew the plans for Auburn and Braselton. Councilman Allen stated that he will also reach out.

### **Historical Society Committee:**

Council Member Shedd advised that the Master's Table will be catering the Spring Membership Drive dinner at Wimberly Center on April 24, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

Train Day and the Winder Farmer's Market Grand Opening for 2025 is scheduled for April 5, 2025.

The Town of Carl is coming up as host for the Historical Preservation dinners, and we need to prepare to make presentation. Mayor Brock suggested Contacting an intern at UGA to write a piece on Mr. Dwayne Elliott and Ms. Freida Knight. Council Member Shedd also thinks that the person that started the hospital in Barrow County was from Carl. Mayor Brock charged him to check the records at the Winder museum for resources.

Mayor Brock stated that he wants to plan a means to celebrate Ms. Carol Healen Burrell as a distinguished Carl Citizen.

### **Bureau Veritas Report:**

Clerk Crenshaw presented the updated financial report for Bureau Veritas. The Town has received several permit fees in the last month, including for the Building Permit at 109 Carl Cedar Hill Road so that renovations can begin on the structure. It is to become a gas station.

Clerk Crenshaw also brought up three issues for Code Enforcement. 19 Parker Road still has the chicken coop in the front yard. No structures can be in the front yard in any zoning district. The Town has already sent a certified letter advising that the coop has to be moved to the rear yard. The homeowner has taken no action. Attorney Lewis is looking into the Town being able to issue a citation.

There have been multiple complaints against the property at 33 Carl Cedar Hill Road for trash and such creating a vermin problem and posing a health hazard. The Town also sent them a certified letter advising of the violations, and it appears that they are attempting to get the property into compliance.

1096 Atlanta Highway appears to be vacant and has fallen into severe disrepair. The derelict structure looks like it is about to collapse, and poses a hazard to the community. Attorney Lewis will look into the property records and see if there is a contact for the property and the procedure for the structure to be condemned.

Mayor Brock stated that he will pursue finding a new Town Marshall for our Code Enforcement needs.

### **SPLOST Roads Report:**

None at this time.

### **SPLOST Recreation Report:**

Clerk Crenshaw advised that 9 pieces of playground/exercise equipment have been ordered and shipments will commence in a few weeks. The last of the ARPA grant funds were used, as well money from the SPLOST Rec account. Those numbers will reflect on the financial reporting for March and be available at the April Council Meeting.

### **Financial Balances as of February 28, 2025:**

Road SPLOST: \$154, 553.29

Disbursement: \$0.00

Rec SPLOST: \$57,542.99

Disbursement: \$980.00 for Dogwood Trees

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

None at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Banking Changes**

Mayor Brock advised that he and Clerk Crenshaw met with the officials from 1<sup>st</sup> American Bank. The Council was provided a list of the Town's current account and CD interest rates at Bank OZK, as well as the proposed rates from 1<sup>st</sup> American for Business Accounts and Mutual Funds.

Council Member Knight stated that due to our balances, we need to split the Town's funds into at least 2 banking institutions to safely fall under the FDIC protection. Mayor Brock stated that he would like to invest in a CD or another Money Market Account. Attorney Lewis stated that our deposits can be covered up to \$500,000 by the FDIC. Council Member Allen suggested a Work Session to gather information from more institutions and look at the numbers more closely.

Mr. Stinchcomb stated that the increased interest would help pay for the Engineering needed for sewer. Council Member Allen agreed that sewer and annexation needs to be our priority. Council Member Knight proposed departing from brick & mortar banks and going online. Mayor Brock is firm that he wants to stay with a community brick & mortar bank – keeps the money in the community. Online banks do not support our local teams, contribute to local needs, etc... Clerk Crenshaw mentioned that some online banks have limits on how many remote deposits can be made, and Attorney Lewis stated that there may be restrictions on governmental use of online banking, especially in regards to public funds. Stinchcomb and Mr. Shedd both weighed in that online banking is the way of the future and safer than conventional banking.

Council Member Allen also stated that we need to make a way for the Town to receive online licensing and trash payments, as well as accept credit/debit cards at Town Hall. He wants Clerk Crenshaw to confer with the website designers on adding that feature at a later date.

Council Member Knight made motion to schedule a Work Session. Council Member Allen made second. Unanimous to table for a Work Session. Session set for Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 12:00 noon.

### **2. Playground/Library Event**

Council Member Shedd asked if we ever received any quotes for the proposed addition to the park fence. Clerk Crenshaw advised that nobody responded to the ads for bids. She called 7 fence companies for quotes and only 2 responded – and the quotes were outrageous. Mr. Stinchcomb suggested that we contact the Boy Scouts of America Service Center and see if anyone would take on the project as an Eagle Scout. Mayor Brock said he would like to plan an event for the park upgrades and library with a cookout. Backyard BBQ Boys was suggested as the food provider for the cookout. He would also like some interactive way for the Townspeople to learn about the history of Carl as well as let us know what they want in their town – more park space, trails, etc...

Council Member Allen made motion to table this discussion for the Work Session set for April. Council Member Knight made second. Unanimous to table this discussion until the Work Session set for April 9, 2025.

### **3. Emails for Council Members**

All members of the Council agreed that they want an individual email set through the website. Clerk Crenshaw will advise The Good Viking, out 3<sup>rd</sup> party IT support, to add this feature to the website. The Website should be functional in the next couple of weeks.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None at this time.

### **ADJOURN:**

Council Member Allen made motion to adjourn. Council Member Cheely made second. Unanimous to adjourn at 7:30 PM.