



## Regular Meeting Minutes

**DATE: February 19, 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
Jason Allen	Mayor Pro Tem	present
James Shedd	Council Member	present
Rebecca Knight	Council Member	present
Frank Cheely	Council Member	present
Ken Lewis	Town Attorney	present
Laura Crenshaw	Town Clerk	present
Guests: Sarah McQuade Jim Fowler Robert Scheunemann Zita Shedd Debra Maloney John Withers	Dana Spayde Pam Fowler Jason Jones Lauren Allen Hunter Stinchcomb Ali Reza Gabhrani	Zachary Lloyd Susan Scheunemann Brandon Shedd Darrell Maloney Godwin Deroseney Josh Honea

**PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:** All

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

Mayor Stinchcomb asked the guests if there were any comments to be made. There were none at this time.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Council Member Cheely made motion to approve the January Minutes and the Financial Reports. Council Member Shedd made second. Unanimous to approve.

**AMENDMENTS TO OLD OR NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Stinchcomb announced that he will not be present for the March 19, 2026, meeting due to his required training in Tifton. Council decided to move forward with Mayor Pro Tem Allen presiding over the March meeting rather than change the schedule.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Future Vision Committee:**

None at this time.

**Historical Society Committee:**

Council Member Shedd gave an update on the new medical museum. Train Day will be held July 4 in Winder to celebrate our Country’s 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Historical Society is undertaking a clean-up project for the monuments and burial grounds in the County and will be asking for volunteers. The Farmer’s Market in Winder will resume 4/17/26.

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

A spreadsheet of the accounts that have been submitted to CPL for review was submitted by Clerk Crenshaw for the record.

**SPLOST Roads Report:**

Clerk Crenshaw advised that Darrell Greeson has agreed to act as Consultant to help with our LMIG submission as well as the LRA expenditure. .

**SPLOST Recreation Report:**

**Financial Balances as of January 31, 2026:**

Road SPLOST: \$258,850.02

Disbursement: \$0.00

Rec SPLOST: \$45,677.03

Disbursement: \$0.00

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. LRA – Brown Bridge Road**

Mayor Stinchcomb asked the Council if the Town should agree to allow Auburn to take care of Brown Bridge Road as part of their upcoming paving project. It was agreed that this would be wise. The City of Auburn will invoice the Town for our part once the project has been completed. Mayor Stinchcomb stated that he would meet with Micheal Parks and invited Jason Allen as well as any other Council members that wish to attend. Council Member Shedd stated that he believed that the Town’s responsibility ended at the edge of the road and did not include the road itself. Mayor Stinchcomb asked Sarah McQuade from CPL to research the limits of the Town’s responsibility. She stated that the GIS map shows Carl limits as the middle of the roadway. No action taken at this time.

**2. Rape Crisis Center**

Susan Scheunemann addressed the Council. She explained that she ordered a \$3,000 sign with grant money based on the word of the former Mayor, David Brock. She

desperately needs that sign. Mayor Stinchcomb stated that the sign has been approved by CPL, and Attorney Ken Lewis stated that if the sign meets Code there is no basis for discussion. The 2026 business license for the Rape Crisis Center is on hold pending a rezoning of the property. No action was taken.

### **3. Business License for 1247 4<sup>th</sup> Ave**

Attorney Ken Lewis asked if the application for the license to truck parking/outdoor storage had been completed. Council reviewed copies of the application with redline remarks by CPL. Attorney Lewis deemed the application insufficient due to all the corrections/comments from CPL. Mr. John Withers, property owner, did not understand why there are so many corrections needed for the application. Susan McQuade from CPL advised Mr. Withers that they would talk after the meeting and she would explain. Council Member Allen stated that this is more of an administrative issue than Council business. Mr. Withers stated that he had “filled out everything”; McQuade told him again that she could help him afterwards. Mayor Stinchcomb told Withers that there are a couple things that need clarification; to just get with CPL so they can help get his business license wrapped up.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Swearing-In of Code Enforcement Officer**

The Code Enforcement Officer for CPL could not attend the meeting. No action on this item.

### **2. Petty Cash Funds**

Clerk Crenshaw submitted to the Council a written explanation of how the pavilion rental fees and permit fees that are paid in cash fund the Petty Cash for the office; and how that discontinuance of the pavilion rental will basically defund the Petty Cash and her ability to make change, she will be unable to return security deposits, it will cause an increase credit card use, etc... Council Member Shedd and Mayor Stinchcomb stated that they have seen how many people use the park and rent the pavilion year after year for their events. They do not want to discontinue the pavilion rental. Council Member Jason Allen stated that if the petty cash runs low, the Clerk can make a withdrawal from the General Fund. The Attorney questioned why we are discussing this; the Clerk advised that a previous Minutes from 2025 states that the Council wanted to stop renting the pavilion. If we are rescinding that decision, it needs to be in the Minutes as well. No action taken.

### **3. American Flag Displays**

A citizen had complained about the condition of our flags and Mayor Stinchcomb had removed them from the poles along Carl Bethlehem Road. Council Member Allen stated that he would like to replace all the existing flags. Council Member Shedd agreed. Mayor Stinchcomb tasked the Clerk with getting the prices for the road flags and

the park. Council Member Allen stated that we need to contact the Scouts for disposal of the old flags. No action taken.

#### **4. Transfer of Alcohol and Gaming License for Carl BP**

Auburn Mart dba Kenny's Food Mart has been sold and the new operational name is Carl BP. Council Member Allen stated that it is his understanding that this is a Council issue because the Code requires all Alcohol and Gaming License to appear before the Council. Ali Reza Gabhrani (Ricky) from the BP addressed the Council. Council approved the transfer of the licenses. No Council action taken.

#### **5. Bids for Electronic Locks for Park Restrooms**

The Town only received one quote of the electronic locks for the restrooms. Clerk Crenshaw was tasked to get more bids. No action taken.

#### **6. Bids for Tree Removal and Trimming**

Mayor Stinchcomb advised Council that Atlanta Tree Movers is related to him. Clerk Crenshaw disclosed that she went to church with Barrett's, but that was disclosed before the Town used Barrett's for work the first time. The Northern quote was much lower than all the others. Council Member Allen tasked the Clerk with verifying that the Northern bid was for 2 trees. Council Member Shedd made a motion to table until March. Council Member Allen made second. Unanimous to table until March.

#### **7. Bids for Landscaping**

Mayor Stinchcomb has made a checklist of items that he wants to see on the landscaping bids. The Clerk needs to have the bids resubmitted to include these items. Council Member Allen made motion to table. Council Member Cheely made second. Unanimous to table.

#### **8. Bids for Security Cameras**

Council Member Allen made an explanation to the Guests regarding the need to upgrade and replace the current camera system. The bid received does not give enough information to satisfy the Council. The Clerk will post again for bids. Council Member Allen made motion to table. Council Member Cheely made second. Unanimous to table.

Council Member Knight arrived at 6:20 PM.

#### **9. IT/Computer Upgrades**

Clerk Crenshaw presented to the Council the computer recommendation made by the website contractor, Jeff Smith – a Dell purchased directly from Dell with 3 levels of options. Council Member Jason made the recommendation to get the best options at the cost of \$1,379.99. Attorney Lewis made the suggestion that we need to search that same model Dell and get pricing from 3 sources. Council Member Allen made a motion

to table the computer purchase. Council Member Shedd made second. Unanimous to table the computer purchase.

The Clerk also provided information on Smith's recommendation that we post our bid opportunities on Facebook and Instagram as a paid ad to increase audience. Cost of posting as an ad is \$20 - \$30 each time. Council Member Allen testified to the need and effectiveness of this method as seen in his personal business. Council made a verbal agreement that this would be acceptable. It is under the financial limit that requires Council action.

#### **10. Addition of Mayor Stinchcomb to the Banking Accounts**

The Council unanimously agreed to add Mayor Shannon Stinchcomb to all of the Town accounts at South State Bank, 1<sup>st</sup> American Bank, and Bank OZK. Jason Allen will also be added as Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Stinchcomb and Mayor Pro Tem Allen will have full operational access of all Accounts including but not limited to signing checks, making deposits, and making withdrawals. All Council Members signed a Resolution for each bank stating that the authorized signatures will be updated to Shannon Stinchcomb, Jason Allen, and Laura Crenshaw. No action to be taken by the Council.

#### **11. 1208 Atlanta Highway – 3 Mailboxes**

The property at 1208 Atlanta Highway currently has a primary residence, an accessory dwelling, and an accessory building that houses their family car repair business. The business is being sold. The owners wish to separate their 1 mailbox into 3 separate mailboxes. This was determined by Attorney Lewis to not be Council business but administrative. The Clerk will determine the process to give them 3 separate mailboxes.

#### **12. Jason Jones**

1568 Carl Bethlehem Rd has a dilapidated single-wide trailer in the side yard. Mr. Jones wants to replace that trailer with a new one of the same size. Susan McQuade from CLP told Mr. Jones that she will speak with him after the meeting, and asked Clerk Crenshaw to provide the appropriate forms to Mr. Jones.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Susan Schuenemann asked for clarification regarding her situation at the Rape Crisis Center. The sign is approved, but the business license is not yet approved. Council Member Allen cited mistakes and issues with the previous administration for the delay in issuing the business license. Council Member Knight stated that the property might have to be rezoned since the use has changed from Residential to Commercial. Mayor Stinchcomb stated that he had met with the CPL staff to discuss this matter. He advised her to have her landlord about rezoning. Zachary Lloyd of CPL stated that he would be the one working with her to get this resolved.

Sarah McQuade from CPL made a presentation regarding their services for the Town of Carl. She stated that they would be working with the Clerk and the Mayor by request. CPL will be providing a monthly report to the Town regarding the status of each account.

Jason Jones clarified that he submits to Clerk Crenshaw and she submits to CPL; not Barrow County. Susan advised that he has to have approval from Environmental Health, which is County, as part of the process, but the permitting is all done through the Town of Carl.

Mustaq Moosa and the Owner of 109 Carl Cedar Hill Road addressed the Council. They questioned why they are having to go through Plan approval again after Bureau Veritas had issued the permit. They demanded to know why the Town has them on hold. Council Member Allen stated that the Town does not have them on hold; the Fire Marshall's office placed the Stop Work Order on the property. Moosa stated that he is working with the Fire Marshall to resolve those issues, but still wanted to know why they are back in plan review. Dana Spayde from CPL explained that the plans on site when their inspector went out and failed them on the framing stated Type II-B construction; the PDF plans provided by the Engineer Neel stated Type V construction. There is also confusion about the station having gas pumps. Council Members Allen and Knight both stated that they never knew that there were gas pumps; that they never saw the site plans.

Moosa asked how he can come to resolution with the Town. Council Member Allen advised Moosa to not do anything until the Fire Marshall, CPL, and the Town are all on the same page. He stated that the change on the plans from Type II-B to Type V looks odd. We are sworn to protect our citizens. The gas tanks could pose a potential danger. The tanks never "came into play" and with the change from Bureau Veritas to CPL, the Town has to act with the utmost of caution with the combustible tanks. Spayde also told Moosa that since he stated that he wants to proceed with the Type V construction, they have to review those plans. They had Type II-B plans in the submission. The permit has to be revised. Mayor Stinchcomb also stated that it must be safe. Moosa claimed that it was a typographical error. Council Member Allen replied that it was a serious typo.

Mayor Stinchcomb advised Moosa to meet CPL's needs, meet the Fire Marshall's needs, get legit stamped, Engineered drawings... just get the building safe and make sure that the Council knows everything.

Josh Honea asked on behalf of John Withers if there is a checklist or something he can use to help Mr. Withers get the business license for 1247 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Spayde stated that she would send him the list.

#### **ADJOURN:**

Council Member Allen made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Shedd made second. Unanimous to adjourn.