



Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE: June 19, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor David Brock

OPENING PRAYER: Mayor David Brock

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	Town Attorney	present
Laura Crenshaw	Town Clerk	present
Guests:	Zita Shedd Robin Brock	Shannon Stinchcomb Lauren Allen

PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG: All

WELCOME GUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Brock made an announcement that Blue River Development will be paying the \$10,000 that they owe the Town for the parcel CA01 010. That money will be on the July financials.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Council Member Cheely made motion to accept the minutes and financial reports from May 2025. Council Member Allen made second. Unanimous to approve.

AMENDMENTS TO OLD OR NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Brock advised the Council that Magic Wand Carwash at 1105 Atlanta Highway has not renewed their business license for 2025. All attempts to contact the property owner have been to no avail. The Council Members will all watch for maintenance workers at the car wash to find out if they have contact with the owner.

Clerk Crenshaw reminded that Council that 1173 Atlanta Highway has been abandoned by the owner, the property is in a perpetual state of violation of several Ordinances, and is two years delinquent on the property taxes. The County tax assessor will be placing the property up for sale this fall. Council Member Allen asked if the Town could buy the property, and what are the options to bring the property into compliance. Attorney Ken Lewis said he would have to confirm our options before we can act.

Council Member Knight inquired as to why we have not yet moved the accounts to First American Bank & Trust or made the purchase of the CD at South State Bank. Clerk Crenshaw advised that she had to request proof of issuance of the Town's EIN from the IRS. That documentation was received the first week of June, and all the paperwork is now in process at both facilities for the changes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Future Vision Committee:

Council Member Allen had no new report. He has not pursued the utility mapping of the Town due to the water and sewage disputes between Auburn and Winder. Mayor Brock advised that we still need to get our maps updated so that we can evaluate our options once their dispute has been settled.

Historical Society Committee:

Council Member Shedd reported that a "History Hunter" from the United States Historical Society has found local places where Confederate Soldiers had camped, including around a cemetery off Hwy 211. Any found artifacts will be donated to the Barrow County Historical Society.

Bureau Veritas Report:

Clerk Crenshaw advised the Council the Bureau Veritas has elected to terminate their contract with the Town effective July 16, 2025. They cannot comply with the Town's requests to have Failed Inspection fees paid at the time of the failure, or to have Plan Review Fees collected up front and separate from Permitting Fees. The Town is currently losing money on almost every project with Bureau Veritas due to disparity in the dollars collected and the dollars billed to the Town. The Clerk is taking bids from other 3rd Party Plan Review & Inspection companies.

SPLOST Roads Report:

Council Member Knight asked about the paving job on East Avenue that was coordinated by Barrow County. Council Members Knight and Shedd both reported that the road is rough, has significant dips, and is not striped. The Mayor advised that it will not be striped since it is a subdivision road, but did ask the Clerk to follow up with Jessica Jackson at Barrow County on the dissatisfaction with the paving job.

SPLOST Recreation Report:

Financial Balances as of May 31, 2025:

Road SPLOST: \$181,425.98
Disbursement: \$0.00

Rec SPLOST: \$52,068.75
Disbursement: \$645.44 - Soccer Goals

OLD BUSINESS:

1. IT Update

Clerk Crenshaw gave an update on the website and emails status. The State Department has approved the .gov domain, requested the “pages” of the website for review to confirm that we are a legitimate entity, and we are only waiting for them to push the domain out to the server. Council Member Allen provided a biographical statement for the Council page. Jeff Smith, Digital Designer, is scheduled to be at Town Hall on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 8:30 AM to take pictures of the Mayor, the Council Members, and Clerk. He will also be touring the Town for pictures for the website. No action taken at this time.

2. Painting/Pressure Washing Bids

Two bids were received for the painting/pressure washing for Town Hall and the Pavilion. Baker Painting submitted a bid for \$1,600 to pressure wash, paint the front doors, the restroom doors, and touch up anywhere that paint is needed. He will also replace some rotten wood in spots. We also received an independent recommendation for Baker Painting.

The other bid from Camilo’s Painting was to pressure wash and paint the entire Town Hall and Pavilion at a cost of \$10,200. Council Member Allen made motion to contract with Baker Painting. Council Member Cheely made second. Unanimous to contract with Baker Painting.

3. Park Update

Mayor Brock advised the Council that we have received a proposal from Joe de la Torre to install the playground equipment, provide materials, and use of a skid steer for \$5,640.75. Mr. de la Torre contracts with several municipalities and school systems, and is very familiar with the equipment we have ordered. The quote does not include mulch or containment borders. The Council agrees that we need underlayment and at least a truck load of mulch to take care of the new equipment as well as spruce up the existing areas – with an expected additional cost of a couple thousand dollars. Work can start the first of July. Council Member Allen made motion to contract with Joe de la Torre for the work in the park. Payment will be made from SPLOST funds. Council Member Knight made second. Unanimous to contract with Joe de la Torre for the installation of the equipment and the mulch after the installation.

4. Work Session for Code Amendments

Mayor Brock asked for a date to schedule a work session for proposed Code amendments. The Council agreed to meet Wednesday, July 25, 2025, at 9 am. No action taken at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Update Fee Schedule – Permitting Fees

Clerk Crenshaw presented a revised fee schedule that would help eliminate the disparity between the permitting, plan review, and inspection fees that are charged to the customer and what the Town is being charged by the Contractor. Council decided to move this to the Work Session that has been scheduled for Code Amendments. No action taken at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Shannon Stinchcomb addressed the Mayor and the Council about parcel CA03 022 at 23 Parks Mill Rd. Mr. Stinchcomb wants to add a second home and create the address of 13 Parks Mill Rd. for that home. Barrow County GIS department directed Mr. Stinchcomb to come to Carl to establish the address, but The Town of Carl has no procedures set in the Code for establishing an address. The Mayor has had several conversations with Mr. Stinchcomb, Zita Shedd (co-owner of the parcel), and Council Member Jimmie Shedd. Clerk Crenshaw has made several calls to get information from Barrow County regarding procedure. Mr. Stinchcomb voiced his frustration and feels that there has not been enough done by the Town Clerk or the Mayor to help get the project moving forward. Clerk Crenshaw stated that she would go to the County in person and find out exactly what has to be done.

Council Member Knight brought up some issues with the new business that has been established at 1152 Atlanta Highway. Council did not get an opportunity to review the business license application for compliance with the Code. Council Member Allen stated that the approval of the business license by the Mayor constituted a conflict of interest since the property is owned by the Mayor's brother. The Mayor maintained that since there had been a car repair business already on the property, he did not see any issue with another repair business going into that location. Under the new Code, car repair is not an allowed use in that C-1 zoning.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Attorney Ken Lewis advised the Council to move into Executive Session to further discuss why Barrow County is not co-operative with the Town, to decide on how to best handle the interaction with, and assertions made by, Mr. Stinchcomb, how to best address the new business at 1152 Atlanta Highway, and to decide on ways to move forward to ensure that things are done with integrity and adherence to the Code while serving the needs of the Community.

ADJOURN:

Council Member Allen made motion to adjourn; Council Member Shedd made second.