

City of Plains – Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: November 20, 2025

Location: Plains City Hall – Council Chamber

I. Call to Order

Mayor Joey Recker called the regular meeting of the Plains City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

- Invocation: Councilor Eugene Edge
- Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Joey Recker

II. Roll Call

Assistant City Clerk Carla Banks conducted roll call. The following officials were present:

- Mayor Joey Recker
- Councilor Eugene Edge
- Councilor Ellen Harris
- Councilor Amy Wise

Absent:

- Councilor Andrea Oates
- Councilor Terry Westbury

III. Approval of Minutes

Councilor Wise requested a correction to the previous meeting minutes, noting that Georgia Power—not the Department of Transportation—was responsible for repairing the damaged pole, and that the repair has not yet been completed.

Councilor Harris made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted correction. Councilor Edge seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (4–0).

IV. Committee Reports

Public Safety (Councilors Westbury & Edge)

- Chief Johnson presented his report. A copy will be added to the official record.
- Councilor Edge had no additional report.

Subdivision & Streets (Councilors Edge & Wise)

- Councilor Wise discussed issues regarding old phones.
- Several additional street signs still need to be installed.
- Mayor Recker reported that LMIG funds have been fully expended and the project completed by Southern Sealcoating & Striping LLC.
- Councilor Edge inquired about cleaning up the property located at the intersection of Hudson Street and Highway 45. The Clerk will research the address.
- Councilor Edge also noted that ditches along MLK Boulevard need to be cleaned.
- Councilor Jackson stated that items could be burned in the property owner's yard.
- Council discussed placing a notice in the newsletter regarding a free pickup after Christmas.

Water & Sewerage (Councilors Oates & Westbury)

- Mayor Recker reported that all galvanized water pipes have been replaced. He stated he would not sign the final payment until receiving clarification regarding a credit for Chambliss pipes.

Personnel (Councilors Wise & Harris)

- Councilor Harris asked whether police coverage would be provided for the parade on November 29. Mayor Recker confirmed that coverage would be available.

Hospitality & Public Relations (Councilors Oates & Wise)

- Councilor Wise reported on preparations for the November 29 parade.

Industry, Trade & Tourism (Councilors Jackson & Harris)

- Councilor Jackson reported that the Peanut Store is open, Bonita's is open daily with advance call-in orders.
- Mayor Recker and Councilor Jackson went door-to-door encouraging membership in the Boys & Girls Club. Mayor Recker welcomed everyone to attend the Boys & Girls Club Thanksgiving lunch.
- Mayor Recker expressed interest in starting a Youth Council. Councilor Jackson commented that college students may be interested in participating.
- Councilor Jackson reported on President Carter Day planning. The committee will include Councilor Jackson, Councilor Harris, Ruth Sanders, Patricia Taft, and Mary Prince. The planning will begin in January. The event will be on his birthday in October.
- Councilor Jackson made a motion for the Council to recognize Postmaster Mitchell for her service to Plains. Councilor Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

Finance (Councilors Jackson & Wise)

- Council reviewed the Cash Balance Report.
- Mayor Recker discussed concerns regarding negative cash flow.

V. Vote Items

Vote Item #1: Change of Wording to Zoning Ordinance

- Councilor Jackson made a motion to forego the second reading of the ordinance. Councilor Wise seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).
- Councilor Harris made a motion to approve the ordinance change regarding substance abuse rehabilitation centers. Councilor Wise seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).
- Mayor Recker stated the ordinance would take effect at 12:00 a.m.

VI. Mayor's Notes

- Mayor Recker addressed the issue of negative cash flow, noting that a significant amount of funding had been spent on overtime.
- Councilor Wise stated her understanding that overtime hours were being used as compensatory time.
- Mayor Recker clarified that overtime is only used in emergency situations.
- Mayor Recker reminded Council of the work session with Mr. Baldwin regarding insurance, scheduled for January 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., the Tuesday prior to the regular Council meeting on January 15, 2025.
- Councilor Harris made a motion to give employees Christmas Eve and the day after Christmas off with pay. Councilor Edge seconded the motion. All approved (4-0) motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Notes taken by: Assistant Clerk Carla Banks
Typed by: Clerk Cindy Bagwell