

City of Jenkinsburg
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2026
Minutes

With a quorum present, Mayor Eddie Ford called the City of Jenkinsburg’s Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Attending were Mayor Eddie Ford, Mayor Pro-Tem Jason Watts, Council Members: Joye England, Gary Brown, Gary Roberts, Brent Eberspacher and City Clerk Debi Smith.

Swear in newly elected Council members- Council Members Joye England, Jason Watts and Gary Brown, were sworn in by City Clerk Debi Smith for their terms of office beginning January 1, 2026.

Adopt Agenda: - A motion was made by Jason Watts to adopt the agenda for the January 12, 2026, meeting. The motion was seconded by Gary Brown. Council voted: Jason Watts – aye, Joye England – aye, Brent Eberspacher– aye, Gary Brown – aye, Gary Roberts - aye. The motion passed.

Gary Brown gave the invocation and Mayor Eddie Ford led the pledge to the US Flag.

Approve Minutes from December 8, 2025: - A motion was made by Jason Watts to approve December 8, 2025 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Gary Roberts. Council voted: Jason Watts – aye, Joye England – aye, Brent Eberspacher– aye, Gary Brown – aye, Gary Roberts - aye. The motion passed.

Elect Mayor Pro-Tem – Motion was made by Gary Brown to re-elect Jason Watts as Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion was seconded by Brent Eberspacher. Council voted: Jason Watts – aye, Joye England – aye, Brent Eberspacher– aye, Gary Brown – aye, Gary Roberts - aye. The motion passed.

Appoint Planning and Zoning Commission: Motion was made by Jason Watts to appoint Chris Foster to the Planning and Zoning Commission, and reappoint Towana Brown, Allison Lunsford, Mike Rape, and Charles Barber. The motion was seconded by Brent Eberspacher. Council voted: Jason Watts – aye, Joye England – aye, Brent Eberspacher– aye, Gary Brown – aye, Gary Roberts - aye. The motion passed.

Appointments by Council for 2026 – A list of appointees was presented to the Council for consideration. A motion was made by Jason Watts to approve the Appointments as presented. The motion was seconded by Gary Roberts. Council voted: Jason Watts – aye, Joye England – aye, Brent Eberspacher– aye, Gary Brown – aye, Gary Roberts - aye. The motion passed.

- A. City Clerk / Treasurer - Debi Smith
- B. Deputy City Clerk-Cody Sorrow
- C. Attorney - Kent Lawrence
- D. Municipal Court Judge - Natalie Sundeen
- E. Court Clerk - Brandy Strickland
- F. Indigent Attorney - William Turner
- G. Solicitor – Chris Miranda (James Brannan,Groover LLP)
- H. Auditor-Debra McGlaun CPA, CFE

Set Millage Rate - A motion was made by Jason Watts to set our 2025 city tax millage rate to 14.4 and roll the millage rate back to zero for LOST income credit. The motion was seconded by Gary Roberts. Council voted: Jason Watts - aye, Gary Roberts - aye, Gary Brown-aye, Joye England-aye, Brent Eberspacher-aye, The motion passed.

Discuss Event Committee: A motion was made by Jason Watts to approve the ribbon cutting event held by Full Steam Ahead Events on February 20,2026 but also requiring FSAE to get council approval before planning future events. The motion was seconded by Gary Brown. Council voted: Jason Watts - aye, Gary Roberts - aye, Gary Brown-aye, Joye England-aye, Brent Eberspacher-aye, The motion passed.

A motion was made by Jason Watts to approve the Easter egg hunt event held by Full Steam Ahead Events on March 29, 2026. The motion was seconded by Brent Eberspacher. Council voted: Jason Watts - aye, Gary Roberts - aye, Gary Brown-aye, Joye England-aye, Brent Eberspacher-aye, The motion passed.

Mayor's Report- ***No action required***

Staff Report- ***No action required***

Public Comments – ***No action required***

Adjourn – Having completed all agenda items, Mayor Ford adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm

Recorded by: City Clerk -Debi Smith