

City of Stapleton  
Council Meeting  
August 21, 2025  
6:00 P.M.

Lisa M. Cranford, Mayor  
Gail Berry, Interim City Clerk  
Jason Jones, Police Chief  
Chris Dube, City Attorney  
Carol Smith  
Smith Dickson  
Janet Dickson  
Lewis Berry  
Larry Holley  
Jack Lindley

Council Present:  
Phillip Beckworth  
Jason Irby  
Janis Holley  
Christopher Whipple

Council Absent:  
John Legander III

Mayor Cranford called the meeting to order and rendered the invocation.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mayor Cranford called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2025, regular meeting. Motion made by Janis Holley, second by Phillip Beckworth, to approve the minutes of the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

1. 2025 Tax Mill Rate:
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Motion made by Christopher Whipple, second by Janis Holley, to set the 2025 tax mill rate at a net of 10 mills. Everyone voted in favor.

3. K & L Invoice – Set of Tires for Tahoe:

Motion made by Christopher Whipple, second by Jason Irby, to approve payment of the invoice in the amount of \$1,264.64 for a set of tires for the 2015 Tahoe police vehicle. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Turnipseed Invoice – School Street Filter Backwash System:

Motion made by Christopher Whipple, second by Phillip Beckworth, to pay the invoice from Turnipseed Engineers in the amount of \$4,629.75 for services March 17, 2025 – July 11, 2025, regarding the construction of the School Street Filter Backwash System. The fund to be used being the SPLOST 2022 fund. All voted in favor of the motion.

5. LMIG 2026:

Mayor Cranford reported that funding from the 2026 LMIG would be \$17,340.88. She asked officials to submit eligible projects for consideration.

6. Fire Department Rental:

Mayor Cranford noted that a recent renter of the fire department facilities had not cleaned the area and left it in serious disarray. She recommended the council impose a deposit for rentals. After discussion regarding rental fees and deposits, motion made by Christopher Whipple, second by Jason Irby, to cease renting the facility after the two rentals already scheduled. The vote was unanimous.

7. Transfer Funds from Georgia Fund 1 to General Fund Checking:

Motion made by Christopher Whipple, second by Janis Holley, to transfer \$30,000.00 from the Georgia Fund 1 account to General Fund Checking to cover city expenses. Everyone voted in favor of the motion.

8. Transfer \$5,000.00 from Water Tank Maintenance Fund to Water Fund Checking to Pay Insurance Premium:

Motion made by Jason Irby, second by Janis Holley, to transfer \$5,000.00 from the Water Tank Maintenance Fund to Water Fund Checking to pay the balance on the insurance premium. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Brian Usry Invoice – Leak Repair Corner of Jay and Able Streets:

Motion made by Phillip Beckworth, second by Christopher Whipple, to pay the invoice from Brian Usry in the amount of \$1,800.00 for leak repair. All voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel

Motion made by Jason Irby, second by Christopher Whipple, to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel. Everyone voted in favor.

Following Executive Session, motion made by Jason Irby, second by Christopher Whipple, to come out of Executive Session. The vote was unanimous.

Motion made by Janis Holley, second by Jason Irby, to adopt the Resolution of Ratification of Executive Session. All voted in favor.

Motion made by Christopher Whipple, second by Janis Holley, to hire Erin Pilgrim as City Clerk effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion made by Jason Irby, second by Christopher Whipple, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting closed in order at 6:47 p.m.

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Gail Berry, Interim City Clerk