

CITY OF OGLETHORPE  
OGLETHORPE CITY HALL  
115 CHATHAM STREET  
COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
APRIL 30, 2026

Call to order: Mayor Daniels 6:00PM

Guest: Angie Peaster (other business)

**Department Head Reports: (All should have been emailed prior to meeting)**

- 1) City Clerk, Melissa Jones – report emailed to council prior to meeting.
- 2) Police Dept – Chief Breletic end of the month – brought up grant to get generators for the police dept and gym. Will cost the city 10%.
- 3) Librarian, Glenda Rigby – report to be emailed at first of the month
- 4) Water/Sewer - HWR Jeff Harrison – Sam – not much to report. The waste water plant is doing great. Have an earthen dam. The bar screen is working great and is automatically working. Diffusers will run off air compressors. Small leaks fixed around town. CM Mahone asked if those aerators was what was going to drive up the electric use? Sam advised that it would, but there would be less maintenance in the long run. (More conversation ensued) Mayor advised he had also received an email and everything looked like it was staying on track to be completed on time.
- 5) Blue Tag Tree Service – limb pickup – D Hubbard – nothing to report outside of regular pick-up. Mayor advised that council could also help ride around and making sure things are good. Be sure to report when trees hanging in road, illegal dumping, etc. CM Mahone mentioned a tree limb falling over behind the Meal Ticket. He was approached and they wanted to know if that was the city's or someone else's. Mayor will check to see, but thinks it may be Dollar General's property where the tree is located.
- 6) Good Works Lawn Pros – cemetery – R Martin – nothing extra to report; routine maintenance of cemetery
- 7) Barron Construction – Lawn care – D Barron- emailed. Mayor had some complaints about grass growing up in the sidewalk downtown. He's reached out to the contractor. Unfortunately the weeds in the sidewalk was not included in the contract. This will have to fall under public works employee.
- 8) Fire Department – Chief Childs - emailed advising there was an issue with the reports from his software, but he will get straightened out and sent in.

**Council/Committee Reports: (All should have been emailed prior to meeting)**

- 1) Mayor Daniels – We know what we signed up for, please be consistent as a council member. Be available. Communicate and work for the city to help us move forward.
- 2) Human Resources/Finance – Mayor Daniels – 1s Quarter Trial Balance is ready for review. Can request copy from Ms. Jones/Ms. Jean. Mayor Daniels advised will be starting to work on the budget for next year soon.
- 3) Public Safety – CM Moore – emailed prior to meeting

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- 4) Utilities/Streets/Cemetery – Clerk Jones/CM Moore – emailed prior to meeting
- 5) Planning & Recreation – CM Fulks – trying to get quotes for the tennis courts. Yesterday met with someone in regards to a gazebo at the City Park and wood chips. Requested quotes to be sent to city hall or Mayor Daniels.
- 6) Downtown Development Authority – CM Moore emailed prior to meeting. Mayor Daniels affirmed that we were not in any way getting rid of our DDA. We just want to make sure we have fresh ideas and making our City better. We need to work together.
- 7) Grants Committee – CM Moore/CM Lee emailed prior to meeting
- 8) Building Maintenance Committee – CM Mahone – had gym pressure washed. Some paint down. Run a black pad buffer across the floor to smooth it out. Then will put down the stain. Showed a picture of what it should look like. Trying to stretch the funds allotted as far as he can. Not moving fast, but getting it done. Mayor looking forward to having done so that we can have revenue from renting out.
- 9) Economic Development Committee – CM Lee – The Medical Team has been coming in for a couple of weeks, but no patients yet. They have another day coming up this Saturday. Ms. Lee took a flyer over to the local radio station as well. Ms. Lee asked about location as it is at the Police Dept. Does that still stand? The Mayor advised there is a liability issue and the Mayor suggested they go to other city buildings and not be in one space all the time. Suggestion of them signing something not holding city accountable, etc. Chief Breletic advised he was speaking to someone else who owned a property they might could use. Ms. Lee will get with Chief for now. They will still need to sign something. Ms. Lee will check with Montezuma about possibly having a place also. (more conversation ensued)

#### **New Business:**

- 1) Renewal of City of Civility Resolution – will vote at next regular session
- 2) Approval of May 2026 – April 2027 umbrella insurance policy from Oakbridge in the amount of \$124,847.00 to be paid in two installments of (\$62,423.50 each). Mayor not in agreement with this increase and wants the council to view and approve. (more conversation ensued) Mayor and Council should reach out for quotes from other insurance companies. Mayor will ask Ms. Jones about a refund if we go with them and change our minds. CM Lee said if we didn't get a refund, we should leave it be until next year.
- 3) Speed bumps on Cuyler Street – Mayor has had 2 complaints for Cuyler Street speeding. He wants to put 2 speed bumps on Cuyler. CM Mahone said there was already one there and it was busted up. The two roads back there were not meant for school traffic. (more conversation ensued.) Chief Breletic will look into putting up something for now. Will put on next week's agenda.

#### **Old Business:**

#### **Other Business:**

- 1) Angie Peaster (DDA Director of Montezuma) – gave information of how DDA works. Gave information out on what she has done as the DDA Director of Montezuma. She is in a paid position; however Oglethorpe's is all volunteer who is non-funded by the city.

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She believes that we have one of the most successful DDA's there is as they do this because they love our city. They organize events, pop ups, etc. Oglethorpe has a group of workers that comes out and works. She doesn't exactly have the same. She gave examples of how she got things done. Biggest success has been the city park with the bathrooms. Made herself available to help where and if needed. Talked about partnership to get buildings updated/repared. Advice is to work together as a partnership between the city and the DDA. CM Moore asked if the city had oversight over her DDA? Ms. Peaster advised that the city only approves her board yearly. CM Moore advised that is the process Oglethorpe is doing now. Mayor Daniels made it clear that Oglethorpe only wants to get our DDA legal, etc. Anything else was just a rumor. (More conversation ensued)

**Public Comments:** Guest advised that Cuyler had some erosion and how would the council address that to re-direct the water. Mayor said he would have an engineer come look at it and see what we might can do to fix it correctly.

**Adjourn:** 7:04PM Mayor Daniels

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