

CITY OF OGLETHORPE  
OGLETHORPE CITY HALL  
115 CHATHAM STREET  
COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
JANUARY 29, 2026 AT 6:00PM

Call to order: 6:00PM by City Clerk Jones

**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 gave overview report (motor vehicle theft, burglary, aggravated assault, and update on canine incident). Chief Breletic and David Parrot (Macon County Building Inspector) gave Business License process for businesses selling food.
- 3) Librarian, Glenda Rigby – report to be emailed at first of the month
- 4) Water/Sewer - HWR Jeff Harrison – Emailed prior to meeting.
- 5) Blue Tag Tree Service – limb pickup – Damin Hubbard – emailed prior to meeting.
- 6) Good Works Lawn Pros – cemetery – Richard Martin – gave report / no issues.
- 7) Barron Construction – Lawn care – Denardo Barron – emailed prior to meeting.
- 8) Fire Department – Chief Childs - report emailed – CM Moore gave report. As of 12/31/26 every hydrant in the city of Oglethorpe has been inspected. He will be sending a report to the city clerk for any repairs needed.

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

- 1) Mayor Daniels – **YEARLY APPOINTMENTS 2026**  
City Clerk – Melissa Jones  
Librarian – Glenda Rigby  
Fire Chief – Owen Childs  
Police Chief – James Breletic  
Municipal Court Clerk – Cindy Kleckley  
City Attorney – Jon Coogle
  - Motion to approve 2026 Offices as presented made by CM Felder, 2<sup>nd</sup> CM Fulks, AIF
- 2) Human Resources/Finance – CM Woodard asked for a quarterly report to be emailed to her and also for Ms. Cindy to send a monthly report on Business Center/Park rentals. Chief Breletic advised that they were also working to get that on the Police Dept website and making it more automated.
- 3) Public Safety – see #9 under New Business.
- 4) Utilities/Streets/Cemetery – See #7 under New Business. CM Moore will be sitting in on a “Digitizing the Cemetery” demo on Tuesday.
- 5) Planning & Recreation – CM Woodard – asked CM Mahone about a guy for the fence repair at the tennis courts. CM Moore had information on quote he had previously

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received for both, Tennis or Pickle Ball Courts. He will resend to CM Woodard and wants to see where we can squeeze money from the city. Can add Oglethorpe to the Pickle Ball lists in other counties and cities.

- 6) Downtown Development Authority – n/a
- 7) Grants Committee – CM Moore advised the opening for the Congressional for CDS is February 9<sup>th</sup>. He will get with Ms. Lee to work on. He called both representatives at state and gave lists of items worked on in the past. Hopes to be able to file 9 or 10 grants. Will also ask for a Pro-matic funding request for buildings and roadways. Will also file with the Dept of Labor for grant to help with job skills, etc. All state funded with federal assistance. Working to get bodycams, etc. One other for the gym to put @ \$100k and \$200K for band building revamp.
- 8) Building Maintenance Committee – CM Mahone had water leak fixed at the gym a couple of weeks ago. Plans to have the gym floor worked on next.

### **New Business:**

- 1) BRACE Grant - \$5K funds must be used by April 30, 2026. We will be buying safety vests, garbage pickers, another green privacy fence for the dump area, trash bags, mailing out flyers, purchasing more signage if needed, and renting more dumpsters to put in neighborhoods for a couple of weeks to a month. Need a date for Oglethorpe Clean Up Day so that flyers can be printed and mailed out, scheduling dumpsters, etc. Possibly do it during Ga Cities Week is April 20 through April 25. CM Mahone spoke about more dumpsters for a longer period if possible. Ms. Jones will send information to council members. CM Moore asked if we could spend the money on renting a street sweeper? Ms. Jones advised that you had to list what the money was to be spent on BEFORE they issued the grant. So maybe we can try that next year. CM Felder asked about the grass in the sidewalk area.
- 2) Surplus Items List – Chief Breletic gave an overview for decommission. Can sale on Gov't Deals or a car dealer sale for us. We just need to get things cleaned up. CM Jones will send the list to council via email so they can vote on at Regular Meeting 02/05/26.
- 3) Committee Members 2026: List given out and if any changes needed, please send request to Ms. Jones.
- 4) Resolution: Rename Oglethorpe Gym – CM Moore. Name it after Mr. Kenneth Hudson and Mr. Clifton Bradley. Council good with Mr. Hudson; however brought up that the park on Clifton Bradley Drive was to be named after Mr. Clifton Bradley per vote in a previous meeting. Will work on getting that done once the construction completed down that road. Packet sent out to council already from CM Moore.

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- 5) Resolution: Rename the Senior Center – CM Moore. Name after Ms. Wilder as she was the director for over 30 years. Packet sent out to council already from CM Moore. CM Mahone was concerned about the building being renamed causing an issue with The Council on Aging company. CM Moore said it would just be a plaque on the building.
- 6) Resolution: Establish a Budget Committee – CM Moore wanted a committee for the budget with Council Members, City Clerk, Accounting, etc due to issue in Ellaville. Ms. Jones advised that we already have what he’s wanting, we just don’t label it. Ms. Jones also made it known that we are transparent and that no checks go out without 2 signatures always. The bank statement and credit card balancing is done by Ms. Jean which has another set of eyes on money. We have a state certified auditor from an outside company come in and do financial audits annually. And we also have a Finance Committee that is basically the same thing. Ms. Jones does feel that a schedule of dates of receiving information from department heads/committee heads would be something we do need to work on. CM Woodard said she also did not see the need as she would as the Finance Chair review monthly/quarterly reports and that any of them could come in and ask to see records at any time. They are all public record. She doesn’t feel we need all the extra “committees”. We are too small. Ms. Jones also reminded that the Budget is always presented in a Public Meeting so that we are transparent. CM Woodard said so we need to know what we need by June. CM Mahone said just like we did when we met together in a meeting to go over all this.
- 7) Cemetery plot pricing and procedures: CM Moore wants to move the pricing up from \$1000.00 per Plot (2 graves) to \$2400.00 per Plot especially if we are looking to digitize the process. CM Fulks was concerned as that was a 120% increase. (discussion ensued) Council asked that they all come back to this once they have seen the demo and cost of the digitizing program. CM Mahone asked about hiring someone to handle doing the cemetery when Mr. Billy no longer does it. Ms. Jones said it is something that works now, but in the future, it could get confusing. We use paper maps right now and if something happened to Mr. Billy we would be in a world of mess. CM Moore will send out an email once he’s watched the demo and received pricing to see how we want to move forward.
- 8) Increase certain City fees across the board: CM Moore would like to increase fees to keep up with the rate of inflation. He’s asking for a 20% increase across the board: Alcohol License, Business License, etc.
- 9) Request that city council consider providing \$5200 to the Police Department to cover fees and costs related to recent dog attack investigation – CM Moore

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- Motion to pay vet bill incurred from the dog attack in Oglethorpe in the amount of \$5223.84 with Ms. Jones also forwarding to insurance company once the case is over made by CM Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> CM Felder, AIF
- 10) Advertising of Business Center Rental and receiving monthly rental report – CM Woodard would like to see it advertised. Chief Breletic said he was working on having it on the Police Dept website and would get a link created that we could put on other pages as well. Chief Breletic would like to get the fee increased to \$200 Deposit and \$200 Rental Fee.
- 11) Vac Truck for storm drain line on Clifton Bradley quote for \$3800.00. This is to jet out the sewer line that runs uphill in front of the waste water plant on Clifton Bradley.
- Motion made to approve the \$3800.00 quote from Vac Truck to jet out the line on Clifton Bradley and pay from the water/sewer account made by CM Felder, 2<sup>nd</sup> CM Fulks, AIF.

**Old Business:**

**Other Business:**

- 1) Hand rails for walkway in front of City Hall to the parking lot – (need quotes) CM Moore will work with Ms. Jones to get information in regards to ADA requirements as well as how many feet of rail would be needed.

**Public Comments:**

**Adjourn:** Motion made to adjourn at 7:15PM by CM Mahone, 2<sup>nd</sup> CM Woodard, AIF

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