CITY OF OGLETHORPE
OGLETHORPE CITY HALL
115 CHATHAM STREET
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY – JULY 2ND 2026 Rescheduled for JULY 9, 2026 at 6PM

Call to order: 5:31PM by Mayor Daniels

Council Present: CM Mahone, CM Moore, CM Felder, CM Fulks
Dept Heads: Melissa Jones, Chief Breletic, Attorney Coogle

Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation: CM Felder

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda made by CM Felder, 2nd CM Fulks, AIF

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve May 28TH Work Session, June 2nd Special Called Meeting minutes per emailed version, and June 25th Work Session Minutes made by CM Felder, 2nd CM Fulks, AIF

New Business:

1. Motion to approve the purchase of Gazebo/Structure from Eagle Carports in the amount of $3,928.69 (this does not include removal of existing structure) to replace the existing structure at the City Park Play Area made by CM Felder, 2nd CM Moore, AIF

2. Motion to approve contract with GMA for Telecommunications and Right of Way Agreement for review of franchise fees, right of ways, tower site consultations, and recovery of underpayments owed to the city made by CM Felder, 2nd CM Fulks, AIF

3. Motion to approve proposed cemetery ordinance made by CM Felder, 2nd CM Fulks, AIF

4. Proposed Amendment to Chapter 94 – Utilities – CM Moore gave information on updating existing code to have a uniform utility connection fee schedule. Motion made to accept as presented by CM Felder, 2nd CM Fulks, AIF

5. Proposed Data Center Moratorium Ordinance – CM Moore gave information on research in regards to the stress put on water facilities, electricity, etc. from Data Centers as well as the effects on the public. CM Moore will update the council every 6 months. Motion made to accept as presented by CM Felder, 2nd CM Fulks, AIF

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Other Business:

1. CM Felder advised that Ms. Williams, the mother of deceased Marquez Collier, would be hosting a Back to School Bash in Memory of her son this Sunday, the 12th at the Oglethorpe Park from 2PM-6PM. There will be a water slide, bounce house, games, food, and school supply give a way. There is no cost to the city. Chief Breletic advised that since this was Community Outreach, he would use funds from the confiscated account to purchase the book bags for the kids.

2. Chief Breletic spoke on reducing the 11flock cameras we currently have down to 6 at a cost of $18K-$20K. There is not a need for so many in Oglethorpe. There is case law going on right now in the US where cameras were used incorrectly. These cameras are an investigative tool only. CM Moore spoke on cases in other cities in regards to the flock cameras being used illegally. CM Mahone said it wasn't the cameras, but the users. Chief Breletic agreed; however there is concern with the courts about them being hacked. These systems are privately owned. CM Moore asked if there was anything we could do to limit our liability as another city is facing @ $15M in lawsuits from about 5 officers. CM Mahone said it's the same thing as the scanners in the cars. Chief Breletic advised true, but with the exception that the scanners are under the control of law enforcement and the flock cameras are under privately owned companies. Mayor agreed with both information given and asked if our SOP's fit our flock cameras? Chief Breletic – They do. Mayor Daniels asked if reasoning of removing 5 of the flock cameras was also due to location? Chief Breletic said yes.

3. CM Fulks advised that the previous discussion about the new structure at the park would cost $700 to demo. He is also looking at the benches and will clean up the existing and maybe add more later. Mayor Daniels asked if maybe we could just have the existing structure moved over beside the other building and maybe refurbish at a later date.

4. A) Mayor Daniels is concerned about the overgrowth throughout city streets. He looked at a Lane Shark that would cut it back; however not in our budget at this time. He spoke with CM Ivey from Montezuma who has agreed to send their guys/machines over 2 weekends a month to help get this cut back and cleaned up at zero cost (in kind). The Mayor asked council to help him locate any roads that need to be cut back so that he can get a list to Montezuma.
   B) Reminded council to get their "Want List" ready for the 2027 Budget.
   C) Not happy with May Road length of paving. Engineer is getting numbers together to pave the whole road.
   D) Try to refurbish the gazebo/structure that exists at the park. Just move it up by the old building if possible.
   E) Back to School Bash – County Wide. Would like to have a table set up by 8:30AM for City of Oglethorpe. This will be held Saturday, August 1st at the Preston Williams Center. Any donations are greatly appreciated.
   F) CHOPS & CHOPS – Sunday, August 2nd at the Oglethorpe Business Center from 1PM – 4PM. Hair cuts and porkchop sandwiches.

Adjourn: 6:06PM - Motion made to adjourn by CM Felder, 2nd CM Fulks, AIF

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