

CITY OF OGLETHORPE
OGLETHORPE CITY HALL
115 CHATHAM STREET
COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MAY 28, 2026

Call to order: Mayor Daniels 6:00PM

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
- 3) Librarian, Glenda Rigby – report to be emailed at first of the month
- 4) Water/Sewer - HWR Jeff Harrison –
- 5) Blue Tag Tree Service – limb pickup – D Hubbard
Good Works Lawn Pros – cemetery – R Martin – absent - CM Mahone spoke about complaints of grass cutting at the cemetery. Weed eating not being done around granite. Showed pictures. Says only thing getting cut is beside the highway and around driveways. Inside the plots is not the city's responsibility. Mayor has some similar pictures and has had a conversation with the contractors. Will meet with them again. Pretty sure the contract specifies what is supposed to be done. Mayor would like to get back to a Public Work's City Crew. Current employee here until June 12th. Need to brainstorm on how to move forward. If the job isn't being done correctly, we will re-bid the contracts if needed. CM Mahone concerned about not coming to council meetings as well, since it's listed in the contract. (conversation ensued)
- 6) Barron Construction – Lawn care – D Barron- emailed CM Mahone said utility strips aren't being cut correctly. Said really bad at the hill by Dew Drop store. Ms. Wygenia said they go around limbs on her street instead of picking them up. CM Mahone - The lift stations aren't being done. Mayor advised that was an issue with the contractor as it needs to look professional. Time for them to start coming to the meetings.
- 7) Fire Department – Chief Childs - Mayor advised he needs to start coming to meetings so they can give answers when questions are asked.

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

- 1) Mayor Daniels – Graduation Invitations sent out. Please come if you can.
- 2) Human Resources/Finance – Mayor Daniels – start thinking about 2027 budget. Needs, etc.
- 3) Public Safety – CM Moore – emailed prior to meeting – CM running late
- 4) Utilities/Streets/Cemetery – Clerk Jones/CM Moore – emailed prior to meeting – Mayor asked that if you have complaints to please email, call, etc. Ms. Jones or CM Moore.
- 5) Planning & Recreation – CM Fulks – had picnic table area gazebo quote given out for review. The steel structure is not much more than the wood one. It would last longer. CM Mahone talked about another structure at the park across from the WWP. (Clifton Bradley Park) Mayor asked how soon – CM Fulks said he would like to do it in the

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summer. CM Fulks said he did come in and speak with Ms. Jones about funding. Mayor asked about the merry-go-round. CM Fulks said with missing piece – it's out of service.

- 6) Downtown Development Authority – CM Moore emailed prior to meeting. Said we got 3 applications for people who are interested in joining. He sent DDA a 10 point plan for what DDA should/could be doing. (projects) Waiting on a response. They should have a list sent to Melissa prior to the next meeting for us to vote on. City can decide if they want to keep each of them or not to make sure we have the best qualified DDA.
- 7) Grants Committee – CM Moore/CM Lee emailed prior to meeting. CM Moore said they were waiting on RVRC to send them the surveys so they can start doing the ground work. RVRC will write the infrastructure grants so we can get CDBG money. Kaigler Street area would be the model street. CM Fulks asked what the qualifications would be for grant? CM Moore said mainly income based. Number of residents that will benefit in an area. CM Felder said she sent pictures to CM Moore in regards to some of the puddles from made when it rains as they are looking at that also. Grant is for roadwork and underground. We can do street by street. They can't do downtown Sumter Street due to owner of the buildings would not qualify most likely due to their income.
- 8) Building Maintenance Committee – Ms. Jones had some touch up painting done in the lobby restrooms after she had Mr. Carson install new paper towel dispensers. (can't understand what's being said). A/C issues (couldn't understand where)
- 9) Economic Development Committee – CM Lee nothing to report. Medical team did work with Ms. Spring Rosatti. There is a contract for them to sign, but they have not yet. They are going to make sure they are in compliance first.

New Business:

Old Business:

Other Business:

Public Comments: Guest had comments about the contractors not getting off the lawn mowers to pick up debris in their way while cutting instead of going around. He also commented on the dirt piled up at the cemetery. Mayor advised that's with the funeral home. They should all be checking in with City Hall prior to any burials. (conversation ensued) CM Moore advised putting out multiple signs in the cemetery that states to call City Hall. He will also be bringing in plans to map the cemetery as economical as possible. This way would also not have to call Mr. Billy every time someone wants a plot. (conversation ensued) Mayor advised this could possibly be something to work into our 2027 Budget. CM Moore said it's a one-time fee. They will give us the program, but we would have to pay for the mapping part. CM Mahone voiced concerns about cemetery. CM Moore discussed making one vendor for doing vaults. Mayor asked him to check with the city attorney for legality before making these changes.

Adjourn: 6:51PM

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