

CITY OF OGLETHORPE
OGLETHORPE CITY HALL
115 CHATHAM STREET
COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 24, 2025 AT 6:00PM

Call to order: 6:00PM by Mayor Daniels

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 report and advised that actual numbers would be given at the end of the month. He said the officers online classes were going well. Parade route was approved and ready to go. Reported two fires within the city limits this month. Lost one part time officer.
- 3) Librarian, Glenda Rigby – report to be emailed at first of the month
- 4) Water/Sewer - HWR Jeff Harrison reported that he was able to repair the city sewer line jetter and it should be good at least a few more years. Prison well caught on fire last Sunday – some repairs made by HWR. Revisited the SCADA info. Mayor advised he went to the GMA training for Disaster Preparedness. Other cities advised they had this system and feels it should be revisited county wide.
- 5) Blue Tag Tree Service – Getting the Christmas Lights up this week. Will clean up rest of May Rd beginning December 1, 2025. Mayor advised we needed to educate residents on leaf pick up – ONLY IF BAGGED.
- 6) Mahone Quality Lawn Care – emailed report and advised a dead tree at the cemetery. Mayor will see if Jordan can get.
- 7) Fire Department – report emailed monthly – Chief Childs

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

- 1) Mayor Daniels – Leadership in Harmony Packages given out at previous meeting and just asked that council review take in some of the information.
- 2) Human Resources/Finance – CM Harrison nothing for HR. She will be meeting with Ga Rural Water in mid-December to discuss water and sewer rates. Possible resident assistance and rate adjustments.
- 3) Public Safety – More police presence during holiday season. Will be working hard on code enforcement.
- 4) Utilities/Streets/Cemetery – CM Harrison advised dump would be open December 19th and 20th.
- 5) Planning & Recreation – CM Woodard – absent – emailed the mayor possible Christmas Extravaganza on December 26th at city hall. Mayor advised we replaced the 2 baby swings at the park and need to get merry go round fixed. Chief will get welder there.
- 6) Downtown Development Authority – Parade and Market Dec 5th.
- 7) Grants Committee – CM Harrison had nothing new to report. Mayor Daniels advised to review CHIP grant and Trail grant.

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- 8) Connectivity Committee - CM Beckum advised Wrights Grill was open and running smoothly and Flint Packers planned to be pen first of the year.
- 9) Building Maintenance Committee – CM Mahone had nothing to report. CM Harrison advised she reached out to Norman Graves for updates and he said roof would be started December 2nd. She has not received other info yet. Chief Breletic advised he had done a partial inspection and repairs were noticed. (painting, wiring, etc.)

New Business:

1. Motion to approve ordinance for a \$25.00 gross premium tax for insurance companies operating within the state of GA conducting business within the city of Oglethorpe made by CM Harrison, 2nd CM Beckum, AIF
2. Public Works Contracts:
 - A) Cemetery:
 1. Motion to approve Cemetery Contract for one year with Good Works Lawn Pros - \$32,160.00 Annually made by CM Harrison, 2nd CM Beckum, AIF
 - B) Green Spaces:
 1. Barron Construction & Designs - \$45,200.00 Annually (includes all utility strips and additional pressure washing services annually of sidewalks surrounding city buildings once per year). Motion to approve yearly contract made by CM Beckum, 2nd CM Harrison, AIF
 - C) Limb & Brush pick-up:
 1. Blue Tag Tree Service - \$40,000.00 Annually – Motion made to accept above contract with automatic renewal each year unless either party decides to break contract made by CM Harrison, 2nd CM Beckum, AIF

Old Business:

Public Comments:

Mayor reminded everyone of the turkey give away by his scholarship program, the police dept, and the MCHS girls basketball team on 11/25/25 and a FREE Dinner from 3-6 held at the Business Center.

CM Harrison advised the International Paper did a food drive and 3 large boxes of food was donated to City Hall / Library's Food Bank.

Adjourn: 6:54PM Mayor Daniels

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