

CITY OF OGLETHORPE
OGLETHORPE CITY HALL
115 CHATHAM STREET
COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 2, 2025 AT 6:00PM

Call to order: 6:02PM by Mayor Pro-tem Harrison

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 – Officer Daabes brought in copy of report (attached)
- 3) Librarian, Glenda Rigby – report to be emailed at first of the month
- 4) Water/Sewer - HWR Jeff Harrison – The prison tank was washed out last week and American Tank should send in their report next week. Coggins Construction seems to be in full swing working on the Waste Water Plant upgrade. Been here all week and have about gotten the storm drains installed. Fixed a leak on the bypass last week. Installed a meter at the new home on Kaigler and will be back out with a camera to help them with the sewer tap. Fixed a stopped up sewer line on Reynolds St. this afternoon. The Jetter Machine is having a throttle issue. Will need to find someone to fix. A new jetter machine would cost @ \$50K and that is one smaller than what we currently have. He also had the lift station at the waste water plant cleaned out. CM Harrison asked about a driveway/water line issue at 426 Oliver Street. Jeff will take a look at. Jeff has also spoken with Mr. Little at Macon State Prison in regards to the SCADA system; however Mr. Little has not received any comments back from the prison. It would be @ \$7K for the prison site.
- 5) Blue Tag Tree Service – Damin Hubbard advised that there was quite a bit more limbs/leaves to pick up this past month. 7 loads total.
- 6) Mahone Quality Lawn Care – Rashad Mahone sent in an email report and also advised they had cut up a dead tree that was in the way on a utility strip on Macon St. Blue Tag has already picked up. Mr. Mahone also reported that the rest of the glass from a previous broken backboard had fallen on the basketball court and needed swept up. The garbage cans at the cemetery needed holes drilled in them for water to leak out and needed to be emptied. Also, the street gutters throughout the city needed cleaning up. The worst ones were on Randolph, Macon, etc. (streets running north and south).
- 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 – skipped
- 2) Human Resources/Finance – CM Harrison – Looking at a couple of workers coming from Eckerd Connect Program. One through the program and possibly one as part time employee for Public Works.
- 3) Public Safety – report attached
- 4) Utilities/Streets/Cemetery – CM Harrison – all given by contractors.

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- 5) Planning & Recreation – CM Woodard – nothing to report. CM Harrison advised that we were moving forward with the annual Veteran’s Day Celebration at the Business Center on November 8, 2025. The City has volunteered to provide a meal on Friday, October 17th at the Business Center for the MCHS Cheerleaders and Band for Homecoming prior to the game.
- 6) Downtown Development Authority – Kenny Welch reported that applications should go out next week for the annual Scarecrow/Harvest Decoration contest. Cash prizes. The Oglethorpe Garden Club will be the judges. The Oglethorpe Christmas Parade is set for December 5, 2025 and applications will also be available. They are looking to possibly start back up a BINGO night. A location is the issue. In the past they had used the Business Center. CM Harrison advised Mr. Kenny to get with Ms. Cindy at the police department about scheduling. With the cooler weather, DDA has started back up the “Pop-Up Markets” on Saturday mornings and seems to be a hit. CM Harrison asked that they please keep us in the loop so that we could also get involved and help promote these events. Mr. Kenny advised the next meeting would be October 9th at 6PM and all were invited to attend.
- 7) Grants Committee – CM Harrison reported that she had secured sponsorship funding for the Veteran’s Day event and next year’s GA Cities Week events. She also went to a Broadband Meeting and there is funding available. We will just need to complete an application. She is interested in entertaining other options for internet in our area. CM Beckum asked CM Harrison to bring him up to speed with this as well. CM Harrison also attended the CTAE Program at the high school and was very impressed. City Clerk Jones advised that with approval from the Mayor that she had applied for the Keep America Beautiful – BRACE Grant to host another Clean-Up Day in Oglethorpe. We should know something next week.
- 8) Connectivity Committee - CM Beckum went to a very informative meeting with International Paper and went to the CTAE Program at the school. It was a great program and showed how this training could help our people who decide not to go college or tech school. The Duck Race is October 25th, 2025
- 9) Building Maintenance Committee – CM Mahone sent report prior to the meeting and discussed some of the information during the meeting.

New Business:

- 1) Budget Input – Mayor Daniels – Ms. Jones advised that they had received input from most of council and mayor. Should be able to have the 2026 Budget ready for review in the next couple of weeks.
- 2) Chief of Police raise – will discuss at a later date due to not enough information at time of meeting.

Old Business:

- 1) Update on Senior Citizen Building – CM Beckum contacted both Mr. Graves and Mr. Jim Livingston of RVRC as they receive the funding and oversee how it generates down. Neither were available for the meeting this week to be able to come to the meeting. He requested them to advise next week when they could come. CM Mahone wants them at a

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council meeting. CM Harrison would like for them to be able to come and look at the Senior Center and then discuss with council as there is currently no contract. CM Mahone is only concerned with meeting with Mr. Graves as he is over the Senior Center. He just wants them to fix the building; and if not start paying a rent or fee so that the city can fix it. CM Beckum will try to have them come the 6th, 7th, or 8th of October.

- 2) Update on Park/Tennis Courts – no update
- 3) Update on Gym – CM Mahone has a crew ready to start cleaning, pressure washing, and painting in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Roy Yoder told CM Mahone that the door was not an issue for now since it automatically opens.

Other Business:

- 1) City of Oglethorpe Homecoming Weekend Curfew – October 17-19
Coroner E.T. Hosley was asked to comment as he was at the Law Enforcement Meeting. Due to extremely large gatherings after the Dooly Co. Homecoming, which got out of hand (400-500 people) and there was no plan in place to handle the situation. The partying was in business parking lot and lasted from around 11PM to 4AM. They did what they wanted to do and not enough officers to handle that large a crowd. Macon County will have an increased police presence. The law enforcement officials of Macon County met and thought it might be a good idea for each city to put in place an ordinance for a curfew for Homecoming Weekend. They would like to encourage a safe environment and also cause no expense to business owners. Tranmazon in Montezumahas planned an event also. CM Harrison will work with Ms. Jones to create ordinance and get voted on. Will need the curfew times.

Public Comments:

Adjourn: 7:00PM Mayor Pro-tem Harrison

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