

CITY OF OGLETHORPE  
OGLETHORPE CITY HALL  
115 CHATHAM STREET  
COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
AUGUST 28TH, 2025 – 6:00PM  
**RESCHEDULED TO SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

**Call to order:** Mayor Daniels 6:04PM

**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. Information attached. Additionally the Chief is checking with the Zoning Board and Attorney Coogle in regards to the zoning of what is currently the Literacy Center. Owner wants to turn into an adult daycare which would be under R1 zoning. That area is zoned at C1.
- 3) Librarian, Glenda Rigby – report to be emailed at first of the month
- 4) Water/Sewer - HWR Jeff Harrison - vacation
- 5) Blue Tag Tree Service – Damin Hubbard – absent CM Harrison said the limbs at 301 Sumter needed to be cut to the minimum of 6ft length per policy. Chief Breletic will advise resident. The City Dump site will be open from 5PM-8PM on September 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Residents will need to bring an ID showing they live in the city limits as well as their utility bill. CM Beckum advised limbs were so low hanging on Randolph Street that they were hitting vehicles. CM Mahone advised he saw a contractor dumping their limbs in the city limb dump area. They were gone by the time he realized to turn around and speak with them. It was an orange truck on Tuesday @ 4PM.
- 6) Mahone Quality Lawn Care – Rashad Mahone – emailed report
- 7) Fire Department – report emailed monthly – Chief Childs

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

- 1) Mayor Daniels – under Old Business
- 2) Human Resources/Finance – CM Harrison – n/a
- 3) Public Safety – covered by Chief Breletic – He will be attending Chief School 09/14-09/18
- 4) Utilities/Streets/Cemetery – CM Harrison reached out to Mr. Ingram (engineer) for updates on Cuyler & Sumter streets. She also spoke with CC Bob Melvin to get bush-hogging done on May Rd. Once completed, she would like for Blue Tag to take care of the overhanging branches. CM Beckum advised there were 2 dead trees at Dollar General that he was pretty sure belonged to Dollar General and needed to be cut down before they fell down. Chief Breletic said he would speak to the manager and have taken care of. CM Harrison advised that the WWP project should start next Monday. CM Harrison also advised that there was a resident on Oliver Street who has put their driveway over the city water line. Whenever we have a water line break/leak, the city has to dig up the drive way. The city covers the line back up; however the resident feels that the city should bring in gravel for them and cover the entire driveway. Pictures show that their driveway doesn't have that much gravel to begin with; however resident

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should probably move their driveway off of the city line as this will keep happening.  
Was determined that the city is not responsible for replacing any gravel.

- 5) Planning & Recreation – CM Woodard - absent
- 6) Downtown Development Authority – n/a
- 7) Grants Committee – CM Harrison – n/a
- 8) Connectivity Committee - CM Beckum would like more representation from the city of Oglethorpe for the Quarterly Meetings.
- 9) Building Maintenance Committee – CM Mahone – n/a

### **New Business:**

#### **Old Business:**

- 1) Progress at Gym update – Chief Breletic ordered a tester to make sure no mold. Should be here next week. He will work with CM Mahone and David Parrott, once it's completed and everything is good with the test, he will get with CM Mahone on the clean-up. Also, the old band building is not in too bad of shape. Get it cleaned out and gutted using Mr. Smith and community service. There was no mold in this building. The bathrooms will need to be set up for disabled as well as lights replaced.
- 2) Senior Citizens Center update – CM Mahone has spoken with Mr. Graves and asked him to come to a meeting, but then CM Beckum and CM Moore started having a conversation with them and he has not heard from Mr. Graves since. He does not know the context of what was said in their conversations. CM Beckum advised that he had conversations with Mr. Jim Livingston, but nothing about Mr. Graves coming or not coming to a meeting. CM Beckum questioned whether anything significant had been done to the building? CM Harrison said recommendations were given. They started it and the outside looks better, but the inside needs attention. CM Beckum said he agreed that they needed to be held accountable for getting the building back up to our standards. Mayor said that they serve a lot of people in our county and we need to make sure our building looks good and functions well. We want our building taken care of. He would like for Mr. Graves to come in with a list of what they have gotten done. CM Beckum agrees and will reach out to have Mr. Graves come meet with us.
- 3) Lights at the Basketball Court update – conversation on the pros and cons. We will revisit.

### **Other Business:**

#### **Public Comments:**

- 1) Brenda Harvey wanted to thank the Police Dept and especially Officer Daabes for her handling of the fire that was on Kaigler St. last week. Ms. Brenda also said that limbs are hanging across the road on Kaigler St. and the litter needs to be picked up. CM Harrison advised that we were getting to the overhanging as quickly as we financially could. At this time we are doing one street at a time as the money was available and we would get to Kaigler. The Mayor reminded residents that the city could only do so much and that things like litter would take a COMMUNITY EFFORT to get under control.
- 2) Madison Porter said there were dead trees in the black area of the cemetery.
- 3) Ms. Lee said she asks her neighbors to come to the meetings, but they don't. She also suggested alternate cutting the different areas of the cemetery.

**Adjourn:** 7:11PM Mayor Daniels

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