

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JOHN RAYMOND TURNER MUNICIPAL ANNEX
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council held their regularly scheduled meeting on the date, time, and location stated above.

PRESENT:

Doug P. Roper, III, Mayor
Jennifer Evans, Mayor Pro-Tem
Cecil Thompson, Councilmember
Bob Dixon, Councilmember
Loyd Mobley, Councilmember
Ronald Miller, Councilmember

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Josh Beck, City Manager
Daniel O'Connor, City Attorney
Shannon Renteria, Finance Director
Alexa Britton, Convention & Visitors Bureau
Tonya Parker, Downtown Vidalia Association
Robert Shore, Police Chief
Brian Sikes, Fire Chief
Jeff West, ESG
Scott Strickland, Recreation Director
Billy Ragan, Airport Manager
Chad Phillips, City Marshal

A list of visitors is attached.

1. Call to order by Mayor Doug Roper, III, with Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by Pastor Robert Tillman, Becoming One Outreach Ministries.

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Doug Roper with the Invocation given by Pastor Robert Tillman.

2. Discussion / Approval of agenda.

Mayor Doug Roper advised two (2) agenda items need to be added for consideration. They will be Item #14 – Resolution #25-012 to approve annexation of Stanley Properties, and Item #15 – Resolution #25-013 to approve annexation of properties owned by Musgrove Holdings, LLC. Councilmember Bob Dixon made a motion to approve the agenda as written with the addendum of items 14 and 15. Councilmember

Loyd Mobley made the second motion to approve. This motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

There were no requests for public comments.

4. Discussion / Approval of Consent Agenda:

- * City Council Workshop Minutes dated August 11, 2025
- * City Council Meeting Minutes, dated August 11, 2025
- * Executive Session Meeting Minutes dated August 11, 2025
- * Special Called Meeting Minutes dated August 26, 2025

Councilmember Jennifer Evans made the motion to approve the consent agenda as written. Councilmember Loyd Mobley made the second motion to approve. This motion passed unanimously.

5. Introduction and recognition of Fire Department personnel:

Chaplin – Pastor Franklin Williams

Firefighter Gage Holland

Assistant Fire Chief Robert Tillman made the introduction of the above personnel to Mayor and City Council.

6. Financial Report

Shannon Renteria, Finance Director, presented the monthly financial report. There were no questions or concerns with this report.

7. Tourism / Chamber Update:

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| - Downtown Vidalia Association (DVA) | Tonya Parker |
| - Vidalia Convention & Visitors Bureau (VCVB) | Alexa Britton |
| - Greater Vidalia Chamber | Michele Johnson |
| - Sweet Onion Golf Authority | Andy Woodruff |

The Tourism/Chamber Update was presented to Mayor and City Council by the personnel listed above.

8. Discussion / Approval of Special Events Application submitted by Jennifer Crutchfield for a “Vidalia City Schools Community Pep Rally” to be held in Ronnie A Dixon City Park on September 19, 2025 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There were no road closures requested.

City Manager Josh Beck advised one road closure has been requested, and that is Durden Street. The road closure is requested from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Councilmember Loyd Mobley made the motion to approve this Special Events application with the road closure of Durden Street. Councilmember Bob Dixon made the second motion to approve. This motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

9. **SECOND READING / Approval of Resolution 25-011 to restate and replace Chapter V, Article II: Animal Control Ordinance. A few revisions were made and a list is attached to the enclosed ordinance and is available for review. The First Reading of this ordinance was conducted on August 11, 2025, with a Public Forum was held on August 26, 2025, for suggestions and/or comments.** City Attorney Daniel O'Connor advised several revisions in this ordinance following the public forum held on August 26. Councilmember Bob Dixon made the motion to approve and adopt this resolution with the revisions made to the ordinance. A second motion to approve was made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

10. **Discussion / Approval of bids received for Downtown Landscaping. The recommended vendor is MONTFORT GROUP. The fund source is SPLOST for installation. Maintenance fees will be paid from budgeted funds.**

Bids received:

Montfort Group	Installation: \$60,608.65	Yearly Maintenance: \$6,000
South GA Land	\$30,349.20	\$4,500
Sweet City Landscape	\$52,000	\$24,600
Progressive Landscaping	\$39,750	\$20,000
Georgia Pine Straw	\$29,100	Not included

City Manager Josh Beck advised this landscaping project is to be completed by the end of October. Councilmember Loyd Mobley made the motion to accept the bid submitted by Montfort Group following recommendations made by the Downtown Vidalia Association. Councilmember Jennifer Evans made the second motion to approve bid submitted by Montfort Group. This motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 3, 2025 @ 8:00 a.m.

Note: No motions are needed. Committee recommended proceeding with publishing the 5-year tax digest and announcing the meeting date and time to review and adopt the 2025 millage rate as required by OCGA § 48-5-32. The millage rate will be set at the October 13, 2025 City Council Meeting.

POLICE & FIRE COMMITTEE MEETING

August 21, 2025 @ 8:00 a.m.

Note: A first and second motion is required to take action due to Mayor Roper serving on this committee.

- 11. Discussion / Approval to approve Master Agreement to transition from Tyler software to i3 – Software and Services, LLC (i3). The transition to this software will include a subscription to InterOp Records Management System, 26 user licenses, 26 terminal stations (computers) with hardware. The initial cost to implement is \$126,750, followed by a 36-month subscription licensing fee of \$4,300.00.**

**Fund Source: \$104,600 (computers, server, and hardware) budgeted in SPLOST
\$ 22,150 budgeted item in Police Department
\$ 4,300 Subscription fee is a budgeted item in Police Dept.**

Councilmember Jennifer Evans made the motion to approve this agreement with a second motion to approve made by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed with a unanimous vote.

- 12. Discussion / Approval to approve Master Agreement with i3 – Software and Services, LLC for court management services and EZ CourtPay for collection of fines. The initial upfront cost is \$20,000 and PC rate of \$10 per paid citation.**

Fund Source: Police Department budget (this is a budgeted item)

Councilmember Ronald Miller made the motion to approve this agreement with a second motion to approve made by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed with a unanimous vote.

- 13. Discussion / Approval of bids received to renew bodycam/car camera system.**

Bids received:

Axxon \$403,350.60 for a 60-month contract

Utility \$457,000.00 for a 60-month contract

Recommended Vendor: Axxon

Fund Source: Police Department budget (this is a budgeted item)

The recommended vendor was Axxon who is on Statewide Contract. Councilmember Jennifer Evans made the motion to approve Axxon as recommended vendor. A second motion to approve was made by Councilmember Bob Dixon. Councilmember Ronald Miller expressed his appreciation we are moving forward with new equipment for our Officers. This motion passed with a unanimous vote.

- 14. Discussion / Approval of Ordinance #25-012, an ordinance to annex properties into the corporate limits of the City of Vidalia.**

Per City Manager Josh Beck the County had no opposition to annexing this property into the city limits. Adoption of this ordinance is the last step to annexing property.

Councilmember Jennifer Evans made the motion to approve and adopt this ordinance. A second motion to approve was made by Councilmember Bob Dixon and this motion passed unanimously.

15. Discussion / Approval of Ordinance #25-013, an ordinance to annex properties into the corporate limits of the City of Vidalia.

Per City Manager Josh Beck the County had no opposition to annexing this property into the city limits. Adoption of this ordinance is the last step to annexing property.

Councilmember Loyd Mobley made the motion to approve and adopt this ordinance. A second motion to approve was made by Councilmember Cecil Thompson. This motion passed unanimously.

14. Department Head Reports:

- a. Brian Sikes, Fire Chief
- b. Robert Shore, Police Chief
- c. Jeff West, ESG
- d. Scott Strickland, Recreation Director
- e. Billy Ragan, Airport Manager
- f. Chad Phillips, City Marshal

The Department Heads presented their monthly reports to Mayor and City Council.

15. City Manager's Report

City Manager Josh Beck reported a Hazardous Mitigation Planning meeting was conducted at the Municipal Building and there will be two (2) additional meetings to follow; he has met with FEMA/GEMA representatives via ZOOM meetings; there are grant opportunities coming up and consideration is given to flood issues on Cheney; Ezra Taylor Park is currently having lighting installed by Musco; and, Pine Crest Cemetery paving is coming up.

16. Executive Session, as per O.C.G.A. §50-14-1, if needed.

There was no need for an Executive Session.

17. ADJOURN

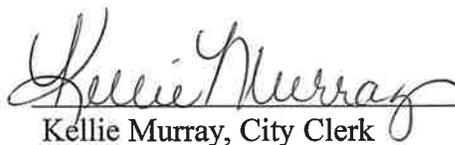
With no further business to conduct, Mayor Doug Roper adjourned this meeting.

AFFIRMATION

We affirm that these minutes are correct and true to form as presented to the Mayor and City Council on October 13, 2025.



Doug P. Roper, III
Mayor



Kellie Murray, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - PLEASE SIGN IN

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NAME	ADDRESS
Shannon Renteria	Cov
Robert Shore	PD
John Humphrey	PD
Hank Scott	PD
Garry Colson	PD
Tonya Parker	DVA
Christoph Morgan	PD
Kathy Miller	Radio Jones
Rosemarie Miller	Vidalia
Chad Phillips	Vidalia
Phillip Surin	Vidalia
Billy Rogan	Airport
BRADIE NELSON	
Brian Sikes	Vidalia Fire
Debbie Evans	Chamber
RICHARD DAVIS	Covington, GA
Mark Sutton	CVS
MATT OXLEY	VIA
Amanda Edwards	Cov
JAMES ONSON	ESC
Scott Shackland	Rec Dept
Jennifer Crutchfield	DVA
Bob Clawges	Forest Hill Cir
Brynnie Jackson	Vidalia
Shawn Oliver	504 Durden St
Kevin Tippett	504 Durden
Shawn Oliver	504 Durden
Pamela Dean	407 Durden
Cheryl Smith	Inframark
Frank Miller	(SAME)
Makaylee Randolph	The Advance
Heraldine Bell	905 Raymond St
M. Hall	Vidalia, GA
CONNIE F. WILLIAMS	Vidalia, GA
Per Sanders, Jr	Vidalia, GA
Michael M. Furlano	
Kathy Sikes	Vidalia