

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MUNICIPAL ANNEX
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026
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
Ronald Miller, Councilmember
Loyd Mobley, Councilmember

CITY STAFF:

Josh Beck, City Manager
Daniel O'Connor, City Attorney
Kellie Murray, City Clerk
Shannon Renteria, Finance Director
Alex Britton, Convention & Visitors Bureau
Tonya Parker, Downtown Vidalia Association
Robert Shore, Chief of Police
Brian Sikes, Fire Chief
Scott Fowler, 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 Frank Williams, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Doug Roper with the Invocation given by Pastor Frank Williams, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Discussion / Approval of the Agenda

Councilmember Jennifer Evans made the motion to approve the agenda as written, with a second motion to approve made by Councilmember Ronald Miller. This motion passed unanimously.

3. Special Presentation by Mayor Doug Roper

Mayor Roper presented Certificates of Appreciation to Popeye’s and Handy Andy Home Center for their continued efforts in keeping Vidalia clean.

4. Public Comments:

There were no public comments at this time.

5. Discussion / Approval of the Consent Agenda:

- * Workshop Meeting Minutes dated January 12, 2026
- * Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated January 12, 2026

Councilmember Loyd Mobley made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with a second motion to approve made by Councilmember Jennifer Evans. This motion passed with a unanimous vote.

6. Financial Report

Shannon Renteria, Finance Director, presented the financial report to Mayor and City Council along with a comparison made to 2024 due to the unforeseen expenses of Hurricane Helene cleanup efforts and effects at the beginning of fiscal year 2025.

7. Tourism / Chamber Updates:

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| * Downtown Vidalia Association | Tonya Parker, Director |
| * Vidalia Convention & Visitors Bureau | Alexa Britton, Director |
| * Greater Vidalia Chamber | Michele Johnson, Director |
| * Vidalia Onion Festival | Greg Hudgins, Chair |
| * Sweet Onion Golf Authority | Andy Woodruff, Chair |

Monthly updates were presented to Mayor and City Council. There were no questions or comments at this time.

8. Discussion / Approval of Vidalia Onion Festival road closures for the 2026 Onion Festival as follows:

Durden Street: close at 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, until Sunday, April 26, at 10:00 a.m.(Durden St will re-open sooner contingent on removal of equipment).

Jackson Street and Meadows Street: close at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, until Saturday, April 25, at 2:00 a.m.

If needed: *Church Street and Meadows Extension to Meadows Park:* close at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, until Saturday, April 25, at 2:00 a.m.

Councilmember Bob Dixon made a motion to approve the road closures as listed above, with a second motion to approve made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion and Approval/Disapproval of Alcoholic Beverage License to Brunson & Triplett Enterprises, LLC, DBA: Food Work/B&T's Food Fresh for the sale of packaged beer or wine. All requirements have been met.

Councilmember Bob Dixon made a motion to approve the Alcoholic Beverage License to Brunson & Triplett Enterprises, with a second motion to approve made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion / Approval of bids received for the installation of water and sewage lines to the dead end of 9th Street. The fund source is SPLOST. Bids received are as listed:

McLendon Enterprises \$72,104.00

S. A. Brown Enterprises, LLC \$80,195.00

RECOMMENDED VENDOR: McLendon Enterprises

**Councilmember Jennifer Evans abstained from this vote due to owning property on this street.

Councilmember Bob Dixon made a motion to approve the recommended vendor, McLendon Enterprises, at the bid of \$72,104.00. A second motion to approve was made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion passed with a unanimous vote.

11. Discussion / Approval of Resolution #26-004, authorizing the negotiation, execution, and delivery of Lease No. 20000044910, between City of Vidalia DBA/Warmouth Sands Golf Course and VGM Financial Services for the leasing of ground maintenance equipment. The initial payment on lease is \$5,016.09, to include first and last month's payment. This is a 60-month lease.

Clarification was made that this lease will be paid out of the General Fund's Sweet Onion Golf Authority funds. A motion to approve and adopt Resolution #26-004 was made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley, with a second motion to approve made by Councilmember Bob Dixon. This motion passed unanimously.

12. Discussion / Approval of Agreement – Keck & Wood / Hofstadter & Associates for CEI Services (GDOT TAP Project) This is an agreement between Keck & Wood and Hofstadter & Associates to provide Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) services for the GDOT-administered Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) project. The City has received \$1,732,000 in federal funding for the construction phase with a required local match of \$433,000. Fund source for the local match is SPLOST.

A motion to approve and enter into an agreement with Keck & Wood and Hofstadter & Associates was made by Councilmember Ronald Miller. A second motion to approve was made by Councilmember Loyd Mobley. This motion was approved by unanimous vote.

13. Department Head Reports

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

Monthly reports were presented to Mayor and City Council.

14. City Manager's Report

City Manager Josh Beck presented an update to current and ongoing projects to Mayor and City Council.

15. Executive Session, as per O.C.G.A. §50-14-3, if needed.

No Executive Session was needed at this time.

16. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Councilmember Loyd Mobley made a motion to adjourn this meeting of the Mayor and City Council. Councilmember Bob Dixon made a second motion to adjourn and this motion passed unanimously.

AFFIRMATION

We affirm that these minutes are correct and true to form as presented to the City Council on March 9, 2026.



Doug P. Roper, III
Mayor



Kellie Murray, City Clerk

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NAME	ADDRESS
Jackie & Harry Moses	105 E. Lin St.
Ken Thompson	169 E. Biwell
Scott Fowler	111 Brinson
BERNIE NELSON	
Billy Ragan	Airport
Robert Shore	VPD
Jossemarie M. Her	
Charley Laule	Santa Rosa
Greg Hodgson	GPC
Michelle Johnson	BVL, TGA
Jillie Thomas	
Kentley Hill	Radio Jones
Alisa Foster	CVB
MWO	VID
John Hill	
Shelley Lawrence	2016 W. Smiley Dr
Jamette Johnson	Vidalia
Leanne & Lonny	Vidalia
Candice Strickland	Vidalia, 405 12th Ave
Kydra Jackson	Vidalia, GA
Brian Siker	Vidalia
Amanda Edwards	VFD
Tonya Parker	COV
Bernadine Bell	DVA
Chris Henry	Vidalia
EM Bell	Vidalia
Frank Williams	Chaplain VFD
Debra Terrell	1911 Lightfoot Ct
Chester Army	1203 Peck St.
John Hill	Darden St.
Margaret Randolph	The Advance
Bonelle Pate	Popeyes
Ashley Sumler	Popeyes
John Hill	
Abigail Chapman	Vidalia / 1102 Center Dr
James D. Polun	Popey
Cosmia Rogers	Vidalia, Ga
Cherrie Williams	Vidalia