City of Lumpkin 552 MLK Jr. Dr. Lumpkin, GA 31815 Tuesday, February 11, 2025 6:00 p.m.

The mayor called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

All attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The clerk conducted a roll call, noting that all council members were present except Councilman Thomas.

The mayor requested approval of the agenda.

Motion by B. Cullefer

To approve the agenda.

Second by B. Mallory

5/0

The mayor then requested approval of the minutes from the meeting on January 14th.

Motion by B. Cullefer

To approve the January 14, 2025 minutes.

Second by F. Brown

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The mayor requested approval of the January Financial Reports.

Motion by B. Cullefer

To approve the January Financial Reports.

Second by M. House

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Councilman Thomas arrived at 6:12 p.m.

Public Appearances:

Carl Torresson – addressed the council with information on opening his pizzeria and thanked all council members for working with him. He plans to open by April 15th.

Allison Slocum – from RVRC Historic District spoke about the previous procedures. Initiated to establish a Lumpkin Historic District. She distributed materials related to This effort. She had addressed the council regarding the Historic District back in 1999. After reviewing her files, she could not find a signed Ordinance. She would like to return next month to speak with the council members again. The mayor stated that would be acceptable, and they plan to hear from her in March.

Reports from Dept. Heads:

Clerk A. Holloway mentioned that her update was included in the council folders and Inquired if there were any questions or concerns. She noted that the 1099 forms were also in the folders. Additionally, she announced that the date set for the city tax sale will be the second Tuesday of September 2025. Holloway informed the council that the leave and limb truck had to be parked due to brakes and the driving shift issues. This truck has been

mended multiple times. The council requested they look for a used truck capable of towing the trailer.

Motion by B. Cullefer Second by M. House

To contract with Weeks Heating & Air Service to install a two 3-ton unit in City building MLK Jr. Street 6/0

Councilwoman Cullefer raised whether the city had an agreement with the county regarding the rent for the EMS Service located in the city building. The county currently pays \$350.00 per month for rent, but the city is incurring losses due to covering all utilities, insurance, and maintenance costs for the building. Councilman Seay and Councilwoman House indicated that they may need to wait and discuss the situation further with the county. Councilwoman Mallory wanted to address the fallen-down property on North Street and throughout the city. Councilman Thomas stated we need to take action. The clerk said she had spoken to Attorney Coleman about condemning the property. The city has to have a certified building inspector, which will require many steps and funds.

Public Supervisor — M. Robinson's information was in their folders. He discussed the jobs that were completed.

Chief of Police – M. Holloway was absent. Sgt. Dan Simmons was present during the council meeting.

Fire Chief – G. Stewart - absent

New Business:

Historical Preservation Committee/Stores around the square – The mayor stated this had been discussed earlier. We will address it at the next council meeting.

Old Business:

HB 581 Bill—The council has held three public hearing meetings to discuss House Bill 581, but the council has chosen to opt-out. The mayor read the Resolution to opt out of the Homestead Exemption Pursuant to O.C.G.A. ~48-5-44.2

Motion by B. Cullefer Second by D. Thomas To accept the Resolution 2025-01 to optout of the Homestead Exemption Pursuant To O.C.G.A. ~48-5-44-.2

6/0

23-24 The Financial Audit was sent to all council members. The clerk had a paper copy if any council member wanted one. The city had two weaknesses. One was not having enough people in the office. The city is aware of this weakness but cannot employ two more due to a lack of funds. The second weakness was the lack of reconciliation of the general savings

in prior years as well. The city knows this weakness but cannot employ two more due to a lack of funds.

2024-2 During my audit, I noted that some bank accounts were not properly reconciled to the general ledger. Once this was brought to our attention, the clerk corrected general savings. At this time, the general savings have been correctly reconciled.

Council Input:

- F. Brown None
- B. Mallory None
- B. Cullefer None
- N. Seay None
- D. Thomas Inquired about disasters. Does the city get any assistance? Is there anything we What can we do to be prepared if this happens again?
- M. House None

Executive Session (if needed)

Motion by B. Cullefer

Second by M. House

To adjourn

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Adjourn

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Anne Holloway, City Clerk	

City of Lumpkin, GA

MOTION TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Date: 3, 11. 2025
Council Member <u>Nanus Shornas</u> makes the following motion.
That the Mayor and Council now enter into closed session as allowed by Chapter 14 of Title 50 of the Georgia Code and pursuant to advice by the City Attorney, for the purpose of discussing the following:
Motion and Seconded by: Billie Mallary
Motion Approved
Those voting in favor of the motion for closure: 1. Borzborg laster 4. 2. Flassie Frank 5. 3. B. Die Om Nober 6. May H.
Those voting against a motion for closure:
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