

City of Lumpkin
552 MLK Jr. Dr. Lumpkin, GA 31815
Tuesday, July 8, 2025
6:00 p.m.

At 6:00 p.m., the mayor called the meeting to order.
The mayor led the prayer.
Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
The Clerk called the roll, and all were present except Councilman Seay.

The mayor requested approval of the agenda.

Motion by B. Cullefer	To approve the agenda.
Second by D. Thomas	5/0

The mayor requested approval of the minutes from June 10, 2025.

Motion by F. Brown	To approve the June 10, 2025, minutes.
Second by B. Cullefer	5/0

The mayor asked for confirmation that the council had reviewed and received the financial report for June.

Motion by B. Cullefer	To confirm that they had reviewed and and reviewed it.
Second by F. Brown	5/0

There were no public appearances. The mayor requests reports from the department heads.

Reports from the Dept. Heads:

Clerk – A. Holloway informed the council that the update was in the council folders. Are there any questions? The council had agreed to increase Jordan Jones's hourly wage since going from a part-time to a full-time position from \$11.00 to \$13.50 if the council could make a motion so that it is recorded in minutes.

Motion by B. Cullefer	Council agrees on the increase for Jordan Jones' hourly wage increased from \$11.00 to \$13.50.
Second by D. Thomas	5/0

Clerk Holloway requested the council's approval to rent or lease a machine for breaking concrete on city property located on MLK Jr. Drive. This project would entail cleaning the city property, and the city could either reuse some of the rocks or sell them to nearby counties or cities.

Motion by B. Cullefer
Second by D. Thomas

To rent/lease the equipment to clean up the city property on MLK Jr. Drive. The city will sell or use the rocks that they retrieve from the clean-up.
5/0

Councilwoman Mallory inquired about the collapsing wall on Surles Street. Clerk Holloway noted that Building Inspector E. Brown would notify property owners about any issues.

Public Works Supervisor M. Robinson provided an update from the council's folders. The mayor inquired about the Liberty Street repairs, to which Robinson replied that he had not heard from the county. Councilwoman Cullefer suggested placing a "NO DUMPING" sign on the opposite side of the road.

The mayor reminded the council about the Sunshine Law, limiting meetings to no more than 1-3 members. Robinson also mentioned the need for a new mower for the Public Works department. Councilwoman Mallory asked about gas leak repairs.

Chief of Police M. Holloway reported a quiet period, and the mayor shared discussions with Fire Chief Stewart about a potential intergovernmental agreement for consolidating the fire department.

New Business:

Building/Code Enforcer Training – Tifton, GA on August 28-29, 2025.

Motion by B. Cullefer
Second by M. House

For building inspector E. Brown to attend Building/Code Enforcer training in Tifton, GA on August 28-29, 2025.
5/0

Qualls Striping – Parking spaces/Tennis Court - Clerk Holloway stated that she has been speaking with DOT engineers about painting the parking lot lines. Initially, they were not planning to repaint them, but in the end, they will be repainted. The quote was for around the South, West, and East sides of the Courthouse. The quote also includes repairing the Tennis Courts on Hwy 27. It would make half a basketball court and other pickleball courts. Councilwoman Mallory would like the clerk to check the cost of installing lines on the basketball court on Oak Street. The basketball court is sinking in the middle.

Motion by M. House
Second by F. Brown

To repair the Tennis courts at City Park on Hwy 27. The parking lot stripes around the Courthouse. To check on the pricing of Striping for the basketball court on Oak Street.
5/0

Clerk Holloway informed the council that their draft of the 2025-2026 Budget was in their folders. The clerk started reviewing the summary sheet of all the accounts. Then, General & Public Works revenue and expenditures, and the rest of the draft. Were there any questions regarding the budget? She informed the council that they will have to open a new account, SPLOST 25. The mayor asked for any questions or comments concerning the budget. Councilwoman Mallory inquired about the water funds in the General Fund. The Clerk informed that no public works funds are taken from the General Fund. In the upcoming year, we will be transferring the Street Department to the General Fund. Councilwoman Cullefer noted that this is the first time we have had funds in the Sinking account. The mayor stated that the city is in better shape than it has been in a long time. The mayor's and council's salaries will increase starting January 1, 2026. Councilwoman Mallory questioned whether the mayor's called meeting was a mistake. The Clerk stated that she would get that corrected. Councilman Thomas asked if there was a bonus in the budget. The Clerk noted that there is a 2% increase for each employee. Councilwoman Mallory inquired about the overtime on the clerk's budget. Councilwoman Cullefer stated that if they had to work overtime, they could. She turned and addressed the mayor with your approval, right? Councilwoman Mallory noted that the city manager should make more than the City Clerk. Councilman Thomas noted that just because it is in the budget does not mean we have to use it. Councilwoman Mallory stated that she did not see any training or travel in the budget. The mayor asked how much they would like to pay the City Manager. Councilwoman Mallory noted that it should be more than the clerk. The mayor asked how much they would like to pay the City Manager. Training? Lodging? How much would you like to put in the budget? Councilwoman Mallory noted that the salary for the City Manager should be more than the clerk's. The Clerk asked if you wanted \$60,000 and Councilwoman Mallory agreed. Explain the election charge in the budget. The County will hold its election.

Old Business:

Ordinance No. 2025-05 General Elections was read a second time. The mayor asked for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025-05.

Motion by B. Cullefer

Second by D. Thomas

To adopt Ordinance No. 2025-05

General Elections.

5/0

Resolution 2025-07 Any property - Surplus Property from the listing of the last meeting The
The council will continue to review the city property list.

Limb & Leaf Pick-up (Charges/No Charges) – The council will look into it. They would like to
check if the city can dispose of its waste into the gulley it owns.

Citizen Complaint – Overgrown Properties – The building inspector, Ernie Brown, will start to
inspecting the properties. We will send letters to the owners, followed by citations as

necessary.

City Manager Position- The council asked that water, waste, and gas be added to the qualifications. It will be addressed at the Called meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2025.

Council Input:

F. Brown – None

B. Mallory – None

B. Cullifer – None

D. Thomas – None

M. House – None

Mayor – noted that he attended the Housing Plan meeting, which was discussing housing for all the entire county. He would like to see who would like to attend.

Councilwoman B. Mallory and Councilman D. Thomas expressed their interest in rotating some of the upcoming meetings.

Motion by M. House
Second by D. Thomas

To adjourn
5/0

Executive Session (if needed)

Adjourn

Jimmy Babb Mayor Jimmy Babb Date: August 12, 2025

Barbara Cullifer

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Flossie Brown

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Billie Mallory

Marty House

Anne Holloway
Anne Holloway, City Clerk

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Tuesday, July 15, 2025
6:00 p.m.
CALLED MEETING

The mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilman Thomas offered a prayer, after which everyone recited the pledge to the flag. Clerk Holloway called the roll, and all members were present.

The mayor asked for approval of the agenda.

Motion by B Mallory
Second by F. Brown

To approve the agenda.
6/0

The mayor inquired whether the council had reviewed the city property provided to them by the clerk. We have Resolution 2025-07. Would any council member like to propose that the city property be classified as surplus? Additionally, do you want to consider listing any of the properties for sale?

Motion by M Huse
Second by B Cullefer

To put city property that is not being used to Surplus Property. Then list it for sale. The Council agrees to sell it at 50% of the value of each parcel.
5/1 (Thomas)

The mayor opened the discussion regarding the 2025-2026 budget. Councilman Seay inquired about the percentage allocated for employee raises. The clerk informed him that the budget included a column showing a 2% raise. He suggested that the salary for the City Manager position should be higher than \$60,000 annually.

Councilwoman Mallory stated that the City Manager's salary should not be less than that of the clerks. She also asked about the \$3,000 allocated for the clerk's overtime. Councilwoman Cullefer noted that overtime could occur only with the mayor's approval. However, Councilwoman Mallory insisted that there should be no overtime, mentioning that we voted no overtime and you have the minutes.

The mayor clarified that this meeting was specifically called to discuss the upcoming budget for 2025-2026 only. Councilman Seay then inquired about employee Williams' hourly wage, stating it should be \$12.50 per hour instead of the current \$11.80. The clerk responded that she was unsure why it had not been updated.

Motion by N Seay
Second by B Mallory

To reinstate M Williams from August 24 to July 25
the difference between \$12.50 - \$11.80.

6/0

Councilwoman House expressed her disagreement with the idea of hiring a city manager at this time, stating that the city is in better shape than it has been in a long time. She argued that the necessary tasks are being accomplished without the need for additional costs on salary, workers' compensation, and health insurance. She also raised concerns that hiring a city manager could lead to a salary of \$100,000, which she feels is unreasonable.

Councilwoman Cullefer mentioned that a CPA informed her that many small cities successfully employ their mayors in a part-time capacity for the city manager position. Councilwoman Brown recalled that when Bill Singer served as mayor, the city managed without a city manager, with Singer fulfilling the role on a part-time basis.

The mayor then inquired if there was any further discussion regarding the 2025-2026 budget. Councilman Seay reminded the group to ensure that Williams receives the 2% increase on the \$12.50.

Motion by B Culler
Second by M House

To adopt the 25-26 Budget as is, except to
change M Williams' hourly rate & give 2%
On the \$12.50.

3/3 (Mallory, Thomas, Seay)

With it being a tie, the mayor voted to approve the 25-26 Budget.

Councilwoman Brown requested that I consult the lawyer if an ordinance were needed allowing the mayor to work part-time as City Manager.

The mayor asked the council which job descriptions they would like to publish in the Stewart-Webster Journal.

Motion by D Thomas
Second by B Mallory

To adopt #2 for hiring of the City Manager.

6/0

The mayor asked if anyone had any updates regarding the Liberty Street repairs. The county has had four meetings, and it has not been discussed. Councilman Seay suggested that the mayor call M. Moyer or Chairwoman Seay to check on the progress of the repairs. The mayor stated that he would call them. He said that it needs to be repaired before school starts. Councilman Seay stated that no one has control over Mother Nature.

Motion by M House
Second by D Thomas

To adjourn
6/0

Jimmy Babb

Mayor Jimmy Babb

Date: August 12, 2025

Barbara Cullip

A. G.

Hesue Brown

W. B.

Billie M. Allen

M. House

Anne Holloway

Anne Holloway, City Clerk

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PUBLIC HEARING

July 21, 2025

6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – 25-26 BUDGET

The mayor opened the hearing at 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Thomas offered a prayer.

All said the Pledge to the Flag.

The clerk conducted a roll call, and all members were present except Councilman Seay.

The mayor opened the floor to the public for discussions regarding the 2025-2026 Budget.

However, there were no members of the public present at the hearing.

Councilwoman Cullefer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and all agreed.

Jimmy Babb Mayor Jimmy Babb Date: August 12, 2025

Barbara Cullefer [Signature]

Hessie Brown [Signature]

Bessie Mason [Signature]

Anne Holloway
Anne Holloway, City Clerk