

City of Lumpkin
552 MLK Jr. Dr. Lumpkin, GA 31815
Tuesday, August 12, 2025
6:00 p.m. DRAFT

The mayor officially began the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

He asked for an amendment to the agenda, adding Ordinance 2025-07

Motion by M. House	To amend the agenda by adding Ordinance
Second by D. Thomas	2025-07.

6/0

Judge Matthews offered a prayer. Everyone then recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The clerk called the roll, and all members were present except for Councilwoman Mallory.

Councilwoman Mallory arrived at 6:02 p.m.

The mayor asked for approval of the agenda.

Motion by M. House	To approve the agenda.
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Second by D. Thomas

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The mayor requested approval for the minutes from the meetings held on July 8th, 15th, and 21st.

Motion by B. Cullefer	To approve the minutes for July 8 th ,
Second by M. House	15 th , and 21 st .

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The mayor asked for a motion stating that everyone has received the July financial reports.

Motion by B. Cullefer	That all council members have received
Second by M. House	the July 2025 financial reports & bank

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There were no public appearances.

The mayor asked for reports from the department heads:

The Clerk informed everyone that her update was available in their folders. She announced that there was one new item regarding Bill 395, which has passed. Additionally, she had received the paperwork for the GEFA Loan forgiveness. The copier at the police department

is currently not working well, so we have the option to either purchase a new one or lease one monthly. The Clerk then asked if the council had any questions.

Motion by B. Cullefer
Second by M. House

To purchase a copier for the Police Dept.
from Ashley Copiers.

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It is time again to apply for the upcoming CDBG grant.

****Public Works Supervisor – M. Robinson Update****

Supervisor Robinson provided an update in the council folders regarding the upcoming projects on Broad Street. He mentioned that the Leaf and Limb truck is currently out of service while they wait for replacement parts. The mayor inquired about the repairs needed on Liberty Street. Chief Holloway indicated that if the repairs are not carried out soon, he would like to publish a notice in the newspaper to inform the public.

****Chief of Police – M. Holloway Update****

Chief Holloway informed the council that he has requested a donation from W.C. Bradley Company to help purchase a new pickup truck for the police department. Councilwoman Brown raised concerns about log trucks traveling too fast on Broad Street. The Chief acknowledged the issue and stated he would investigate it further.

Fire Chief – G. Stewart - absent

The mayor read Ordinance No. 2025-07 aloud to everyone present. Councilwoman Mallory inquired whether this ordinance was intended to replace Chapter 8. The mayor expressed uncertainty about the relevance of Chapter 8. Councilwoman Mallory acknowledged her own uncertainty but mentioned that information had been circulated regarding it. The Clerk clarified that this ordinance corrects the reference from Chapter 8 to Chapter 74, indicating that it will replace Chapter 74. Councilwoman Mallory then asked if anyone had reviewed Chapter 74.

Motion by M. House
Second by B. Cullefer

To approve Ordinance No. 2025-07
repealing Title 74 of the Code of
Ordinance.

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The mayor presented the 2025-08 Resolution for the 24-25 Budget Amendment. He then requested approval for this budget amendment.

Motion by M. House
Second by F. Brown

to approve the Resolution 2025-08
to amend the 24-25 budget.

6/0

The mayor stated that they need to decide on the Limb & Leaf Pick-up price list. The mayor also considered asking the county about their charges for disposing of the debris. He agreed to inquire about the cost to the city.

The mayor then asked the council about employee overtime. Councilwoman Mallory pointed out that Ms. Cullefer mentioned the Council did not agree to any overtime. She noted that everyone received a copy of the minutes, except for Mr. Thomas, which includes the unanimous vote against overtime on March 11, 2025. This ruling has not been followed, so she wanted to emphasize the importance of adhering to the decision made on that date.

Councilwoman House asked if it was possible to change the ruling, suggesting that it is not set in stone. Councilwoman Mallory confirmed that it could be modified, but if overtime is necessary, they will need to contact all councilmembers to obtain approval.

B. Cullefer mentioned that she has been here for over eighteen years and has never seen this many issues arise. Anne is currently working two jobs. Councilwoman Mallory stated that we need to obtain approval. Councilman Seay pointed out that everyone was present when the issue was initially discussed and voted on, but now it seems we have forgotten about the motion and want to change it. He questioned why they would have decided at that time if they were reconsidering it now. Councilwoman House responded that circumstances change.

Councilman Thomas added that the vote was unanimous in favor of the original decision. He believes that while there are times when overtime may be necessary, it's important to follow established protocol. We voted, but there needs to be a process that requires them to seek approval from either the mayor or the mayor pro tem for any overtime, after which the council should be notified. He emphasized the need for a cap on overtime.

Councilwoman Brown concurred that a cap is necessary. As the Clerk works on the budget and audit, overtime is needed, particularly for the Clerk and the Deputy Clerk, especially during audit periods. She clarified that she is not advocating for exceeding or falling short of the budgeted amounts.

Councilwoman Mallory concluded by stating that we need to be aware of the overtime situation. The overtime needs to be reasonably allocated between the two employees, and I believe this is currently not being done. The Clerk is not utilizing your resources effectively, and the overtime should be balanced. As Cullefer stated, I too was a secretary and bookkeeper and understand about the phones, but you must utilize your resources, and that's not being done.

Councilwoman Brown, what I meant by "between the two" is that there will be times when Mrs. Holloway has tasks to complete, and other times when Mrs. Jones has needs that require attention. They are not always present at the same time.

I believe that during budget, audit, or any other emergency that comes, there needs to be some overtime. Councilwoman House asked if they could contact the mayor. The mayor stated that it's supposed to be done this way. Councilwoman Mallory noted that it was not the way it was supposed to be done. Councilwoman Cullefer noted that it was in the policy. Councilwoman Mallory stated that it was not correct. The mayor said that you (Councilwoman Mallory) could give me the authority, but he knows that you are not going to do that. The mayor told Councilwoman Mallory to talk to the hand. I already stated what I have to say, and I don't want to hear what you (Councilwoman Mallory) have to say. Councilwoman Mallory noted to the mayor that it was very unprofessional. The mayor asked for a motion.

Motion by M. House
Second by B. Cullefer

For overtime when needed, and if possible
call the mayor.

The mayor asked for a vote -

Approve 2/Disapprove 3 (Thomas, Seay, and
Mallory), F. Brown abstained from voting.

Councilwoman Brown stated that Ms. Holloway should be allowed to work on the budget or audit as needed. Councilwoman Mallory emphasized that Ms. Holloway needs to approach the council, rather than the mayor. However, the Mayor announced that the vote had already been cast, and noted that Ms. Flossie did not vote either way. The mayor explained that an abstained vote is considered a yes vote. As a result, the vote was tied three to three, requiring the mayor to break the tie.

Councilman Thomas pointed out that, according to the City Charter, Councilwoman Brown could not abstain from voting. Councilwoman Brown disagreed with him. The mayor clarified that a council member can only abstain when there is a personal conflict of interest. Consequently, this meant there would be no overtime approved. Councilman Thomas suggested that the issue needs to be revisited, to which Councilwoman Brown agreed.

The mayor reiterated that Councilwoman Brown needs to cast a definitive vote, and Councilman Thomas concurred. Councilwoman Brown argued that if she requires overtime, she should be permitted to work it, and similarly, if Mrs. Jones needs overtime, she should also be allowed to work. At this point, Councilwoman House expressed her desire to make another motion.

Motion by M. House
Second by B. Cullefer

To allow overtime with permission from the
the mayor. Then, if excessive, the
financial committee needs to inform the council.
5/1 (Mallory)

The mayor opened it up to the council:

F. Brown – She inquired about the Splash pad. The mayor informed her that the city attorney is waiting on the paperwork from the county attorney.

B. Mallory – She and Councilman Thomas attended the GISH on August 7th. This is a great cause, it is much needed for our county. There were representatives from RVRC and State.

B. Cullefer – She asked Mike about the two fire hydrants on Old Chestnut Street that were leaking. He stated that he was aware of them. But he does not know what to do since he cannot turn the valves on the fire hydrants, and no way to cut off the water. She also stated that there was a log truck parked in Skylines. We don't allow big trucks to park on city streets. The Chief stated he would let them know.

Mayor Babb – That the city has surplus property for sale on Florence Street. There is a resident who is interested in purchasing it. Also, need to check there is an old ladder truck that is housed there. The city needs to see what they want to do with it. He spoke with Greg Stewart about getting an inter-governmental agreement with the fire departments. If they do this, then maybe the county will contribute something towards the upkeep of the truck.

N. Seay – The city needs two lawnmowers. Lee County has just purchased Gravelly mowers. He handed out quotes for lawnmowers. The council stated to buy the 352 mower for \$11,704.80 from Potter Motors. Then he inquired about the sewage problem on Surlis Street. There was a resident who had to pay to get the sewage line pumped out. He thinks the city needs to be reinstated since it's the city's problem, not the citizens' problem. The council agreed to reimburse the citizen the full bill for having his sewage line pumped.

D. Thomas -

M. House -

Motion by B. Cullefer
Second by M. House

To adjourn

Jimmy Babb

Mayor Jimmy Babb

Date: 9-25-25

M. H. Hane

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Barbara Casper

Hessie Brown

Billie Matton

Rennie Thom

Anne Holloway

Anne Holloway, City Clerk

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Tuesday, August 19, 2025
6:00 p.m.

CALLED MEETING

AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by the mayor at 6:00 p.m. Councilman Thomas said the Prayer. All said the Pledge to the Flag. The Clerk called the roll, and all were present. The mayor asked for approval of the agenda.

Motion by D. Thomas	To approve the agenda.
Second by N. Seay	6/0
Motion by D. Thomas	To go into executive session.
Second by N. Seay	6/0
Motion by D. Thomas	To come out of executive session.
Second by N. Seay	Go back to the regular session
	6/0

The mayor stated that this was a team-building meeting to discuss personnel issues. Each employee expressed themselves. The council addressed the worries and expressed how it could be corrected.

Motion by F. Brown	To adjourn
Second by B. Cullefer	6/0

Jimmy Babb Mayor Jimmy Babb Date: 9-8-25

Barbara Cullefer F. Brown

Billie Malloy D. H. Thomas

Marty Howe D. H. Thomas

Anne Holloway
Clerk Anne Holloway