

City of Lumpkin
552 MLK Jr. Dr. Lumpkin, GA 31815

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Mayor Babb called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Councilman Thomas said a prayer.

All said the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Holloway called the roll, and all were present.

The mayor asked for approval of the agenda.

Motion by B. Mallory

Second by M. House

To approve the agenda.

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The mayor asked for approval of the minutes for April 14, 2026.

Motion by B. Cullefer

Second by B. Mallory

To approve the minutes.

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The mayor asked for confirmation that the council had received the April Financial Reports.

Motion by B. Mallory

Second by B. Cullefer

**To confirm that the council had received
April Financial Reports.**

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Public Appearances:

Canady Matthews addressed the council on the timeline and concerns regarding the repairs and the reopening of Liberty Street. (Memo attached)

Clerk – A. Holloway informed the council that her update was in their folders. Were there any questions? B. Mallory – Asked about the bid opening on April 2nd and 7th. The Clerk stated that April 2nd was to be a preview of the project. April 7th was when the bids were accepted. B. Mallory stated she would like to be notified of any future bid openings. There was a layout of the upcoming projects for Oak St, GA Hwy 27, and Main St. parks. RVRC luncheon on May 20, 2026, in Americus, GA.

Motion by B. Cullefer

Second by M. House

**Clerk can attend luncheon in Americus,
GA for RVRC.**

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I want to attend Accountant II training.

Motion by B. Cullefer

Second by M. House

Can attend the Accountant II Training

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Public Works Supervisor – M. Robinson informed the council that his update was in their folders. He reviewed his update with the council, then asked whether they had any concerns. His update is attached.

Chief of Police M. Holloway updated the council on a \$ 400,000 grant he is seeking to apply for. He contacted Sheriff Countryman to ask whether his grant writer could assist with writing it. He was glad to let his grant writer assist. He would like to install some cameras along Oak Street. B. Mallory would like the police officers to start observing the one-way streets by the bank and post office.

Fire Chief – G. Stewart was absent.

New Business:

The DOT surveyed installing a four-way stop at State Route 27 – Cotton Street and MLK Jr Drive. The mayor stated that the city would like to lower the speed limit on US Hwy 27 as part of this project.

Motion by B. Cullefer
Second by N. Seay

To allow DOT to add the two four-way stops off on State Route 27 – Cotton Street and MLK Jr Drive.

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Old Business:

B. Mallory stated that they need to set up the interviews for the City Manager position. Need to call to see if the applicant would like to reapply for the position.

Council Input:

F. Brown – Did we discuss the letter that was in the folders? She has not gotten approval to From the land owners to have the event.

B. Mallory – Notify the applicants so that they can set up at the next meeting. Chief please Observe the one-way stops.

B. Cullefer – None

N. Seay – None

D. Thomas – He will get with the clerk.

M. House - None

Motion by M. House
Second by B. Cullefer

To Adjourn
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Jimmy Babb

Mayor Jimmy Babb

Date: 6-9-26

Barbara Culligan

Billie Mallory

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Anne Holloway

Anne Holloway, City Clerk

Subject: Request for timeline and action plan- Liberty Street

To; Mayor Babb and the members of the City Council

Re: Liberty street

Date: May 12, 2026

Dear Mayor Babb and city Council Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to address you. I Will be brief. As you are aware, Liberty Street currently has only one entrance and one exit. This creates a significant public safety concern, as access could be compromised during an emergency.

The risk is Heightened during known seasonal hazards:

- March through May: peak tornado season.
- June through November: Hurricane season
- August through October: Highest hurricane risk
- October through November secondary increase in tornado activity.

I have spoken with several council members in an effort to obtain a clear plan or timeline for repairs, or at minimum a status update. To date I have not received a definitive response.

I would also like to highlight the vulnerability of several residents on Liberty Street, including senior citizens who may require urgent medical assistance. In emergency situations delayed access could have serious consequences. As we know, Homes can become engulfed in flames within minutes, and both stroke and heart attack victims require immediate care-often within the first critical hour - to improve outcomes.

My concern is that if access is obstructed emergency responders may be delayed, even by a matter of minutes, which could be the difference between life and death.

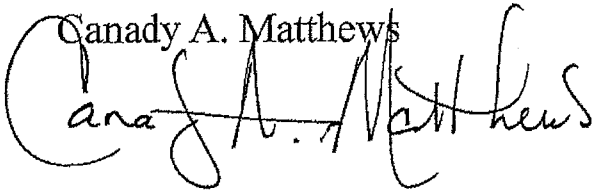
Accordingly, I respectfully request that the city council provide a Clear and definitive timeline for when repairs to liberty street will begin. The residents deserve more than uncertainty, and I believe this issue warrants prompt and serious consideration.

As a former member of the city council, I am confident that a solution can be reached before a preventable tragedy occurs. I urge you to prioritize this matter accordingly.

Thank You for your time and consideration.

Respectfully

Canady A. Matthews

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Canady A. Matthews". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with large, connected letters. It is positioned below the printed name "Canady A. Matthews".

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532 MLK Jr Drive
Lumpkin, GA 31815

May 26, 2026

4:00 P.M.

CALLED MEETING

Called to Order

Prayer

Pledge to the flag

Roll Call

Approval of the agenda

For – **Surles & Liberty Street**
City Manager
Personnel

Executive Meeting (if needed)

Adjourn

City of Lumpkin
532 MLK Jr Drive
Lumpkin, GA 31815

May 26, 2026

4:00 P.M.

The meeting was called by Councilman Thomas, Councilwoman Mallory, and Councilman Seay to discuss the Surles and Liberty Street project, the City Manager position, and city personnel matters.

The mayor called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Councilman Thomas led the prayer, and everyone recited the Pledge to the Allegiance. Clerk Holloway called the roll; all council members were present. City Attorney Tommy Coleman was also in attendance.

The mayor asked for approval of the agenda.

Motion by F. Brown

To approve the agenda.

Second by D. Thomas

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The mayor began the meeting by discussing the Surles and Liberty Street project. Councilman Thomas requested an update on the project. Mayor Babb informed the council that the clerk had been in contact with Chad Griffin, the engineer from Stillwater. The bid for the project has been awarded to Hancock & Son, and the council has approved the contractor. The GEFA funds have been approved and will soon be available for drawdown. At this stage, all necessary documents have been executed to initiate the project.

We need to ensure that the easement is signed by all parties involved. If the city attempts to claim the land for the project, it could possibly result in a lengthy and costly process. While we are working to obtain the required signature for the easement, Chad will initiate a change order to prioritize Liberty Street as the first project, which should allow us to start work there more quickly. We had to have the paperwork for Surles Street approved before we could request Liberty Street. Once all the easements are signed, we can start work on the Surles Street project.

The mayor inquired about the city manager. Councilwoman Mallory asked for an update. Councilman Thomas asked for an update on the applicants. The mayor informed the council that this topic was discussed during the meeting on May 12th. Clerk Holloway will call the applicants to determine who is still

interested in the position and will present that information at the next meeting on June 9th.

The mayor then asked the council what specific personnel matters they would like to discuss.

**Motion by D. Thomas
Second by B. Mallory**

**To go into executive session.
regarding personnel.**

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**Motion by D. Thomas
Second by M. House**

**To come out of executive
session, and go back into
regular session.**

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**Motion by F. Brown
Second by N. Seay**

To adjourn the meeting.

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Jimmy Babb Mayor Jimmy Babb Date: 6-9-26

M. House D. A. Thomas
Barbara Culleper Gessie Brown
Billie Mallory _____

Anne Holloway, City Clerk