



Town council meeting Oct. 1, 2025

Present: Mayor Chris Lelle; Councilmen, Tommy Buchanan, Eric Dailey, Sally Brown, Doug Koestel, Sharon Johnson and Attorney, Jack Samuels (Sally Brown taking minutes in the absence of the clerk; Mason Orr recording meeting)

Visitors: Beth Buchanan, Candance Bugg

The meeting opened at 7:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sally Brown made a motion to approve the Sept. 3 minutes, Eric Dailey seconded the motion, Sharon Johnson and Doug Kostel abstained from the vote and Tommy Buchanan voted against the motion. The motion failed due to lack of a majority vote.

Mayor Chris Lelle asked to amend the agenda adding: financial review; hiring a part-time clerk; and signage update. Sally Brown made a motion to amend the agenda, Sharon Johnson seconded, and Eric Dailey added to the motion to discuss Ralph lawnmower shop using the town property. Sharon Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed 4-1 with Tommy Buchanan voting no. The Mayor asked to add one more item-the Apalachee Ministry Village using the Community room for counseling. Sally Brown made the motion to add the item, Sharon Johnson seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

The financial review was next on the agenda. The financials for September would be sent out by email after the clerk returned. The Sept.3 meeting minutes would also be sent out by email to Tommy Buchanan.

In new business was the Angan Supply Chain business license fee. The Mayor said the business was not in compliance with the fire marshall occupancy issue. Attorney Samuels said the occupancy issue was a separate issue from the business license. Tommy Buchanan made a motion to table the issue, Eric Dailey seconded, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Next on agenda was the property maintenance code. The last question was whether to create a zoning appeals board. Doug Koestel made a motion to strike the appeals section (107.1-107.4) from the draft and Eric Dailey seconded. The motion passed 4-1 with Sally Brown voting no. Kostel made the motion to approve the property maintenance code, Sharon Johnson seconded the motion, and the vote passed 4-1 with Tommy Buchanan voting no.

The 2026 budget was next on the agenda. The council agreed to set a workshop to go over the budget.

The 2025 budget amendment was next on the agenda. Sally Brown made a motion to amend the 2025 budget. Sharon Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous vote.

The business license for 70 Star Street was next on the agenda, but the paperwork was not available. Eric Dailey made the motion to table the item, Doug Koestel seconded, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Mayor asked if the council would agree to hiring a part-time clerk. The hours of service could be extended, and the person could serve as the passport manager. The hours could be up to 20 a week.

Signage update was next on the agenda. Sally Brown said the small signs were in place. The bigger signs were being worked on. The engine breaking signs were still being worked on as well.

Next Eric Dailey gave an update on the gentleman who wanted to use city property to sell matchbox cars. Dailey has not heard back from them.

Next Jack Thomas' Ministry wanted to reserve dates to use the community room as a counseling center Oct.16 and 30; Nov. 13; Dec.4 and 18 from 3 – 5 p.m. They would offer the service at no charge. Eric Dailey made the motion to allow the use, Sharon Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous vote.

The Mayor asked for a motion to add the discussion of a crosswalk at the former Harrison Poultry plant. Sally made the motion to add the item, Eric Dailey seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous vote. The poultry plant is now owned by Wayne Farms. The plant wants to add a crosswalk from the Hatchery to the main offices crossing Star Street. Doug Koestle made the motion to allow the plant to do so at their own expense, Eric Dailey seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous vote.

The Mayor asked for a “meet the candidates forum” for the 3 council positions. The date was planned for Tuesday, Oct. 14 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20.