



POST AGENDA

October 21, 2025

Cochran City Council

Special Called @ 6:00 PM

City Auditorium, 102 N Second Street, Cochran, GA 31014

City Council

City Staff

Billy Yeomans, Mayor	Richard Newbern, City Manager
Trecia Gardner (District 1, Post 1)	Tiffany Lampp, Interim City Clerk
Gary Ates, Council Member (District 1, Post 2)	Jim Elliott, City Attorney
Carla Coley, Council Member (District 2 Post 1)	
Lonnie Tedders, Council Member (District 2, Post 2)	
Dianne Lester (District 3, Post 1)	
Shane Savant, Council Member (District 3, Post 2)	

I. Call to Order by the Mayor @ 6:04

II. Invocation

By Councilman Shane Savant

III. Pledge of Allegiance

By Chief Wilcher

IV. Attendance

All were in attendance making a quorum

V. Adopt Agenda/ Minutes

Councilmember Savant requested to add a discussion item regarding a **Resolution on Contract Renewal** before the scheduled renewal decisions.

The amendment and overall agenda were both **approved unanimously**

1. Approve Agenda for October 21, 2025, Special Called Meeting

VI. Executive Session from 6:10- 7:36 pm

Council entered Executive Session for discussion of personnel matters. Following the session, the regular meeting resumed.

VII. Agenda Items

1. Consider renewal of the City Manager contract for 2026.

Council discussed the **extension of the City Manager's contract**.

Councilmembers voiced concerns regarding communication, oversight, accountability, and overall management at City Hall.

After discussion, a roll call vote was taken:

- **Yes:** Ates, Gardner
- **No:** Coley, Lester, Savant, Tedders

Although the vote was 2–4, under the **City Charter's supermajority rule** (five votes required for non-renewal), the contract was **automatically extended for one year**.

Councilmembers emphasized the need for improved leadership, transparency, and performance accountability moving forward.

VIII. Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events

1. Next Work Session - Thursday November 6, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
2. Next Regular Session- Thursday November 6, 2025 @ 7:00 PM

IX. Adjourn 7:45 pm