



DRAFT AGENDA
February 11, 2025
Cochran City Council
Regular Session @ 7:00 PM

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

City Council

City Staff

Billy Yeomans, Mayor	Richard Newbern, City Manager
VACANT <i>(District 1, Post 1)</i>	Candace Summerall, City Clerk
Gary Ates, Council Member <i>(District 1, Post 2)</i>	Jim Elliott, City Attorney
Carla Coley, Council Member <i>(District 2 Post 1)</i>	
Lonnie Tedders, Council Member <i>(District 2, Post 2)</i>	
VACANT <i>(District 3, Post 1)</i>	
Shane Savant, Council Member <i>(District 3, Post 2)</i>	

I. Call to Order by the Mayor

II. Invocation

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Attendance

V. Adopt Agenda/Minutes

1. Approve Minutes from Jan 14, 2025, Regular Council Meeting
2. Approve Agenda for February 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting

VI. Agenda Items

1. Proclamation of February as Black History Month
2. Consider opting out of Ga. HB 581 homestead exemption requirements
3. Consider recommendation from Choice Insurance for health insurance benefits for the City's full-time employees.

4. Consider a Resolution of endorsement for the Industrial Development Authority's (IDA) application for \$2,000,000 to the One Georgia Fund for water and sewer improvements to the Industrial Park.
5. Consider a Resolution of endorsement for the Downtown Development Authority's (DDA) application for \$50,000 from a grantor agency for funding for downtown improvements.
6. Consider Amending Ordinance concerning the package sale of distilled spirits to change the mandatory closing time for licensed establishments
7. Announcement of Change in Council Meeting Schedule - Work Sessions Moving to First Thursday at 6:00 PM and Regular Sessions to Second Tuesday at 6:00 PM Beginning March 2025

VII. City Manager Discussion/Items/Updates

VIII. Council Discussion/Items

IX. Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events

1. Next Work Session - Thursday March 6, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
2. Next Regular Council Meeting - Tuesday, March 11, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
3. Special Election For District 1 and District 3- Tuesday March 18th, 2025 7AM-7PM

IX. Public Comments

(Please note that every individual who signs up to speak prior to the meeting will be given a total of 3 minutes to address the Mayor and Council.)

X. Executive Session (if needed)

- A. ✓ Meeting to discuss pending or potential litigation with legal counsel and to discuss or vote on settlement provided in O.C.G.A. §50-14-2(1).
- B. ✓ Meeting to discuss or vote on authorizing negotiations to purchase, dispose of or lease property as provided in O.C.G.A § 50-14-3(b)(1).
- C. ✓ Meeting to discuss or vote on the acquisition, disposition or lease of real estate by the city O.C.G.A §50-14- 3(b)(1).
- D. ✓ Meeting to discuss hiring, compensation, evaluation, or disciplinary action for a specific public officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A §50-14-3(b)(2).
- E. ✓ Meeting to discuss or interview an applicant to be executive head of a department O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1).
- F. ✓ Meeting to discuss records that are exempt from disclosure 50-14-3(b)(4).

