



POST AGENDA
March 10, 2026
Cochran City Council
Regular Session @ 6:00 PM

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

City Council

City Staff

Carla Coley, Mayor	Richard Newbern, City Manager
Trecia Gardner <i>(District 1, Post 1)</i>	Candace Summerall, City Clerk
Gary Ates, Council Member <i>(District 1, Post 2)</i>	Jim Elliott, City Attorney
Rufus Veal, Council Member <i>(District 2 Post 1)</i>	
Lonnie Tedders, Council Member <i>(District 2, Post 2)</i>	
Dianne Lester <i>(District 3, Post 1)</i>	
Shane Savant, Council Member <i>(District 3, Post 2)</i>	

I. Call to Order by the Mayor MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR CARLA COLEY

II. Invocation LED BY CITY ATTORNEY JIM ELLIOTT

III. Pledge of Allegiance PLEDGE LED BY MAYOR CARLA COLEY

IV. Attendance ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER GARY ATES

V. Adopt Agenda/Minutes

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Table agenda item #1 (Sign Variance) and move to April 14, 2026 APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Approve agenda as amended APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Approve minutes from January 13, February 10, and February 19 APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. Public Comments

Public comments received

VII. Agenda Items

1. Public Hearing – Sign Variance request from Bobby Patel TABLED AND MOVED TO APRIL 14, 2026
2. Request from the Cochran-Bleckley Chamber of Commerce regarding tax relief for the Commons Building APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
3. Request from the Downtown Development Authority to close North 2nd Street APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
4. Consider moving a part-time Police Department position to full-time APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
5. Consider Budget Amendment for FY 2025/2026 ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
6. Award of bid for Willie Basby Park walking trail/playground APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
7. Award of landscaping maintenance contract (Dixie Landscaping – \$17,148 annually) APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Award of bid for additional lighting at Cochran Community Park (Georgia Power option) APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
9. Acceptance of GEMA Cybersecurity Grant APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
10. Engineering services for 2026 CDBG application (Falcon Design Consultants) APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
11. Assignment of City Manager duties to City Clerk in absence of City Manager APPROVED

VIII. City Manager Discussion/Items/Updates

IX. Council/Mayor Discussion/Items

X. Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events

Next Work Session – Thursday, April 9, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

Next Regular Council Meeting – Tuesday, April 14, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

XI. Executive Session

Executive Session held for personnel

Council entered and returned to Regular Session

Meeting adjourned APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 8:25