



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

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*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**

**II. Invocation**

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Attendance**

**V. Adopt Agenda/Minutes**

Approve Agenda for March 10, 2026, Regular Council Meeting

Approve Minutes from Regular Council Meeting January 13, 2026

Approve Minutes from Regular Council Meeting February 10 , 2026

Approve Minutes from Special Called Meeting Council Meeting February 19, 2026

**VI. 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.)

**VII. Department Head Reports**

**VII. Outside Agency Reports**

## **VII. Agenda Items**

1. Public Hearing Sign Variance request from Bobby Patel regarding his development at 182 E. Dykes Street to erect a secondary monument sign with a variable LED display
2. Discuss a request from the Cochran-Bleckley Chamber of Commerce regarding potential tax relief consideration for the Commons Building in exchange for community programming and tourism services provided through the facility.
3. Consider a request from the Downtown Development Authority to close the segment of North 2nd Street
4. Consider moving a Part-time position in the Police Department to a Full-time position-
5. Consider a Budget Amendment for FY 2025/26-
6. Consider an Award of a Bid for the federally-funded Willie Basby Park walking trail/playground/cooking grill
7. Consider an award of a bid for landscaping maintenance at Cochran Community Park, Municipal Building, City Hall, Community Center, and the Peyton Williams Center
8. Consider award of a bid for providing additional lighting to the Cochran Community Park
9. Discussion of acceptance of Cybersecurity Grant Award from the GEMA State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program
10. Consider Engineering Services to support the 2026 CDBG application

## **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 if needed**