



DRAFT MINUTES
March 3, 2026
Cochran City Council
Special Called Meeting @ 5:00 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

Mayor Carla Coley called the Special Called Meeting to order at 4:58 PM

II. Invocation

Invocation was led by Council Member Trecia Gardner

III. Attendance

Mayor Coley noted all Council Members were present with the exception of Council Members Rufus Veal and Dianne Lester (partial). The City Attorney Jim Elliott and City Manager Richard Newbern were absent. Quorum was established.

IV. Adopt Agenda

Agenda Modifications

Approve agenda as presented

Motion: Made by Council Member Lonnie Tedders

Second: Council Member Gary Ates

Vote: Unanimous approval

V. Executive Session

MOTION MADE TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:02

Motion: Made by Council Member Gary Ates
Second: Council Member Lonnie Tedders
Vote: Unanimous approval

Personnel Matters

Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee

VI. Reconvene into Open Session

MOTION MADE TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION 5:45

Motion: Made by Council Member Gary Ates
Second: Council Member Dianne Lester
Vote: Unanimous approval

VII. Action, if any, related to Executive Session

VIII. Adjournment

MOTION MADE TO ADJOURN at 5:45

Motion: Made by Council Member Gary Ates
Second: Council Member Trecia Gardner
Vote: Unanimous approval

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

Candace Summerall

City Clerk