

# *City of Luthersville*

Council Minutes

January 14, 2025

## **Council Members Present:**

Mayor: Trammell Williams

Council Members: Concetta Amey, Paul Parker, Melissa Wortham

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## **Work Session:**

The work session began at 5:45 with the city council discussing agenda items and ended at 6:00 pm.

## **Call to Order**

Mayor Trammell Williams called the January 14, 2025, council meeting to order.

## **Invocation**

Council Member Concetta Amey gave the invocation.

## **Pledge Allegiance**

Trammell Williams led everyone at the meeting with the pledge to the American flag.

## **Adopt Agenda**

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker, and passed unanimously, to approve and amend the agenda with items numbers three, four, and five.

## **Public Hearing**

## **Routine Business**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve the December 2024 minutes.

### **Financial Reports:**

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously to approve the December financial report for the General and Enterprise funds as presented.

## **Departmental Reports**

### **Mayor's Report**

#### **Trammell Williams Reported the Following:**

1. That the Christmas Parade was very nice. And that the Social Club sent a card of thanks to the Mayor and Council Members.
2. That the snowflakes will soon be removed, and that next year the tree in the city park will have Christmas lights once again as it was determined that someone vandalized the wires this year.
3. That the city is currently waiting on bids for the upgraded city complex camera system.
4. That he met with Karen Gravel of Lord AECK Sargent an architect agent to examine the city complex for future improvements.
5. That the city council voted to engage the services of Thomas H. Camp from Newnan, GA for the city attorney.
6. That the water system received a grant from GEFA for 375K for the improvement of the lead and copper lines from the meter to the structure.
7. That the city continues to experience ongoing water issues. However, the city is working on the problem. In addition, after the city council meeting, a second meeting will be held in the cafetorium concerning a new and 4<sup>th</sup> well for the water system.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **1. Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Sewer System Connection Between Meriwether County Water and Sewerage Authority and the City of Luthersville Georgia:**

Mayor Williams mentioned that the IGA is ready to be signed, but that just a few minor edits to be made. He then called for a motion to enter into the agreement.

Next, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

#### **1. Request for a Business License by William Davis and Located Beside the Family Dollar Tree:**

Mr. Davis explained that he is waiting for the sewerage system to be installed, but in the meantime, he would like to use the lot as an RV storage area.

Then, City Attorney Camp mentioned that the zoning requires a 100 ft. buffer and screening for the lot of this use.

Mayor Williams mentioned that the business license could be approved contingent upon the recommendation of the planning commission in the case of Mr. Davis needing additional space concerning the footage of the buffer.

Next, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Melissa Wortham, and passed unanimously, to approve the license contingent upon the applicant meeting all the specified zoning requirements and submitting his lot plan to the commission for review.

Next, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously.

**2. Approval/Appointment of a Solicitor the the Luthersville Municipal Court:**

Mayor Williams mentioned that it is now a state requirement for all municipal courts to engage the services of a solicitor for trying cases. And that he reached out to Ralph Hensley an attorney from Hogansville, GA, and that Mr. Hensley has accepted the position with a monthly flat court rate of 1K.

Then, Mayor Williams called a motion to appoint a new solicitor.

Next, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Melissa Wortham, and passed unanimously.

**Amended Agenda Items**

**3. Appointment/Re-appointment of the Planning Commission Members:**

Mayor Williams mentioned that he would like to re-appoint Roger Mohlenhoff and Nate Violette to the planning commission for the next 2 years. He mentioned that the planning commission would meet in January to appoint a chair and vice chair per the zoning ordinance. The Mayor then called for a motion.

Then, Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Melissa Wortham, and passed unanimously.

**4. Resolution Setting the Qualifying Fee for the November 4, 2025 Election:**

Mayor Williams read the resolution, and he then called a motion to approve the document.

Then, Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded Melissa Wortham, and passed unanimously.

**5. Appointment of the Mayor Pro-tem:**

Inasmuch as the city held a special election in 2024, the City Charter directs that after an election to appoint a Mayor Pro-tem.

Then, Mayor Williams asked Concetta Amey if she would be willing to continue as the pro-tem, and she answered yes.

Next, the mayor called for a motion.

Finally, Melissa Wortham made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker, and passed unanimously.

**Public Comments:**

Limited to Three Minutes

**Attorney Comments:**

**Council Member Comments:**

**Executive Session:**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker, and passed unanimously, to end the meeting.