

Regular Council Meeting

August 5, 2025

Meeting called to order by Mayor J. Micheal Evans at 6pm.

Invocation given by Pastor Tommy Odum, The Well at Centerville.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Edward Armijo.

Welcome Extended by Mayor J. Micheal Evans to all present and on social media; offered appreciation to Pastor Odum.

Present were Mayor J. Micheal Evans, Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr., Councilman Edward Armijo, and City Administrator Krista Bedingfield, City Attorney Rebecca Tydings; Post 2 and Post 3 are vacant council seats.

Mayor's Moment

Mayor J. Micheal Evans highlighted a new item that will be a part of the Regular Council Meetings called the Mayor's Moment, where a business or organization will be featured during the meeting.

Public Comments

Concerns -Future Business Development and Public Transportation: Terry Wood, 221 Eagle Trace, Warner Robins Ga. 31093. No comments were made and Ms. Wood did not show.

Adoption of Minutes

1. July 15, 2025: Special Council Meeting
2. July 18, 2025: Planning Retreat Meeting

Motion to approve minutes as written given by Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr.; seconded by Councilman Edward Armijo. Motion Carried. Unanimous.

Old Business

None.

New Business

3. Swear in new Lieutenant of Patrol Jessica Escobedo: Mayor J. Micheal Evans and Chief Cedric Duncan presented the oath to Lt. Escobedo. Mayor J. Micheal Evans mentioned that hiring high quality personnel is a high priority for him and for Chief Duncan.

No action required.

4. Point of Information- Fire Department Vehicle Purchase: Councilman Robert Bird and Chief Jason Jones presented two bids for a new fire service vehicle to replace the current Fire Chief's Tahoe, which will be rotated into the regular fleet service for use by personnel. One quote is from Brannen Unadilla, for \$66,339.00, which includes install of all lights and emergency equipment. The second quote from Hardy Chevrolet, for \$54,275.00, for the vehicle only, all lights and equipment will need to be purchase and installed separately. Chief Jones informed the governing authority that he will be

accepting the quote from Brannen Unadilla, since all lights and emergency equipment will be included. This is a budgeted item and will be paid from SPLOST funds. No questions presented from Mayor and Council.

No action required.

Executive Session – potential/pending litigation update; personnel matters: Mayor J. Micheal Evans entertained motion to enter into executive session at 6:14pm. Motion made by Councilman Edward Armijo; seconded by Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr. Motion Carried. Unanimous.

Mayor and Council reconvened at 6:54pm.

Affidavit and Resolution: City Attorney Rebecca Tydings presented the oath of the affidavit to Mayor J. Micheal Evans Motion to approve made by Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr.; seconded by Councilman Edward Armijo. Motion carried. Unanimous. Affidavit and Resolution attached and made a part of the official minutes.

Comments from Council

Post 1- Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr.: Expressed gratitude to city employees and public safety departments.

Post 2: Vacant.

Post3: Vacant.

Post 4-Councilman Edward Armijo: Thanked Pastor Odom for the invocation and congratulated Lieutenant Escobedo.

Mayor J. Micheal Evans: Echoed his appreciation to all contributors and city staff.

Mayor J. Micheal Evans adjourned meeting at 7:10pm.

Mayor J. Micheal Evans

Attest by City Clerk Lee Siefert

Date