

Regular Council Meeting

January 6, 2026

Meeting began at 6:00pm.

Invocation by Councilman Edward Armijo.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilwoman Velicia Lowe.

Present were Mayor J. Micheal Evans, Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr., Councilman Justin Wright, Councilwoman Velicia Y. Lowe, Councilman Edward Armijo, City Attorney Rebecca Tydings, and City Administrator Krista Bedingfield.

Oaths of Office Mayor Evans, Councilman Post 1 Bird, Councilman Post 2 Wright: City Attorney Rebecca Tydings and Superior Court Chief Judge Bo Adams.

Ceremonial Swearing of newly elected and re-elected officials for Mayor, Post 1 and Post 2 were sworn in by Superior Court Judge Bo Adams.

Superior Court Chief Judge Bo Adams administrated the Oath of Office in the presence of Mayor and Council, as well as, family and friends.

Welcome Extended by Mayor J. Micheal Evans to all those in attendance and on social media at the meeting. Special recognition given to family and friend in attendance, as well as, former councilman Randall Wright.

Mayor's Moment

Mayor J. Micheal Evans gave a special recognition to those employees who meet milestones in 2025 for their years of service. Recognizing those who celebrated 5 years (Larry Whitney & Daniel Walker), 10 years (Clinton Traxler, John Sweat, Tonya Wharton), 20 years (Jeff Thompson & Michelle Wright), and 25 years (Krista Bedingfield & Sara McCarthy) of service with the City of Centerville.

Public Comments

Ms. Charlie Griswold, 207 Bassett Street, Centerville, GA, absent from meeting.

No public comments made.

Adoption of Minutes

December 2, 2025; Regular Council Meeting

Councilman Wright noticed an error on the date of the meeting listed at the top of the minutes and a correction to the date from December 4th to December 2nd was requested.

Motion was given to approve the minutes with the correction to the date by Councilman Justin Wright. Second by Councilman Edward Armijo. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

FLOST Intergovernmental Agreement: City Attorney Rebecca Tydings and City Accountant Carol Harrison presented to the Governing Authority for informational purposes only the 2026 FLOST Intergovernmental Agreement between Houston County, City of Centerville, City of Perry, and City of Warner Robins. The agreement for property tax relief through a floating sales tax, with funds disbursed to cities based on a new formula affecting future millage rates.

No action was taken; set to be on an upcoming work session agenda.

LMIG Contract Approval: Utilities Superintendent Chris Coleman presented and requested approval from the Governing Authority to the Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG), a joint agreement between the county and neighboring cities (principally road paving projects); mentioning that a cooperative bid seeks better pricing via bulk purchasing.

Motion to approve the LMIG Contract given by Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr. Second by Councilman Justin Wright. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Employment Agreement Contract Renewal – Municipal Court Chief Judge: City Attorney Rebecca Tydings presented and requested approval of the employment agreement contract renewal of Municipal Court Chief Judge, Jeff Grube. City Attorney Tydings cited that new legislative requirements make it necessary for a formal contract between municipal courts and judges. This is a 2year contract renewal for Chief Judge Grube to serve as judge over the Centerville Municipal Court. City Attorney Tydings acknowledged that she has reviewed the contract and sees no issues; recommending approval of contract as written.

Motion to approve the renewal of the Employment Agreement Contract-Municipal Court Chief Judge given by Councilman Edward Armijo. Second by Councilwoman Velicia Lowe. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Municipal Court Appointments-Chief Judge, Judge Pro Tem, Municipal Court Assistant Solicitor, and Municipal Court Public Defender: City Attorney Rebecca Tydings presented and requested approval of the Municipal Court Appointments for Chief Judge Jeff Grube, Judge Pro Tem Kristi Minor and Sherry Campbell, Municipal Court Assistant Solicitor Greg H. Bell and Municipal Court Public Defender Clarence Williams. Noting that City Attorney Rebecca Tydings is the acting Municipal Court Solicitor.

Motion to approve the Municipal Court Appointments-Chief Judge, Judge Pro Tem, Municipal Court Assistant Solicitor and Municipal Court Public Defender given by Councilman Justin Wright. Second by Councilwoman Velicia Lowe. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Comments from Council

Post 1: Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr. offered thanks and appreciation to the city's employees and Department Heads for all they do, and for those recognized for their dedication and service. Councilman Bird offered congratulations to all the city officials sworn in this evening and looks forward to working with everyone over the coming years.

Post2: Councilman Justin Wright encouraged everyone to get out and vote for Georgia State Senate seat; noting that early voting ends January 16th with Election Day on January 20th. He offered appreciation for all those in attendance.

Post3: Councilwoman Velicia Lowe offered thanks and appreciation to the city staff and for those recognized tonight for their years of service with the city. Councilwoman Lowe offered congratulations to all the city officials sworn in this evening and looks forward to working with everyone over the coming years.

Post4: Councilman Edward Armijo offered thanks to those in attendance tonight and offered congratulations to all the city officials sworn in this evening and looks forward to working with everyone over the coming years.

Mayor: J. Micheal Evans offered thanks to those in attendance tonight and mentioned that he looks forward to working with everyone (now that there is a full Governing Authority) over the coming years. Mayor J. Micheal Evans took a moment to offer special recognition to Councilman Edward Armijo for his years of service, noting his 23 years of military service in the U.S. Air Force (retired Senior Master Sergeant), his 20 years as a civilian servant at Robins AF Base (retiring December 31, 2025) and for his 10 years of service with the City of Centerville.

Executive Session: Potential Pending Litigation and Personnel Matters: Mayor J. Micheal Evans

Motion given by Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr. Second by Councilman Justin Wright. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Adjourned to Executive Session at 6:23pm.

Reconvened Council Meeting at 6:42pm.

Motion given by Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr. Second by Councilman Justin Wright. Motion carried. Unanimous.

1. Affidavit and Resolution: City Attorney Rebecca Tydings read resolution, and sworn by Mayor J. Micheal Evans affirming that items discussed during the executive session were as mention potential pending litigation and personnel matters.

Mayor J. Micheal Evans adjourned the meeting at 6:43pm.

Mayor J. Micheal Evans

Attest by City Clerk Lee Siefert

Date