

# Regular Council Meeting

March 3, 2026

Meeting began at 6:00pm

Invocation by Chief Jason Jones

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chief Cedric Duncan

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.

Welcome Extended by Mayor J. Micheal Evans to all in attendance and those watching on social media.

## Mayor's Moment

Proclamation Georgia Government Finance Professionals Appreciation Week (March 16-20, 2026)-Mayor J. Micheal Evans read the proclamation for the record and acknowledged the following finance staff in attendance: City Accountant Carol Harrison, Accounts Payable/Payroll Clerk Kizzandra Hoyt, Administrative Assistant Robyn Rhames and City Clerk Lee Siefert. Thanking each for their roles in managing city revenue properly, as well as, other staff members that were unable to attend tonight's meeting.

## Public Comments

No public comments made.

## Adoption of Minutes

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Motion to approve minutes as written given by Councilman Robert d. Bird, Jr. Second by Councilman Edward Armijo. Motion carried. Unanimous.

## Old Business

No old business.

## New

Approval FY 2027 Budget Calendar and Appoint Budget Sub-Committee: City Accountant Carol Harrison presented the 2027 Budget Calendar and Budget Sub-Committee for approval.

### Key dates mentioned:

- April 9<sup>th</sup>: 2027 Proposed Budget provided to Sub-Committee.
- April 15<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>: Department Heads to meet with Sub-Committee, City Accountant and City Administrator.
- May 5<sup>th</sup>: 2027 Budget made available to Governing Authority and public.
- June 2<sup>nd</sup>: Public hearing scheduled.
- June 16<sup>th</sup>: Adoption of FY 2027 Budget.

Discussions were had between Councilman Bird, Councilwoman Lowe and Mayor J. Micheal Evans on the Sub-Committee appointments. The Governing Authority nominated Mayor J. Micheal Evans and Councilwoman Velicia Y. Lowe for the FY2027 Budget Sub-Committee.

Motion to approve Budget Calendar and Sub-Committee given by Councilman Edward Armijo. Second by Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Ordinance: Minimum Health and Safety Standards for Pre-Owned Manufactured and Mobile Homes: Utilities Superintendent Chris Coleman presented the proposed ordinance for approval, Minimum Health and Safety Standards for Pre-Owned Manufactured and Mobile Homes. Noting that the regulations will be based on health and safety standards for mobile homes and not the year of the home. Key mentions were updates to inspection fees from \$65.00 to \$150.00, as well as, adding the requirement of a bond for relocating a home into the city.

Discussions were had among the Governing Authority expressing concerns over the condition and ownership of the mobile home properties. Noting the predatory practices and poor maintenance as an issue the city currently manages. Inquiries were made as to when the second Building Inspector position might be filled (budgeted FY2026), in order to make the ordinance more effective. Special emphasis was made regarding the purpose for the updated ordinance was to ensure all residents have a safe, decent and affordable place to live.

Motion to approve ordinance as written given by Councilman Justin Wright. Second by Councilwoman Velicia Y. Lowe. Motion carried. Unanimous. (Ordinance 2026-1)

Comments from Council

Post 1: Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr. offered his gratitude to the finance professionals and staff for their fiscal responsibility. A special note was mentioned about the city's clean audits each year, and the amazing job each department does working within their budgets annually, ensuring that funds are appropriately used.

Post2: Councilman Justin Wright no comments made.

Post3: Councilwoman Velicia Y. Lowe asked for continued prayers for our country's Armed Forces, those in harm's way and those here at home serving. Offering compassion and understanding for their families, being fully aware of the weight they often carry, acknowledging her own family members in several branches of the military. Councilwoman Lowe reiterated her appreciation for the finance staff and all city departments for their commitment and continued teamwork.

Post4: Councilman Edward Armijo offered appreciation for the work put into reviewing and updating the Mobile Home ordinance, acknowledging the growth happening within the community. Giving thanks to management staff for considering the safety and health of all residents; noting again the importance for all to have a safe, decent and affordable place to live. Councilman Armijo offered a special acknowledgement to It Specialist, Larry Whitney, for his presences at every meeting and all his hard work in keeping the city's technology department running smoothly. Councilman Armijo reiterated appreciation for the finance staff, and the incredible job they all do for the city. Acknowledging the City of Centerville's significant achievement in being a debt-free city.

Mayor: J. Micheal Evans expressed that it is a goal for the city to be a great place to live, and for all residents to have a safe place to live. Offering his appreciation to the Department Heads, and It Specialist Larry Whitney, for their hard work and their commitment to the city. Mayor J. Micheal Evans mentioned a scheduled planning retreat for the Governing Authority and Department Heads on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Mayor J. Micheal Evans expressed his gratitude; recognizing the council members for all they do, and for working together as a team.

Mayor J. Micheal Evans adjourned the meeting at 6:20pm.

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Mayor J. Micheal Evans

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Attest by City Clerk Lee Siefert

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Date