

Regular Council Meeting

May 5, 2026

Meeting began at 6:00pm.

Invocation by Mayor J. Micheal Evans.

Pledge of Allegiance led by City Administrator Krista Bedingfield.

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

Welcome Extended by Mayor J. Micheal Evans to all those in attendance for the meeting and those joining on social media.

Mayor's Moments

Proclamation- 57th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week-May 3rd –May 9th, 2026:
Councilwoman Velicia Y. Lowe read the proclamation, which highlighted the importance, history, and work of Municipal Clerks and designating May 3rd – May 9th as 57th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week. Mayor J. Micheal Evans and Council recognized City Clerk, Lee L. Siefert, offering appreciation to her and all municipal clerks. Acknowledging the hard work and service the municipal clerk provides to the city, citizens and departments. City Clerk Lee Siefert and family were invited for photos with the Governing Authority and administration to commemorate the recognition.

Public Comments

No public comments made.

Adoption of Minutes

April 7, 2026; Regular Council Meeting

April 21, 2026; Council Work Session

Motion to approve the minutes as written given by Councilman Justin Wright. Second by Councilwoman Velicia Y. Lowe. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

FY 2027 Recommended Budget submitted to the Governing Authority by the Budget Sub-Committee: City Accountant Carol Harrison submitted the recommended budget for the FY2027 to the Governing Authority for review. Total budget for FY2027 is \$17,849,689 million, of which \$7,480,469 is set for the General Fund and \$7,477,401 is set for the Enterprise Fund (Water, Sewer, Sanitation, and Stormwater). The FY2027 budget includes 77 full-time positions, and 16 part-time positions, plus there are six new positions added to this budget year. Hard copies and PDF versions of the full budget have been provided to the governing authority in advance, while a budget summary has been made available for the public to review, both on the Centerville website(www.centervillega.org), as well as, at the City Clerk's Office.

Key dates mentioned:

- Governing Authority set to review and provide inputs and/or changes by May 22, 2026
- Public Hearing scheduled for June 2, 2026 at 6:00pm (Regular Council Meeting).
- Adoption of the Budget slated for June 16, 2026 at 5:00pm (Council Work Session).

No action was taken.

Comments from Council

Post1: Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr. offers his thanks to all city employees who help keep the city running, also, thanked everyone who came out last Friday to our Food Truck event, and is looking forward to future food truck events. Councilman Bird also reminded everyone, that this coming Friday morning will be the first Farmers Market event of the year, and encouraged community participation.

Post2: Councilman Justin Wright offers appreciation to the budget committee and department heads for their work on putting the budget together.

Post3: Councilwoman Velicia Y. Lowe offered appreciation to the department heads for all their hard work on their budgets, and to those who assisted with and sat in on the budget meetings, grateful to have them there during her first budget committee experience. Councilwoman Lowe extended a special thanks to City Clerk, Lee Siefert, for the role she plays as the glue to the operation and offered congratulations on being recognized tonight. Councilwoman Lowe shared in the excitement for the upcoming Farmers Market and the importance of offering farm-to-table items to the community; she recognized Events Coordinator, James Tidwell, for his work on arranging these type of events.

Post4: Councilman Edward Armijo extended a special thanks to City Clerk, Lee Siefert, recognizing the assistance she was able to provide during the recent District 6 meeting hosted here at city hall. Councilman Armijo offered appreciation to the budget committee and department heads for the hard work put into getting the budget together; a special note given to City Accountant, Carol Harrison, for all her work in making sure we have a balanced budget.

Mayor J. Micheal Evans extended appreciation to his fellow budget committee members and the department heads for the hard work put into the city budget; acknowledgement given to City Accountant, Carol Harrison. Mayor J. Micheal Evans offers his thanks to all city employees who help keep the city running, from public works fixing pipes, to police officers patrolling the streets, and firefighters headed out to offer assistance to those in need in our community. Mayor J. Micheal Evans shared his excitement for the following community events and city improvements:

- CenterPark Splash Pad opening, (a special thanks for public works department shared).
- Centerville Elementary School will hold their Field Day events on Wednesday, May 6, 2026.
- Farmers Market event this Friday, May 8, 2026, noting that pictures from last Thursday's Ribbon Cutting event were posted on the city's Facebook page and on the Robins Regional Chamber website.
- The ongoing road project at Wilson Drive, and the upcoming Elberta Road/Carl Vincent road widening project.

Mayor J. Micheal Evans adjourned the meeting at 6:17pm.

Mayor J. Micheal Evans

Attest by City Clerk Lee Siefert

Date