

Minutes

Regular Session: Monday, August 10th 2026 at 7 PM

Meeting Location: City Hall 125 Main Street Bogart, GA 30622

Janet Jones, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Attending Officials:

Janet Jones, David Kilpatrick, John Larkin, Greg Maddox, and Jon Payne

Invocation: Janet Jones

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

John Larkin made a motion to amend the agenda to include Tree Removal Bids and the adoption of the Bogart Fee Schedule. David Kilpatrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

First Order of Business:

David Kilpatrick made a motion to approve the July 13, 2026 meeting minutes. Jon Payne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Jones announced the Fall Festival Meetings have been taking place and August 18th is the next meeting at 1PM.

Committee Updates:

- 1- **AV Council Chambers:** John Larkin has obtained quotes for audio and visual equipment for the Council Chambers. The quotes will be presented to Council for consideration and a vote during the September regular session.

Agenda Items:

Unfinished Business:

- 1- **Personnel Policy:** John Larkin made a motion to approve the Personnel Policy, including the alternative provision allowing volunteer firefighters to respond to calls while operating a City vehicle. David Kilpatrick seconded the motion. Discussion included concerns regarding vehicle and employee liability.
- 2 - **City Hall Deadline:** After reviewing the remaining work during the workshop, Council discussed the audio and visual additions. The items will be added to next month's agenda for consideration and a vote.

New Business:

1- Millage Rate FY 2027

Greg Maddox made a motion to approve the Bogart millage rates of 1.919 for Oconee County and 1.925 for Athens-Clarke County. John Larkin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2- Festival Budget

David Kilpatrick made a motion to approve the Festival Budget. John Larkin seconded the motion. Jon Payne voted in favor, and Greg Maddox abstained. The motion passed.

3- Fee Schedule

Jon Payne made a motion to approve the Bogart Fee Schedule. David Kilpatrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4- Removal of Trees

John Larkin made a motion to approve the Monster Tree bid. Greg Maddox seconded the motion. Following discussion, John Larkin withdrew his motion. Jon Payne then made a motion to approve the A Cut Above bid for tree removals. David Kilpatrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Dean Pannell addressed the council.

Kat Ratcliffe addressed the council about the Bogart Library and its stats.

Executive Session

John Larkin motioned to go into Executive session to discuss land acquisition at 7:33. Jon Payne Seconded. Vote passed unanimously.

John Larkin motioned to close the Executive Session at 7:48. Greg Maddox seconded. Vote Passed Unanimously.

The next Regular Session Council Meeting will be at 7:00 pm on August 10th, 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM