

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF HULL MAYOR AND COUNCIL

February 26, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Barber at 7:00 p.m. at Hull City Hall. Those in attendance in addition to the Mayor were the Clerk, and council members Mike McElroy, Yvonne Davenport, Paige Phillips and Steven Hollingsworth, and attorney Danny Love. Members of the Hull Baptist Church, Charles Dooley and Don Tyson along with Anna Izquierdo from the Madison County Journal were also present..

A moment of silent prayer followed the pledge of allegiance.

Prior to the start of the meeting the Clerk administered the oath to Mayor Pro Tem, Steven Hollingsworth.

The minutes of the January meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Paige Phillips and a second by Yvonne Davenport. The financial reports were unanimously approved after a motion by Steven Hollingsworth and a second by Mike McElroy.

Under old business Mr. Dooley and Mr. Tyson from the Hull Baptist Church provided some additional information with respect to the placement of lights at the track and the church that would allow more opportunity for church member and members of the community to utilize the track area as well as the covered pavilion; playground area, soccer goals, etc. They explained that there would be four lights placed at different areas. There would be no costs for the poles or lights to be installed and the monthly service would be \$28.50 per light per month. There was some discussion as to whose name the lights would be placed in. After some discussion the parties agreed that the lights should be placed in the church's name since they are on church property. Also, after discussion the City Clerk asked if the City could just make one payment to the Church for whatever amount of the expense the City voted to pay rather than a monthly reimbursement. The City Attorney then presented a draft resolution for the City's consideration. Motion was made by Mike McElroy, seconded by Yvonne Davenport and unanimously approved that the City would contribute \$1,368.00 to the church for the expense of running the lights and would make a lump sum payment once the lights were installed and operational. City Attorney Love will prepare a clean copy of the draft resolution for signature by the Mayor and the Clerk.

Mayor Barber advised council that we had received the new Christmas lights along with an invoice. The invoice included approximately \$500.00 for shipping charges which had not been included in the original amount quoted and approved by council. Motion was made by Paige Phillips, seconded by Yvonne Davenport and unanimously approved to pay the additional charges.

The Clerk reported that the 2024 audit should be completed before the next council meeting and she anticipated work to begin on the 2025 audit in late March. Once the 2024 audit is submitted the City will be in compliance however the 2025 audit will be due by June 30th.

Under new business Attorney Love presented a draft of a letter to the County advising them that the City has their own building inspector and will not be utilizing the county inspector. There had been some mis-communication with the County over this issue. Motion was made by Paige Phillips, seconded by Mike McElroy and unanimously approved to have Attorney Love send the letter as drafted with any changes he felt appropriate.

Council member Davenport advised that she would like to attend the Small Cities/ conference to be held in May. She was requested to get the information to the Clerk and that this was a good idea for her to do. The council was also advised that a license plate reader is being placed on Old Elberton Road near the train tracks at the request of the Sheriff's Department.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned after a motion by Mike McElroy and a second by Steven Hollingsworth.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Pou".

Sandra Pou
City Clerk