

Minutes of the  
REGULAR MEETING  
of the  
CITY COUNCIL  
LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA

July 10, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

**PRESIDING:** Mayor David S. Bennett

**PRESENT:** Council Members Arch Willingham, Taylor Watson, and Kevin Leckenby; City Attorney Bill Pickering; City Manager Kenny Lee; and Chief of Police and Fire Jason Lewis.

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE:** Mayor David Bennett called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at City Hall, 1214 Lula Lake Road, Lookout Mountain, Georgia 30750. Former Mayor Tommy Gifford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council Member Arch Willingham made a motion to approve the minutes of the Council's regular meeting of June 12, 2025, and Special Meeting of June 25, 2025. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor Watson and passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF OPENING OF ICS ACCOUNT WITH PINNACLE BANK AND GEORGIA FUND 1 ACCOUNT - TOMMY GIFFORD:** Former Mayor Tommy Gifford has been working with the current administration in identifying ways for the City to get a better return on its savings and investments while ensuring that the City's money will be federally insured or otherwise protected. Mr. Gifford presented two recommendations to the Council, the first being that the City establish an Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) deposit account with Pinnacle Financial Partners. The Pinnacle ICS account will be fully insured and currently pays 3.65% in interest. City Attorney Bill Pickering presented a resolution authorizing the City to establish and maintain an ICS deposit account with Pinnacle. Council Member Arch Willingham made a motion to approve and adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Council Member Taylor Watson and passed unanimously. The resolution as adopted is filed with these minutes. Mr. Gifford next recommended that the City participate in Georgia Fund 1 which is available to local governments in Georgia as a conservative, liquid investment alternative. Interest averages between 4% and 5½%. Council Member Arch Willingham made a motion to approve Georgia Fund 1's Resolution to Authorize Investment and Designate Representatives, subject to a requirement that two signatures be required to withdraw funds from the fund. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kevin Leckenby and passed unanimously. The Georgia Fund 1 resolution is filed with these minutes.

**JILL PULVER – APPLICATION FOR PRIVILEGE LICENSE:** Ms. Jill Pulver of 1516 Wood Nymph Trail appeared before the Council to request a privilege license for the operation of a home-based design consulting firm. The business will have no employees other than Ms. Pulver. Ms. Pulver confirmed that there would be no inventory, signs, or customers coming and

going at her residence. Ms. Pulver provided the City with a certificate confirming her liability insurance. Council Member Arch Willingham made a motion to approve Ms. Pulver's Application for a Privilege License. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kevin Leckenby and passed unanimously.

**PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE – ARCH WILLINGHAM:** Mr. Willingham reported that the Municipal Planning Commission's meeting had been postponed until the following week.

**FIRE AND POLICE UPDATE – TAYLOR WATSON:** Council Member Taylor Watson provided the monthly fire and police report. Chief Lewis is continuing to work on an updated compensation system for the officers. Engine repairs and maintenance on the fire trucks have been completed. The July 4th parade was a great success.

**PUBLIC WORKS – KEVIN LECKENBY:** Council Member Kevin Leckenby presented the monthly Public Works report. Mr. Leckenby's detailed written report is filed with these minutes.

**CITY MANAGER – KENNY LEE:** City Manager Kenny Lee reported on the organization of a committee to plan a celebration next year of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

**SEWER ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE – PUMP STATION REPAIRS – WES HASDEN:** Mr. Hasden reported that the advertisement and invitation for bids for the pump station project should be ready for publication within the next couple of weeks.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Bennett stated that he was continuing to work on the City's list of SPLOST projects. The SPLOST referendum will be on the ballot in November 2025.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Roberts  
City Clerk