

Regular Council Meeting
August 4th, 2025
Council Chamber-Clemson City Hall

Call to Order: Mayor Robert Halfacre at 6:30 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Sherrill

Members present: Mayor Halfacre presiding, Council Members Evans, Fulmer, Scott, Sherrill and Smith.

Absent: Council Member Jones

Notification emailed: July 31st, 2025 to the Greenville News, the Journal, the Independent Mail, the Post and Courier, the Pickens Sentinel, the Easley Progress; WSNW Radio, WYFF, WSPA, and Fox Carolina.

Oath of Office: Officer Chris Horton

Public Session: Mayor Pro Tem Scott presiding. Rick Bagby, 109 Laurel Lane, regarding parking and also submitted a MyCivic comment as well. Robert Lee, 113 Pressley Drive, regarding the Hub project. MyCivic comment from Allen and Kathy Hodges, 100 Strode Circle, regarding the 398 College project. MyCivic comment from Cheryl Combs, 101 Riggs Drive, regarding the 398 College project. MyCivic comment from Stephanie Platt, 103 Mountain View Lane, regarding street signs.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting July 21st, 2025 were approved as presented.

Reports/Discussion

Discuss amending the business license ordinance class schedule as required by Act 176 of 2020. – Business License Administrator Connie Standridge presented that this process is required by state law. The changes would cause an estimated net loss of \$17,859 which would be less than 1% of business revenue. This is only a class schedule change and not a change in the rate schedule.

Discuss amending Chapter 6 (Court and Criminal Procedure), specifically Section 6-2 (Appointment of Municipal Judges) and Section 6-4 (Court Clerk) of the City Code. – Municipal Judge Nikki Munn presented the differences from our current process. Ministerial Recorders have the power to issue summonses, subpoenas, arrest warrants, and search warrants and to conduct bond hearings. Council Member Fulmer also asked about the current case backlog which is 125 vs over 1,000 in previous years.

Staff Reports

City Administrator Andy Blondeau: The Abernathy Park work session and City Council Meeting is next Tuesday August 12th starting at 5:30pm for the work session and 6:30pm for the City Council Meeting.

Policy Action

Ordinances

Consider 1st reading of a new City Ordinance to regulate the use of Golf Carts in the City. – Police Chief Jorge Campos presented that Clemson University recently has allowed their golf carts to drive at night on campus. Council Member Scott asked about enforcement. Council Member Evans was concerned about safety issues. Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve 1st reading of a new City Ordinance to regulate the use of Golf Carts in the City. Council Members Fulmer, Scott, Sherrill, Smith, and Mayor Halfacre in support. Council Member Evans in opposition. Motion passed 5 to 1 in favor.

Consider 1st reading of an ordinance change for the overnight parking locations to include all public parking spaces in section 18-11.1 of the City Code of Ordinance. – Parking Services Manager Rebekah Wilbanks presented no changes since the last meeting. Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to approve 1st reading of an ordinance change for the overnight parking locations to include all public parking spaces in section 18-11.1 of the City Code of Ordinance. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider 1st reading of an ordinance change to establish a new parking violation in section 18-17 (Special Event Parking) of the City Code of Ordinances. – Parking Services Manager Rebekah Wilbanks presented no changes since the last meeting. Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve 1st reading of an ordinance change to establish a new parking violation in section 18-17 (Special Event Parking) of the City Code of Ordinances. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Other Policy Items

Authorize the Chief of Police and Mayor to enter into an agreement with the School District of Pickens County for SRO at Clemson Elementary. – Police Chief Jorge Campos presented that this is an annual agreement. Council Member Fulmer made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott, to authorize the Chief of Police and Mayor to enter into an agreement with the School District of Pickens County for a School Resource Officer at Clemson Elementary. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Consider authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a multi-year contract for FTA Grant Administration with KAT Consulting Services LLC. – Procurement Director Brandon Burton presented that this was a result of an RFP. Three firms applied and were scored based on desired criteria. The estimated total amount for the 3 years of the contract would be \$190,000. Council Member Smith made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to authorize the City

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Executive Session

Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fulmer, to enter into executive session to consider appointment of a Poet Laureate; SC Code Section 30-4-70(a)(1) Vote on this motion was unanimous.

After discussion, motion was made, duly seconded, and unanimously voted to exit Executive Session and return to the open session.

Following the Executive Session, Council Member Sherrill made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott, to appoint Joanna Schuman as Poet Laureate for a term of 3 years. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Mayor-Council reports/comments/new business

Mayor Halfacre: Thanked Natalie and Sarah with their work on new resident guide, and Nathan Hinkle for his work with the quarterly DOT meetings. The Chamber of Commerce did a fabulous job with the pickleball tournament.

Council Member Scott: Welcomed all the students back to school, and hoped for a safe year.

There being no further business, a motion was made, duly seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremiah Jackson, MBL

Approved

By: _____
G. Robert Halfacre, Mayor