

The first meeting of 2025 of the Mayor and Council convened at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2025.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Fred Waller, Danny Peed, Tommy Beeland, Hiram Couch, Hannah Sloan, Brandon Hunter, and City Clerk Sissy McLaughlin

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Timishea Price

INVOCATION: Mayor Fred Waller

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA:

Danny Peed made a motion to add GMA retirement package to the proposed agenda. Tommy Beeland seconded. Mayor Fred Waller, Hannah Sloan, Hiram Couch, and Brandon Hunter voted in favor. The motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Mayor Pro-Tem** - Danny Peed made a motion to appoint Tommy Beeland as Mayor Pro-Tem for the year 2025. Hiram Couch seconded the motion. Mayor Fred Waller, Brandon Hunter, and Hannah Sloan voted in favor. The motion passed.
- **City Clerk** – Danny Peed made a motion to appoint Sissy McLaughlin as the City Clerk for the year 2025. Hiram Couch seconded the motion. Mayor Fred Waller, Hannah Sloan, Tommy Beeland, and Brandon Hunter voted in favor. The motion passed.
- **Fire Chief** – Danny Peed made a motion to appoint Sam McCrary as the Fire Chief for the year 2025. Hiram Couch seconded the motion. Mayor Fred Waller, Tommy Beeland, Hannah Sloan, and Brandon Hunter voted in favor. The motion passed.
- **Judge** – Danny Peed made a motion to appoint Judge Wayne Jernigan Sr. as the Judge for the year 2025. Hiram Couch seconded the motion. Mayor Fred Waller, Hannah Sloan, Brandon Hunter and Tommy Beeland voted in favor. The motion passed.
- **City Auditors** - Danny Peed made a motion to appoint Mauldin and Jenkins (city auditors) for the year 2025. Hiram Couch seconded the motion. Mayor Fred Waller, Hannah Sloan, Tommy Beeland, and Brandon Hunter voted in favor. The motion passed.
- **City Attorney** – Danny Peed made a motion to appoint City Attorney Mid Ga Law, LLC Brian Causey for the year 2025. Hiram Couch seconded the motion. Mayor Fred Waller, Tommy Beeland, Brandon Hunter, and Hannah Sloan voted in favor. The motion passed.
- **Committee Appointments** - Mayor Waller made committee appointments as follows:
 - Finance – Danny Peed and Brandon Hunter
 - Property – Timishea Price and Hannah Sloan
 - Police – Tommy Beeland and Hiram Couch
- **Election Superintendent** – Danny Peed made a motion to appoint Sissy Mclaughlin as Election Superintendent - Tammy Jones as the backup for the year 2025. Hiram Couch seconded the motion. Mayor Fred Waller, Tommy Beeland, Hannah Sloan, and Brandon Hunter voted in favor. The motion passed.
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- **Contracts** – Danny Peed made a motion to approve all listed contracts as a whole for the year 2025. Brandon Hunter seconded the motion. Mayor Fred Waller, Hiram Couch, Tommy Beeland, and Hannah Sloan voted in favor. The motion passed. {Public Service Telephone, Springbrook (QS1/PubliQ), Xerox, GFL Environment, American Tank Company, ERA (Environmental Resource Agency), J&T Generators, Still Waters Engineering, Watkins and Associates LLC, SSI, NEOS, Utility Management Services, Flock Safety}
- **Qualifying Fees** – Danny Peed made a motion to adopt Qualifying Fees of (\$36 councilman / \$72 mayor) as mandated by the State of Georgia. Brandon Hunter seconded the motion. Mayor Fred Waller, Tommy Beeland, Hiram Couch, and Hannah Sloan voted in favor. The motion passed.
- **GMA Retirement (GMEBS)**
- Danny Peed made a motion to approve the retirement plan for the city. Brandon Hunter seconded the motion. Mayor Fred Waller, Tommy Beeland, Hiram Couch, and Hannah Sloan voted in favor. The motion passed.

BANK ACCOUNTS

- Danny Peed made a motion to approve all active bank accounts that are currently on file at Georgia Community Bank. Hannah Sloan seconded the motion. Mayor Fred Waller, Tommy Beeland, Hiram Couch, and Brandon Hunter voted in favor. The motion passed.
- Georgia Community Bank requested the mayor, mayor pro-tem, city clerk, and assistant city clerk go to bank for all new signature cards for 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

- Danny Peed made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brandon Hunter seconded. Mayor Fred Waller, Tommy Beeland, Hiram Couch, and Hannah Sloan voted in favor. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned @ 6:44 pm.



City Clerk



Mayor