



City Council Meeting Work Session
 January 13, 2026 – 7:00 PM
 Pendergrass City Hall

I. Call to Order- : Motion made by Bob Carter; seconded by Sylvia Basak. All in favor.

<u>Attendee Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Sylvia Basak	Councilmember	X	
Laura Bigley	Councilmember	X	
Bob Carter	Councilmember	X	
Bill Ellis	Mayor	X	
Holly Geiman	Councilmember		X
Gabriel Gomez	Councilmember		X
Katherine Robinson	Councilmember	X	

II. Pledge to the Flag and Invocation

III. Review Clerks Minutes:

The council reviewed the meeting minutes from the October 2025 Council Meeting and November 2025 Work Session. Mayor Ellis asks for a motion to approve the minutes.

MOVER: Carter
SECONDER: Robinson
RESULT: Approved
AYES: All in favor
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

IV. Treasury Report:

The council reviewed the Treasury Report for August 2025. Mayor Ellis asks for a motion to receive the report for filing.

MOVER: Bigley
SECONDER: Robinson
RESULT: Report received for filing
AYES: All in favor
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

V. Library Report:

- none

VI. Old Business:

- **Ruse Park:** Mayor Ellis advised Council that a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Ruse Park is scheduled for November 22, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. The first 24 children in attendance will receive a whistle and a conductor's hat.
- **Dog Park:** Mayor Ellis reported that construction of the dog park is expected to be completed tomorrow. The area will include benches, plastic fire hydrants, and four (4) waste-disposal stations equipped with bags.
- **NJFD vests:** Mayor Ellis reported Kevin Poe with the SPLOST Advisory Board contacted him and indicated the board is likely to approve the purchase of Scott X3 SCBA vests for the North Jackson Fire Department. The Mayor has been requested to resubmit a quote for final approval.

VII. New Business:

- **2026 Budget vote:** Mayor Ellis requested a motion to adopt the ordinance approving the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.
MOVER: Carter
SECONDER: Bigley
RESULT: Approved
AYES: All in favor
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
- **Purchase Policy Ordinance:** Finance Administrator, Jennifer Leshok, goes over the purchasing policy ordinance. This ordinance will fulfill the charter requirements to have this policy.
MOVER: Basak
SECONDER: Carter
RESULT: Approved
AYES: All in Favor
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
- **CADE Partners:** Mayor Ellis reported that the City is currently in negotiations with Woody DeLong of CADE Partners regarding the existing agreement under which CADE Partners loaned funds to the City to satisfy a prior lawsuit and currently holds the deed to the Police Department building. The Mayor advised that negotiations are underway for a potential early payoff of the obligation, and that CADE Partners has indicated a willingness to reduce the outstanding balance by Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) if the City elects to pay the balance early.

VIII. Public Comment:

Donald Roberts asks how much is still owed on the loan. Mayor Ellis says we still owe about \$414,000. The interest rate is about 5%

Adjourn

Motion made by Sylvia Basak; seconded by Laura Bigley

All in favor



Renee Martinez

City Clerk

Adjourn 7:18 PM

November 20, 2025