

City Council Work Session Meeting
April 14, 2026 – 7:00 PM
Pendergrass City Hall

I. Call to Order- Determination of a quorum.

<u>Attendee Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Bill Ellis	Mayor	X	
Sylvia Basak	Council Post	X	
Gabriel Gomez	Council Post /Mayor Pro Tem	X	
Bob Carter	Council Post		X
Kathryn Robinson	Council Post	X	
Laura Bigley	Council Post		X
Holly Geiman	Council Post	RESIGNED	

II. Current Business:

- **Discussion of new fee schedule** – The Master Fee Schedule was presented with updates. The schedule outlines the fees charged by the City for permits, licensing, and related services and has undergone a comprehensive revision to bring it current. Bill Ellis asked the Council if there were any questions. Sylvia Basak inquired whether the fence permit fee is a new addition. She stated that, if approved, she would like homeowners’ associations to be notified to ensure residents are aware that a permit is required for fence installations.
- **Car show** – The Mayor announced that the City’s car show will be held this Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Freemont Road and Honor Court. This marks the second annual event, with an increased number of participating vehicles, sponsors, and scheduled food vendors. The City will also host a booth to kick off Georgia Cities Week, featuring the sale of new City-branded shirts and hats, a photo booth, and the distribution of coloring sheets for the City’s coloring contest.

The coloring contest will include two age groups: 4–7 and 8–12. Winners will be named “Honorary Mayor for the Day” and will receive a prize at the May 12th Council Work Session. Coloring sheets will be available at all City events throughout the week, at City Hall, and online via the City’s website and Facebook page. Completed entries may be submitted at any City event, the Police Department, or City Hall. The submission deadline is April 28th.

Additional Georgia Cities Week events include a reptile show hosted by Curious Pets and Curiosities on Friday, April 24th, and a “Touch-a-Truck” event on Saturday, April 25th from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., featuring the Pendergrass Police Department, North Jackson Fire Department, and Pendergrass Environmental Services. A community bingo event will follow at 2:00 p.m.

City informational brochures will be available at all events, providing an overview of the City’s history, Council meetings, and departmental contact information. All events, with the exception of the car show, will be held at City Hall, located at 65 Smith Bridges Street. The car show will take place at the Pendergrass Amphitheatre.

- **July 4th event** – The Mayor reported that the City has begun securing food vendors for the upcoming Fourth of July event. Discussion followed regarding key planning elements, including whether to host a fireworks display or a laser show, as well as the overall event layout. Potential event areas include the space surrounding the Police Department and meeting room, as well as the amphitheater area.

Bill Ellis asked the Council for ideas and suggestions regarding the event. Sylvia Basak inquired whether a planning committee would be established or if volunteers would be utilized. The Mayor stated that the scope of the event has not yet been determined and noted that construction is expected to be ongoing around the amphitheater at that time.

The Mayor advised that a quote of approximately \$6,000 has been received for a laser show. He further noted that the City typically conducts its own fireworks display at an estimated cost of \$3,000. Gabriel Gomez expressed support for the laser show concept. Kathryn Robinson also supported the laser show option, citing current dry conditions as a concern for fireworks. The Mayor added that the laser show would have an approximate duration of 30 minutes.


- **Liability Insurance Renewal** – The Mayor reported that the City’s liability insurance premium is \$75,000, which is consistent with expectations. The policy

is scheduled to renew on May 1st and is provided through the Georgia Municipal Association.

Gabriel Gomez inquired whether a discount may be available for early full payment of the premium. Bill Ellis stated that he will follow up to determine if such a discount is offered.

- **Open to public comment-** None

Adjourn- Motion to adjourn made by Sylvia Basak; seconded by Kathryn Robinson. All in favor



Renee Martinez

City Clerk

April 16, 2026