City Council Meeting

October 27, 2026 - 7:00 PM

65 Smith Bridges St. Pendergrass, Ga 30567

I. Call to Order and determination of a quorum.

Mayor Ellis asked for a motion to open the meeting. Motion made by Bob Carter; seconded by Sylvia Basak. All in favor. A quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Position	Present	Absent
Basak, Sylvia	Councilmember	X	
Carter, Bob	Councilmember	X	
Robinson, Kathryn	Councilmember	X	
Ellis, Bill	Mayor	X	

Also present were City Attorney Douglas Kidd and City Clerk Renee Martinez.

II. Pledge to the Flag and Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance and invocation followed.

III. Old Business:

Budget Hearing Schedule

Council discussed the budget hearing schedule and the November regular council meeting. The budget hearing was scheduled for November 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., before the work session. The November regular council meeting was moved from November 24 to November 17, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Ellis asked for a motion to approve the schedule.

- **MOVER:** Carter
- **SECONDER:** Basak
- **RESULT:** Approved
- **AYES:** All in favor
- **NAYS:** None
- **ABSTAIN:** None

Comprehensive Plan Agreement

Mayor Ellis reviewed the comprehensive plan update due in October 2027, the proposed steering committee, and the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission's services and fee schedule. The proposed committee would include representatives from City Council, the Downtown Development Authority, and the community, with participation by the Mayor and City Clerk.

Mayor Ellis asked for a motion to approve the comprehensive plan agreement with the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission in the amount of $8,500.

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

Purchase of 0 Village Parkway

Mayor Ellis reviewed the location, ownership, and proposed purchase of approximately one-half acre at 0 Village Parkway. Council discussed whether to proceed with the purchase. Councilmember Sylvia Basak expressed that she did not wish to proceed at this time. The matter was tabled for further negotiation and future consideration.

Councilmember Kathryn Robinson asked whether the Downtown Development Authority could consider purchasing the property. Discussion followed regarding the Authority's existing district boundaries, possible expansion, and economic development role.

Sealed Bids - Sidewalks

Mayor Ellis opened the sealed bid received from Roots Excavation and Grading for the sidewalk project along Church Street/Highway 332 in the amount of $54,150.

Mayor Ellis asked for a motion to award the contract to Roots Excavation and Grading for $54,150.

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

IV. New Business:

Restroom Agreement

Mayor Ellis reviewed a quote of $42,000 for restroom plans. Council discussed the proposed restrooms, including construction and maintenance considerations, public access, and potential benefits to nearby businesses and city events.

Councilmember Bob Carter suggested contacting the developer to determine whether restrooms could be included in the development. Attorney Kidd discussed the possibility of the developer constructing the restrooms with the City assuming maintenance responsibilities. Councilmember Sylvia Basak suggested limiting access to city functions.

No formal action was taken.

V. Public Comment and Other Discussion

Donald Roberts asked whether the company submitting the only bid automatically receives the contract. City Attorney Douglas Kidd explained that receiving only one bid does not automatically require the City to award the contract.

Mr. Roberts also asked who authorized paying off the loan to CADE Partners and whether the loan had been paid in full. Mayor Ellis discussed the negotiated payoff, including the reduction in principal, avoided future interest, and use of SPLOST VII funds for eligible debt payments. He confirmed that the loan had been paid in full.

Councilmember Kathryn Robinson asked about the anticipated start date for the sidewalk project.

Mayor Ellis discussed a conversation with an engineer regarding an entrance to the library and the adjoining property.

Adjourn: Mayor Ellis asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

- **MOVER:** Carter
- **SECONDER:** Robinson

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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Renee Martinez
City Clerk