City Council Meeting
September 29, 2026 - 7:07 PM
65 Smith Bridges St. Pendergrass, Ga 30567

I. Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum

A quorum was announced, and the September 29, 2026 Council meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. Motion made by Sylvia Basak; seconded by Bob Carter. All in favor.

Attendee Name	Position	Present	Absent
Basak, Sylvia	Councilmember	X	
Bigley, Laura	Councilmember		Resigned
Gomez, Gabriel	Councilmember/Mayor Pro Tem	X	
Ellis, Bill	Mayor	X	
Carter, Bob	Councilmember	X	
Robinson, Kathryn	Councilmember	X	
Geiman, Holly	Councilmember		Resigned

II. Pledge to the Flag and Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation were offered.

III. Review Clerks Minutes

Council reviewed the July and August regular Council meeting minutes and the August and September work session minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes, and affirmative voice votes were heard.

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

IV. Review Treasury Report

Council reviewed the July and August Treasury Reports. A motion was made and seconded to receive the reports for filing. The reports were accepted following affirmative voice votes.

- **MOVER:** Gomez
- **SECONDER:** Robinson
- **RESULT:** Accepted for filing
- **AYES:** All in favor
- **NAYS:** None
- **ABSTAIN:** None

V. Library Report

The September library report was presented. Work had begun at the proposed library building, and Council members were invited to view the progress. The Mayor expressed hope that the move could begin by the end of October. Internet service and possible future system integration were also discussed.

VI. Old Business

Downtown Development Authority - The Mayor reported that the Downtown Development Authority was active. No further action was recorded under this item.

VII. New Business

Information Technology and Cybersecurity Services - Council considered the VC3 proposal and contract for managed information technology and cybersecurity services for City and Police Department computer systems. An approximate monthly cost of $3,500 was discussed. The distinction between this service and the Police Department's PowerDMS system was clarified. A resolution approving the contract was presented, and the motion carried following a motion, second, and affirmative voice votes. Resolution number: 2026-09-29.

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

Downtown Development Authority Intergovernmental Agreement - Council considered an agreement between the City and the DDA for planning, coordinating, and implementing redevelopment and revitalization projects and attracting business. The separate legal status of the two entities and their ability to contract with each other were discussed. A motion and second were received to approve the agreement, followed by affirmative voice votes.

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

Property Debt Payment - Council considered a resolution authorizing the City to pay the negotiated balance owed to CADE Partners relating to the property at 65 Smith Bridges Street. The explanation noted that the property was titled in the DDA's name and that a transfer to the City was anticipated. A motion and second were received to approve the resolution, followed by affirmative voice votes. Resolution number: 2026-09-29b

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

Library Building Use Agreement - Council considered the church building use agreement for the proposed library location. The agreement had been signed by the church council. The City would pay $1 and maintain the building during the agreement term. A motion and second were received to approve the agreement, followed by affirmative voice votes. Property address is 98 Glenn Gee Rd. Pendergrass, Ga 30567

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

VIII. Public Comment and Discussion

Library Improvements - Discussion addressed air conditioning, removal of carpeting, signage, a stone parking area, and possible interactive educational and game equipment for children and adults. An air-conditioning quote of approximately $7,400 was reported. A possible opening near the end of October was discussed. No additional expenditure approval was recorded.

Community Events - Staff reported continued recruitment of food and craft vendors and plans for inflatables at the Fall Festival, scheduled for October 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The final car show was expected the following week.

Police Policy Management System - Police representatives described PowerDMS as an online system for distributing, updating, and tracking policies and supporting state certification. Estimated costs of approximately $9,000 for the first year and $6,700 annually thereafter were discussed. Additional modules could increase the cost to approximately $20,000 annually. These were discussion estimates, and no purchase was approved during this discussion.

Police Equipment and Budget Planning - Council discussed mobile-device security, body cameras, and dash cameras. Police representatives explained that some administrative vehicles lacked dash cameras. Additional systems were estimated at approximately $5,200 per unit annually, subject to a more accurate quote. Inclusion in the upcoming budget was discussed. No purchase authorization was recorded.

Incident Near Subway - Police representatives responded to questions about a recent shooting near Subway, describing assistance with scene security and evidence preservation while investigators responded. Representatives reported that arrests had been made. Council expressed appreciation for the officers' assistance. No action was taken.

Adjourn

The Mayor requested a motion to adjourn. Bob Carter made the motion; Gabriel Gomez seconded. All in favor.

- **MOVER:** Carter
- **SECONDER:** Gomez
- **VOTE:** All in favor

Renee Martinez
City Clerk