

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 27TH, 2026**

Meeting Started at 6:01 pm

Members Present

Mayor Lassen

Councilman Manning

Councilman Brandt

Members Absent

Councilwoman Battaglia

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Brandt made motion to accept minutes as is
Councilman Manning 2nd the motion

Roll Call Vote: Passed 3-0

Councilman Manning: Yes Councilman Brandt: Yes Mayor Lassen: Yes

Financial Report: Ms. Lomax

*Made Lead way with Abbeville

Paid \$150,000 for the month and \$7,500 weekly,

*Ms. Lomax asked the community to be supportive and appreciative and asked for the community to give her time

*D&S being paid \$5,000 Bi-weekly & Goal is to up payment to \$7,500 Bi-weekly

*Got Equipment back and guys are working hard to fix leaks

*Paying Landfill \$5,000/ month

Mayor added that we have paid Abbeville \$250,000 since beginning of the year.

Point of Order made by Councilman Brandt to stick to the agenda.

Committee Reports

Fire: Councilman Manning stated that the equipment was repaired and that they would hopefully get it back that week.

He also wanted to thank the community for the support shown for his dad.

Utilities: Councilman Brandt stated that we now have the excavator back. Brandt wanted to thank Mr. Turman for letting us use his excavator. Brandt also commends the Town Maintenance Crew for doing a good job

Recreation: Noone to give report

Police Department: Noone to give report

Public Comments

1. **Lisa Thomas:** Gave a paper about Questions that should be answered before making decisions
2. **Ernest Baskins and David Bryant:** Wanted to know why the excavator had to sit for 2-2 ½ months when we had the opportunity to get new excavator. Mentioned that they are waiting for the Mayor and also told Council that they can not hide when trouble happens
3. **Misty Fortune:** Mentioned that the town is backed in corner from Abbeville. Wanted to know what the exact monthly cap was. Wanted Guarantee of no back bill and mentioned about a franchise fee if Abbeville does take over.
4. **Linda Cusson:** talked about Abbeville Lawsuit
5. **Barbara Foust:** Yard of the month, wants 3 judges, wants Calhoun Falls better, Weekly Breakfast every Thursday 9-11 am and needs volunteers and donations.
6. **Charlie Tillman:** wants Mayor to get on board with Council and be transparent, Talked about Mayor taking the excavator to Anderson, Mentioned to Council that they could pass referendum and agenda without Mayor, stated that we need to get a planning committee and zoning committee, and then mentioned that

SLED will handle Rico and wants Mayor to stop trying to find something on Rico and move the town forward

7. **Abbeville Lawyer Tombo Hite:** Calhoun Falls water rights given to Abbeville in 90's, also proceeded to talk to town and answer questions the town had.

Executive Session: started @ 7:26 pm

Councilman Brandt made motion to go to executive session

Councilman Manning 2nd the motion

Return from Executive Session: ended @ 8:01 pm

Councilman Brandt made motion to return from Executive Session

Councilman Manning 2nd the motion

Ms. Lomax read **Resolution NO. 07-2026**

Councilman Brandt made motion to accept the resolution

Councilman Manning 2nd the motion

Roll Call Vote: Passed 3-0

Councilman Brandt: Yes Councilman Manning: Yes Mayor Lassen: Yes

McCormick Water Rate Increase

Councilman Brandt read letter that was being sent to McCormick

Councilman Manning made motion to accept the letter

Councilman Brandt 2nd the motion

Roll Call Vote: Passed 3-0

Councilman Brandt: Yes Councilman Manning: Yes Mayor Lassen: Yes

Councilman Brandt made motion to buy the 3 pieces of equipment that was discussed in executive session

Councilman Manning 2nd the motion

Roll Call Vote: Passed 3-0

Councilman Brandt: Yes Councilman Manning: Yes Mayor Lassen: Yes

Councilman Brandt made motion to adjourn the meeting

Councilman Manning 2nd the motion

Meeting ended at 8:34 pm



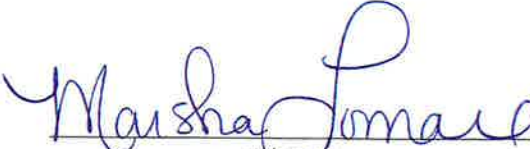
Mayor



Councilman Manning



Councilman Brandt



Clerk/Treasurer