COUNCIL MINUTES

CITY OF CHESNEE, CITY HALL

(These minutes are subject to approval at the regular April 2026 meeting)

Date:	March 9, 2026
Time:	5:10 PM Swearing In of Councilwoman Elect Floree Copeland 5:15 PM Workshop 5:30 PM Council Meeting
Meeting called to order by:	Mayor Lauren Dove

IN ATTENDANCE

Roll Call taken by Clerk, Shellie Main

Mayor Lauren Dove, Mayor Pro Tem Vertie Crawford, Councilman Kevin Lancaster, City Administrator Delisa Coggins, City Clerk Shellie Main, and Citizens.

Councilwoman Monica Skipper Absent

Notice of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall in advance of the meeting, according to the Freedom of Information Act.

Workshop 5:15 PM –

Councilwoman Crawford requested a discussion about future use of bay area at City Hall. Also commented on Grand Opening of Faith Home and Spring Clean Up week.

Councilman Lancaster commented on the condition of the Scout Hut, recommended discussing further and looking in to legalities before proceeding with any projects. Mayor Dove requested documentation on property.

Councilwoman Copeland requested that fellow councilmembers explore the option of fencing at CADA Park.

MEETING 5:30 PM

Invocation given by John Burgess, Chesnee Wesleyan Church.

FOIA

Councilwoman Crawford made a motion to approve March 9, 2026 agenda. A second was made by Councilman Lancaster. The vote passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Crawford made a motion to approve February Minutes. A second was made by Councilwoman Copeland. The vote passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Crawford made a motion to approve February Special Meeting Minutes. A second was made by Councilman Lancaster. The vote passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Citizen Participation – City Voting – Citizen did not appear to address council.

2. 1st Reading – Approval of Code Ordinances, prepared by Civil Plus LLC

- Ordinances Minus Chapter 28 Article II

Councilwoman Crawford made a motion to approve. Councilman Lancaster second. Vote passed unanimously.

- Ordinance Chapter 28 Article II – Mayor Dove voluntarily left council room during this discussion in abundance of caution, as her father owns a towing company that operates in city limits.

Councilman Lancaster made a motion to approve. A second was made by Councilwoman Copeland. Vote passed unanimously.

3. Appointments for Planning/Zoning Board

- Currently Serving: Jimmy Lewis 02/2023-02/2027
  Doris Little 02/2023-02/2027
  Lewis Solesbee 12/2024-12/2028

Appointments made: Lauren Lancaster 03/2026-03/2030
Sidney Segars 03/2026-03/2030
Olivia Scruggs 03/2026-03/2030
Brandon Beard 03/2026-03/2030

Councilwoman Crawford made a motion to approve appointments for Planning/Zoning Board. A second was made by Councilwoman Copeland. Vote passed unanimously.

Mayor Dove announced that, as discussed and voted on in February 2026 Special Meeting, the City bid $115, 000 for approximately 2.9 acres located at the corner of N Alabama Avenue and Hwy 11. The City closed on this property on Friday, March 6th.

Mayor Dove presented council with the opportunity to partner with Martin and Sons for Cart Fest 2026, to be held on April 25th. A request has been made for $1,000 to assist with entertainment and photography costs.

Councilman Lancaster made a motion to partner in the amount of $1,000, from Hospitality fund. A second was made by Councilwoman Copeland. Vote passed unanimously.

Administrator Report – Delisa Coggins

- RFQs were sent out earlier this year for Engineering Firms. 4 have been received back. It is Administrator Coggins' suggestion that for our current project we remain with Summit Engineering and explore options of other firms for future projects.

HOSPITALITY REPORT

- Spring Clean Up Week will be April 1-10, a dumpster will be located at City Hall for the use of city residents. A Shred-It bin will also be available inside City Hall.
- A quote for 16 flags to decorate for July 4th 250th anniversary and 1 flag for City Hall was presented in the amount of $910. Funds would be spent from Hospitality Fund. Councilwoman Copeland made a motion to approve the purchase of the flags. A second was made by Councilman Lancaster. Vote passed unanimously.
- A quote was presented for 2 stalls to be purchased for the ladies bathroom at CADA Park, and 1 stall and 1 shield to be purchased for the men's bathroom. Council had several options to choose from. Funds would be provided by Hospitality Fund. A recommendation of solid plastic material was recommended by maintenance for ease of cleaning and sustainability. These stalls are quoted at $4,688.00
  Councilman Lancaster made a motion to purchase solid plastic stalls and shield for bathrooms at CADA Park. A second was made by Councilwoman Copeland. Vote passed unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

PLANNING/ZONING REPORT

PROJECTS- DISCUSSION ON STATUS OF:

- Administrator Coggins recommended that council plan a workshop to discuss options for Corner Lot property.
- Scout Hut discussion had been made in workshop. Property documentation requested by Mayor Dove.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1) Discussion of Employment

No action was taken in executive session.

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Councilman Lancaster made a motion to appoint Shellie Main as Clerk to Council. A second was made by Councilwoman Copeland. Vote passed unanimously.
- Councilman Lancaster made a motion to take 1 of the full-time Police positions and make it 2 part-time positions. Councilwoman Copeland made a second. Vote passed unanimously.

CLOSING REMARKS

Councilwoman Crawford requested discussion of July 4th event to be added to April 13 agenda.

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Councilwoman Crawford to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Councilwoman Copeland. The vote passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:26pm

Attest:

Shellie Main

Shellie Main, City Clerk

Minutes _Approved__ this __13th_ day of April 2026.

Mayor, Lauren Dove

Delisa Coggins

Administrator, Delisa Coggins

March 9, 2026

From: Lauren Dove

Meeting Date: March 9, 2026, at 5:30- regularly scheduled council meeting

Agenda Item:

IX: New Business:

1st Reading – Approval of Code Ordinances

Chapter 28, Article II

The Ethics Act, SC Code §8-13-700, provides that no public official may knowingly use his/her office to obtain an economic interest for himself/herself, a family member of his/her immediate family, an individual with whom he/she is associated, or a business with which he/she is associated. No public official may make, participate in making, or influence a governmental decision in which he/she or any such person or business has an economic interest. Failure to recuse oneself from an issue in which there is or may be conflict of interest is the sole responsibility of the council member (1991 Op. Atty. Gen. No. 91-37.) A written statement describing the matter requiring action and the nature of the potential conflict of interest is required.

Out of an abundance of caution and to avoid the appearance of impropriety, I, Lauren Dove formally recuse myself from voting on the proposed ordinance Chapter 28, Article II: City Wrecker Rotation System, which includes applicable fee for service, as R & J Auto Sales, one of the wrecker services currently on the city's rotation list, is owned by my father, Joseph Uldrick.



3/9/26

Lauren Dove

Date

Mayor, City of Chesnee