

Town of Cohutta
PO Box 290
Cohutta, GA 30710



Brian Johnson
Mayor

Council Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2026

Present: Mayor Brian Johnson

Members of the Council: Andy Lopez, Shane Kornberg, Sandy Clayborne, and Randy Stanton

Mayor Brian Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Meeting was opened with a prayer led by Melissa Warner.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Andy Lopez.

Brian Johnson presented the August Council Meeting Minutes and asked for a motion to approve. *Shane Kornberg made a motion to approve the August Council Meeting Minutes. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion. All in favor.*

The August Financial Report was presented to the council. No vote was taken.

Greg Fowler asked to table the August public safety report.

Cohutta Municipal Court Report was given by Bill Morgan.

Annexations:

The Mayor presented to the Council the Second Reading of the annexation of Parcel 11-064-03-002, the Godfrey Property on Bryant Road with this being the Second Reading. The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the Second Reading of the annexation of Parcel 11-064-03-002, the Godfrey Property on Bryant Road. *Shane Kornberg moved to accept the Second Reading of the annexation of Parcel 11-064-03-002, the Godfrey Property on Bryant Road. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

The Mayor presented to the Council the Second Reading of the annexation of Parcel 11-064-03-003, the Coker Property on Bryant Road with this being the Second Reading. The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the Second Reading of the annexation of Parcel 11-064-03-003 the Coker Property on Bryant Road. *Sandy Clayborne moved to accept the Second Reading of the annexation of Parcel 11-064-03-003, the Coker Property on Bryant Road. Shane Kornberg seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

The Mayor presented to the Council the Second Reading of the annexation of Parcel 11-064-03-004, the Hong Property on Bryant Road with this being the Second Reading. The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the Second Reading of the annexation of Parcel 11-064-03-004, the Hong Property on Bryant Road. *Andy Lopez moved to accept the Second Reading of the annexation of*

Parcel 11-064-03-004 the Hong Property on Bryant Road. Shane Kornberg seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

The Mayor presented to the Council the Second Reading of the annexation of Parcel 11-064-03-005 the Poe Property on Bryant Road with this being the Second Reading. The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the Second Reading of the annexation of Parcel 11-064-03-05 the Poe Property on Bryant Road. *Andy Lopez moved to accept the Second Reading of the annexation of Parcel 11-064-03-005 the Poe Property on Bryant Road. Shane Kornberg seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

The Mayor presented to the Council the Second Reading of the annexation of Parcel 11-101-01-035 the Collett Property on Bryant Road with this being the Second Reading. The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the Second Reading of the annexation of Parcel 11-101-01-035 the Collett Property on Bryant Road. *Sandy Clayborne moved to accept the Second Reading of the annexation of Parcel 11-101-01-035 the Collett Property on Bryant Road. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Brian Johnson presented to the council an ordinance to regulate outdoor entertainment within the corporate limits of the town of Cohutta with this being the First Reading. *Shane Kornberg made a motion to approve on First Reading an ordinance to regulate outdoor entertainment within the corporate limits of the town of Cohutta. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. All in favor.*

Brian Johnson presented to the council an ordinance to amend section 2-9 of the Cohutta Alcoholic beverages code with this being the First Reading. *Shane Kornberg made a motion to approve on First Reading an ordinance to amend section 2-9 of the Cohutta Alcoholic beverages code. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. All in favor.*

Brian Johnson presented to the council an ordinance establishing a commercial vehicle parking permit program for designated town-owned or town-controlled property with this being the First Reading. *Shane Kornberg made a motion to approve on First Reading an ordinance establishing a commercial vehicle parking permit program for designated town-owned or town-controlled property. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion. All in favor.*

Brian Johnson presented to the council a resolution approving the transition of building permit, plan review, building inspection, and related state minimum standard code administration services within the Town of Cohutta to Whitfield County with this being the First Reading. *Shane Kornberg made a motion to approve on First Reading a resolution approving the transition of building permit, plan review, building inspection, and related state minimum standard code administration services within the Town of Cohutta to Whitfield County. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. All in favor.*

Other Matters:

Brian Johnson presented to the council a lease on the Bank Building for Caldwell Bank for \$600 per month. *Sandy Clayborne made a motion to approve a lease on the Bank Building to*

Caldwell Bank for \$600 pending approval of the Town Attorney. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. All in favor.

Brian Johnson asked for a motion to appoint Drew Thornton as Safety Coordinator for the Town of Cohutta. *Andy Lopez made a motion to appoint Drew Thornton as Safety Coordinator for the Town of Cohutta. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion. All in favor.*

Matters of Discussion

- Liquor (hard spirits) by the drink ordinance
- Re-bid for mowing cemetery and re-bid for cleaning the community center and town hall.

Matters of Information

- Cohutta Street Dance October 3, 6:30-9:30 pm
- Read Around Town is October 29, 5:30-7:00 pm
- Stars, Stripes, and Harvest Night October 31, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Mayor Brian Johnson accepted questions and comments from the public.

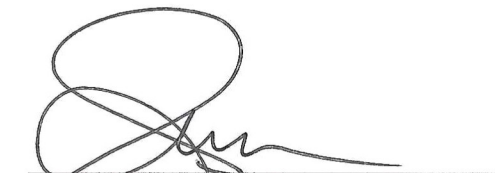
Being no further business, Brian Johnson asked for a Motion to Adjourn. *Andy Lopez made a motion to adjourn. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion. All in favor.*

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Next Meeting **October 13, 2026**



Melissa Warner, Assistant Town Clerk



Brian Johnson, Mayor