

Town of Cohutta
PO Box 290
Cohutta, GA 30710



Sandy Clayborne
Interim Mayor

Town of Cohutta
Council Minutes
June 23, 2026

Present: Interim Mayor Sandy Clayborne
Members of the Council: Andy Lopez and Shane Kornberg
Absent: Randy Stanton and Town Attorney Bryan Rayburn

Meeting opened at 6:04 p.m. with a prayer led by Brian Johnson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Andy Lopez.

Interim Mayor Sandy Clayborne asked for a motion to remove key executives with control from Wells Fargo Account: Ron Shinnick and Pamela Shinnick. *Shane Kornberg made a motion to remove executives with control from Wells Fargo Account: Ron Shinnick and Pamela Shinnick. Andy Lopez 2nd the motion. All in favor*

Interim Mayor Sandy Clayborne asked for a motion to add key executives with control to Wells Fargo Account: Sandy Clayborne, Vice Mayor, and Shane Kornberg, councilmember. *Shane Kornberg made a motion to add key executives with control to Wells Fargo Account: Sandy Clayborne, Vice Mayor, and Shane Kornberg, councilmember. Andy Lopez 2nd the motion. All in favor.*

Sandy Clayborne asked for a motion to remove access to Costco membership card from Ron Shinnick and Pamela Shinnick and add Sandy Clayborne and Andy Lopez to membership account. *Shane Kornberg made a motion to remove access to Costco membership card from Ron Shinnick and Pamela Shinnick and add Sandy Clayborne and Andy Lopez to membership account. Andy Lopez 2nd the motion. All in favor.*

Sandy Clayborne presented the minutes of the April 2026 Council Meeting. *Shane Kornberg moved to approve the minutes of the April 2026 Council Meeting. Andy Lopez 2nd. All in favor.*

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As no Financial Report has been created for May, Sandy Clayborne asked for a motion to table the financial Report. *Andy Lopez moved to table the Financial Report. Shane Kornberg seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

Public Safety Report was given by Greg Fowler.

Cohutta Municipal Court Report was given by Bill Morgan.

Rob Chase presented a finalized rendering of the new town sign. Stated he believes there is \$26,000 in SPLOST money designated for the construction of a new town sign. He asked the

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council permission to begin collecting bids for the sign and to begin to negotiate the easement for the sign. Sandy Clayborne asked for a motion to allow Rob Chase to begin collecting bids for the sign and to allow the town attorney to begin to negotiate the easement for the sign. *Shane Kornberg made a motion to allow Rob Chase to begin collecting bids for the sign and to allow the town attorney to begin to negotiate the easement for the sign. Andy Lopez 2nd the motion. All in favor.*

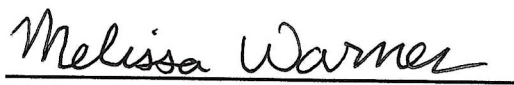
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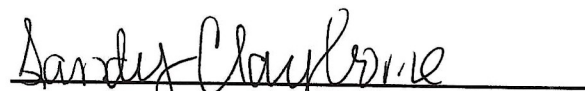
- Todd Johnson Memorial Columbarium
- Cell Tower in Whitfield County was approved
- July 4th Update – per Bill Morgan The town needs a licensed trigger certified individual through the ATF. He is working on getting one or a waiver from the state of GA.
- New Clerk – Krista Reed
- New Trash truck driver hired – Jerry Dills
- Trash Truck purchase – Isuzu 8-yard compactor truck – Does not require CDL but will require medical card
- Mayoral Application Process – have received 4 applications and will begin interviews in July.
- Thrive 55 Grant submitted for July 4th according to old minutes from March 2026 – We have not found this as of yet but Shane will check
- Dalton Utilities franchise agreement – Bryan Rayburn was absent so no update today
- Mexican Restaurant coming to the depot soon.

Being no further business, Sandy Clayborne made a motion to adjourn. *Andy Lopez made a motion to adjourn. Shane Kornberg 2nd the motion. All in favor.*

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Next Meeting **August 11, 2026**


Melissa Warner, Assistant Town Clerk


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