

Town of Cohutta
PO Box 290
Cohutta, GA 30710



Brian Johnson
Mayor

Town of Cohutta
Town Council Minutes
August 11, 2026

Present: Mayor Brian Johnson

Members of the Council: Sandy Clayborne, Randy Stanton, Shane Kornberg, and Town Attorney Bryan Rayburn

Meeting was opened at 6:01 p.m. with a prayer led by Melissa Warner.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Andy Lopez.

Administration of Oath of Office: Municipal Court Judge Phillip Woodard administered the formal Oath of Office to newly elected Mayor Brian Johnson. Mayor Johnson subscribed to the oath and assumed the chair to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

Mayor Brian Johnson asked for a motion to add himself to all bank accounts. *Andy Lopez made a motion to add Brian Johnson to all bank accounts. Shane Kornberg seconded the motion. All in favor*

Mayor Brian Johnson asked for a motion to add key executives with control to Wells Fargo Account: Brian Johnson. *Andy Lopez made a motion to add key executives with control to Wells Fargo Account: Brian Johnson. Shane Kornberg 2nd the motion. All in favor.*

Mayor Brain Johnson asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the Isuzu Trash Truck. *Andy Lopez made a motion to approve the purchase of the Isuzu Trash Truck. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion. All in favor.*

Mayor Brian Johnson presented the minutes of the June 2026 Council Meeting. *Sandy Clayborne moved to approve the minutes of the June 2026 Council Meeting. Shane Kornberg 2nd the motion. All in favor.*

Mayor Brian Johnson presented the minutes of the July 14, 2026, Council Meeting. *Andy Lopez moved to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2026, Council Meeting. Randy Stanton 2nd the motion. All in favor.*

Mayor Brian Johnson presented the minutes of the July 28, 2026, Council Meeting. *Shane Kornberg moved to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2026, Council Meeting. Sandy Clayborne 2nd the motion. All in favor.*

Public Safety Report was given by Chief Greg Fowler.

Cohutta Municipal Court Report was given by Bill Morgan.



Zoning and Appeals Board Report was given by Marcus Morris.

The Mayor presented to the Council the First Reading of the annexation of Parcel 11-064-03-002, the Godfrey Property on Bryant Road with this being the First Reading. The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the First Reading of the annexation of Parcel 11-064-03-002, the Godfrey Property on Bryant Road. *Andy Lopez moved to accept the First Reading of the annexation of Parcel 11-064-03-002, the Godfrey 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 First Reading of the annexation of Parcel 11-064-03-003, the Coker Property on Bryant Road with this being the First Reading. The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the First Reading of the annexation of Parcel 11-064-03-003 the Coker Property on Bryant Road. *Sandy Clayborne moved to accept the First Reading of the annexation of Parcel 11-064-03-003, the Coker 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 First Reading of the annexation of Parcel 11-064-03-004, the Hong Property on Bryant Road with this being the First Reading. The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the First Reading of the annexation of Parcel 11-064-03-004, the Hong Property on Bryant Road. *Andy Lopez moved to accept the First 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 First Reading of the annexation of Parcel 11-064-03-005 the Poe Property on Bryant Road with this being the First Reading. The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the First Reading of the annexation of Parcel 11-064-03-005 the Poe Property on Bryant Road. *Andy Lopez moved to accept the First 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 First Reading of the annexation of Parcel 11-101-01-035 the Collett Property on Bryant Road with this being the First Reading. The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the First Reading of the annexation of Parcel 11-101-01-035 the Collett Property on Bryant Road. *Sandy Clayborne moved to accept the First Reading of the annexation of Parcel 11-101-01-035 the Collett Property on Bryant Road. Randy seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

The Mayor presented to the Council the First Reading of the de-annexation of Parcel 11-137-04-000, on Cohutta Varnell Road. The Mayor asked for a motion to deny the request for the de-annexation of Parcel 11-137-04-000, on Cohutta Varnell Road per recommendation of the Cohutta Zoning and Appeals Board with this being the First Reading. *Shane Kornberg moved to deny the request for the de-annexation of Parcel 11-137-04-000, on Cohutta Varnell Road per*

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recommendation of the Cohutta Zoning and Appeals Board with this being the First Reading. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative to deny the request. Motion denied.

Matters of Information

- Completing State Audit
- Changes to building permits
- Cohutta Ruritan Street Dance October 3, 6:30-9:30

Mayor Brian Johnson accepted questions and comments from the public.

Andy Lopez moved to adjourn. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned @ 6:35 p.m.

Next Meeting **September 8, 2026**

Melissa Warner, Assistant Town Clerk

Mayor Brian Johnson

COHUTTA ZONING & APPEALS BOARD

August 11, 2026

ANNEXATION REQUEST

Bryant Road Properties

1. Godfrey Property – tax parcel 11-064-03-002
2. Coker Property – tax parcel 11-064-03-003
3. Hong Property – tax parcel 11-064-03-004
4. Poe Property - tax parcel 11-064-03-005
5. Collett Property - tax parcel 11-101-01-035

Recommendation: Approve requests to be annexed into the town.

DE-ANNEXATION REQUEST

Oesterle Property – tax parcel 11-137-04-000 Cohutta Varnell Rd
across from intersection at Lowe Rd.

Recommendation: Deny this request.

CONSIDER INCREASING HEATED SQUARE FOOTAGE ON FUTURE HOMES IN THE TOWN

To protect the value of current homes in the town, the board
discussed increasing the heated square footage on future homes
from 1,500 to 2,000 with a start date set by the town council.

NOTE: The board is in the process of discussing a succession plan
members that have reached their term limits.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Julie Roach