



# City of Powder Springs

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### City Council

*Mayor*

*Albert Thurman*

*Council Members:*

*Henry Lust, Doris Dawkins, Dwayne Green, Patrick Bordelon, Patricia  
Wisdom*

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Monday, May 15, 2023

7:00 PM

Patricia C. Vaughn Cultural Arts Center  
4181 Atlanta Street, Building 1  
Powder Springs, GA 30127

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**Onsite at Patricia Vaughn Cultural Arts Center - 4181 Atlanta Street**

#### **Pre-Meeting Discussion at 6:30PM**

**Join Zoom Meeting - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82955353605>**

**Meeting ID: 829 5535 3605 Dial: 1-929-205-6099**

### **1. Call to Order**

Mayor Thurman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All Council Members were present on site. Also present on site were City Attorney Julie Livingston, City Manager Pam Conner, and City Clerk Kelly Axt.

Staff in attendance: Lane Cadwell, Dwayne Eberhart, Eric Myers, Bill Tanks, Marcellas Williams, Tamara Newkirt, and Travis Sims.

**Present** 6 - Mayor Al Thurman, Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Henry Lust, Council Member - Ward 2 Doris Dawkins, Council Member - Ward 3 Dwayne Green, Council Member - At Large Post 1 Patrick Bordelon, and Council Member - At Large Post 2 Patricia Wisdom

### **2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Invocation was led by Council Member Green and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Dawkins.

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

[2023 -035](#) Special Called Council Work Session Minutes 05/01/2023 at 5PM

**Attachments:** [Special Called Council Work Session Minutes 01-May-2023](#)

A motion was made by Council Member - At Large Post 2 Wisdom, seconded by Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, that Minutes 2023-035 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, Council Member - Ward 3 Green, Council Member - At Large Post 1 Bordelon, and Council Member - At Large Post 2 Wisdom

[2023 -036](#) Council Agenda Minutes 05/01/2023

**Attachments:** [Council Agenda Minutes 01-May-2023](#)

**A motion was made by Council Member - At Large Post 2 Wisdom, seconded by Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, that Minutes 2023-036 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, Council Member - Ward 3 Green, Council Member - At Large Post 1 Bordelon, and Council Member - At Large Post 2 Wisdom

[2023 -041](#) Council Work Session Minutes 05/10/2023

**Attachments:** [Council Work Session Minutes 10-May-2023](#)

**A motion was made by Council Member - At Large Post 2 Wisdom, seconded by Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, that Minutes 2023 -041 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, Council Member - Ward 3 Green, Council Member - At Large Post 1 Bordelon, and Council Member - At Large Post 2 Wisdom

#### 4. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Thurman wished all the mothers in the audience a happy belated Mother's Day. Mr. Thurman stated that he went to Portland Oregon with the National League of Cities for a conference. The Mayor congratulated all the Staff for a great job at the Seafood Festival.

#### 5. Citizens Comments

No citizen comments were made.

**Registration to speak at any City Council meeting, per City Charter, is the day of the meeting only beginning 20 minutes prior to the start of the meeting (6:40 - 7:00 PM). The first twelve registering to speak will be given five (5) minutes to address Mayor and Council with their comments. You can register by signing up in person at the Cultural Arts Center located at 4181 Atlanta Street - location of the on site meeting or by emailing [kaxt@cityofpowdersprings.org](mailto:kaxt@cityofpowdersprings.org) between 6:40 and 7:00 PM to register to speak.**

#### 6. Public Reports | Presentations

[PR 23-008](#) Presentation - Still Elementary Student Council recognition

Mayor Thurman, Council Members Wisdom and Green, presented certificates recognizing the Still Elementary Student Council in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades for their

service to their student peers.

[2023 -037](#) Proclamation - Municipal Clerks

**Attachments:** [Proclamation Professional Municipal Clerk 2023](#)

Council Member Dawkins read the proclamation recognizing the municipal administrative services of City Clerk Kelly Axt and Deputy City Clerk Tamara Newkirt.

[2023 -038](#) Proclamation - Police Week

**Attachments:** [Proclamation Pollice Week 2023](#)

Council Member Lust read the proclamation recognizing the National Police Week in honor of the Powder Springs Police Department.

The Proclamation was received by Police Chief Lane Cadwell.

[2023 -039](#) Proclamation - Economic Development Week

**Attachments:** [Proclamation Economic Developers Week 2023](#)

Council Member Dawkins read the proclamation recognizing the service of economic developers and the promotion of well being for the community.

The proclamation was received by Economic Development Director Marsellas Williams.

[2023 -040](#) Proclamation - National Public Works Week

**Attachments:** [Proclamation Public Works Week 2023](#)

Council Member Bordelon read the proclamation recognizing the Public Works professionals for improving the publics quality of life.

The proclamation was received by Public Works Director Dwayne Eberhart.

## 7. City Attorney

### A. Consent Agenda

[RES0 23-112](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE AND RENTAL OF THURMAN SPRINGS PARK FOR A TICKETED EVENT ON AUGUST 19, 2023 FROM SET UP AT 4:00PM TO BREAKDOWN AT 11:00 TO ACCOMMODATE THE TRI-MUSIC FESTIVAL FROM 6PM TO 10PM; APPROVING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STREETS IN THE

DOWNTOWN NEAR THE VENUE AS DETERMINED BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Attachments:** [COPS Rental Application 041723 Redacted](#)  
[Logistical Plan A and B](#)  
[Executed RESO 2023-112](#)

**approved**

[RESO 23-113](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE AND USE OF THURMAN SPRINGS PARK FOR A BOOK FESTIVAL APRIL 2024; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Attachments:** [2024 Book Fest Permit App Redacted](#)  
[2024 Book Festival Presentation](#)  
[Executed RESO 2023-113](#)

**approved**

[RESO 23-114](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING NEW PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES PREPARED BY THE STATE LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REAPPORTIONMENT OFFICE TO REALIGN ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH WARD MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL ARE ELECTED; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER TO REFLECT THE NEW WARD BOUNDARIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Attachments:** [RESO 2023-114 EXH A DRAFT BOUNDARY MAP](#)  
[RESO 2023-114 EXH B WARD POPULATION SUMMARY](#)  
[Executed RESO 2023-114](#)

**approved**

[RESO 23-115](#) A RESOLUTION APPOINTING HENRY LUST AS THE VOTING DELEGATE AT THE ANNUAL GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Attachments:** [Proposed GMA Bylaws Amendments - Redline Version](#)  
[Proposed GMA Bylaws Amendments - Summary](#)  
[Executed RESO 2023-115](#)

**approved**

## Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, seconded by Council Member - At Large Post 1 Bordelon, to approve the Consent Agenda as read by the City Attorney Julie Livingston. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, Council Member - Ward 3 Green, Council Member - At Large Post 1 Bordelon, and Council Member - At Large Post 2 Wisdom

## B. Regular Agenda | Public Hearing

[ORD 23-004](#) AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

1st Reading - May 15, 2023 2nd Reading and Adoption - June 5, 2023

**Attachments:** [ORDINANCE 2022 - 004 Budget Adoption for FY 2024](#)  
[FY24 Proposed Budget](#)  
[FY24 Budget](#)

Pam Conner, City Manager, provided a presentation of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2024 based on the goals of the City and public input.

Travis Sims, Finance Director, discussed the summary of all fund budgets to pay for the presented services.

No speakers for or against ORD 23-004. This was a first reading of ORD 23-004.

**This Ordinance ORD 23 -004 had no action taken. This was a first reading only.**

[ORD 23-005](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 TO CREATE A NEW FUND FOR THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF MONIES RELATED TO THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT; TO MOVE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MORATORIUM STUDIES OUT OF THE OPERATING ACCOUNT INTO THE CAPITAL ACCOUNT; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

1st Reading - 5/15/23 2nd Reading and Adoption - 6/5/23

**Attachments:** [ORDINANCE 2023 - 005 Budget Amendment](#)  
[ORD 2023-005 Budget Amendment Exhibit A](#)

Travis Sims, Finance Department, discussed the \$20,000 opioid settlement money to cover the income from a police grant and expenditures; moving monies from the general fund to the capital project fund for the moratorium studies; and the receipt of Georgia Emergency Management Agency grant for the police department.

No speakers for or against ORD 23-005. This was a first reading of ORD 23-005.

**This Ordinance ORD 23 -005 had no action taken. This was a first reading only.**

## 8. City Manager and City Council Reports

City Manager Pam Conner congratulated Still Elementary Student Council members; and mentioned the recognition and the services of the City Clerk's, Police Department, Public Works Department, and Economic Development.

Council Member Wisdom greeted everyone that attended in person as well as on Zoom. Ms. Wisdom mentioned the recognitions of the City Clerk's Office, Police, Public Works, Economic Development Departments with a special mention of the Still Elementary Student Council. Council Member Wisdom also discussed the literacy laws passed by the Governor.

Council Member Bordelon thanked everyone for coming out in person and those that have attended online. Mr. Bordelon stated that it was good to see the future leaders recognized in tonight's meeting. He also recognized the Police Department, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works for a terrific job at this past Seafood Festival and the National Day of Prayer event.

Council Member Lust thanked everyone for coming out in person and on Zoom. Mr. Lust congratulated all the various departments that were recognized with proclamations this evening.

Council Member Dawkins thanked and congratulated all the departments for the work that they do; and expressed congratulations to Still Elementary School.

Council Member Green stated that all the previous accolades were deserving.

## 9. Executive Session, if called for purposes of Real Estate, Litigation or Personnel Matters

No Executive Session was held.

## 10. Adjournment

**A motion was made by Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, seconded by Council Member - At Large Post 1 Bordelon, that this Adjournment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, Council Member - Ward 3 Green, Council Member - At Large Post 1 Bordelon, and Council Member - At Large Post 2 Wisdom