



## **CITY OF BROOKLET**

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**August 13, 2025**

**Called  
Meeting**

**7:30 PM**

### **MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Roughton, City Manager Paul Dyal, Councilman Anderson, Councilwoman Rebecca Kelly, Councilwoman Sheila Wentz, Brooklet City Clerk Lori Phillips, and Assistant City Clerk Melissa Pevey.

**Members Absent:** Mayor Gwinnett and Councilman James Harrison.

#### **1. Call To Order and Welcome – Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Roughton**

#### **2. Consideration of a Motion to Approve the Agenda**

##### **MOTION TO APPROVE**

**MOTION:** Brad Anderson

**SECOND:** Rebecca Kelly

**AYES:** Keith Roughton, Brad Anderson, Sheila Wentz, and Rebecca Kelly

**NAYES:** None

**The motion carried 4-0**

#### **3. Recognition of Guest(s) who have Signed Up to Speak**

Dave Bircher, a resident of Brooklet, questioned why a special meeting's agenda did not explicitly state it was open to the public, citing Georgia regulations requiring public notice and opportunity to speak. Council members explained that the meeting was advertised by legal requirements and that public participation is typically needed only at regular meetings, not special-called meetings. However, they

acknowledged the importance of more transparent communication to encourage public involvement.

The mayor pro-tem and council highlighted efforts to invite public comments during meetings, even when no one signs up formally, aiming to foster a welcoming environment. They recognized the need for improved communication strategies to inform the community about meeting opportunities.

Gilbert Howard, a resident of Brooklet, stressed overcoming community apathy by encouraging residents to attend meetings and voice opinions, emphasizing that active participation is essential for effective local governance.

**4. Second Reading and Approval of Ordinance No. 2025-027:**

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BROOKLET, GEORGIA, TO AMEND THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS.

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

**MOTION:** Rebecca Kelly

**SECOND:** Sheila Wentz

**AYES:** Keith Roughton, Sheila Wentz, and Rebecca Kelly

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Brad Anderson

**The motion carried 3-1**

*\*Mayor Pro-Tem Roughton announced that Attorney Ben Perkins will conduct a final review of this item to ensure all guidelines were followed correctly. If any discrepancies are found, the motion will be voided, and we will promptly notify the public.*

**5. Consideration of a Motion to Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Imposition of The Floating Local Option Sales Tax ("Flost")**

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

**MOTION:** Brad Anderson

**SECOND:** Sheila Wentz

**AYES:** Keith Roughton, Brad Anderson, Sheila Wentz, and Rebecca Kelly

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**The motion carried 4-0**

**6. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn**

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

**MOTION:** Brad Anderson

**SECOND:** Rebecca Kelly

**AYES:** Keith Roughton, Brad Anderson, Sheila Wentz, and Rebecca Kelly

**NAYES:**       None  
**ABSTAIN:**   None  
**The motion carried 4-0**

**Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.**

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**L.W. (Nicky) Gwinnett, Jr., Mayor**

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**Lori Phillips, City Clerk**