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L.W. (Nicky) Gwinnett, Jr., Mayor
Sheila Wentz, Mayor Pro-Tem
Bradley Anderson, Councilman
Rebecca Kelly, Councilwoman
Hubert K. Roughton, Councilman
Phillip Oliver, Councilman

Lori Phillips, Int. City Manager
& City Clerk
Melissa Pevey, Assistant Clerk
Ben Perkins, City Attorney

CITY OF BROOKLET
City Council Meeting
February 19, 2026
7:00 PM

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Members Present

Mayor L.W. "Nicky" Gwinnett, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem Sheila Wentz, Councilman Phillip Oliver, Councilman Brad Anderson, Councilwoman Rebecca Kelly, Interim City Manager Lori Phillips, Planning & Zoning/Assistant City Clerk Melissa Petitt, and Interim Chief of Police Sergeant Nickki Garman.

- A. Call to Order and Welcome** - Mayor L.W. "Nicky" Gwinnett, Jr.
B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
C. Public Comments (Agenda Items Only)

Citizens are encouraged to participate in City of Brooklet meetings. The city encourages civility in public discourse and requests that speakers direct all comments to the Chair. Any documents or written comments for inclusion in the public record must be emailed to lori.phillips@brookletga.us by 12:00 noon on the day of the meeting.

Dave Bircher, a resident since 1989 and representative for Cromley Road, addressed the council regarding repeated requests for speed bumps to slow dangerous traffic in the neighborhood. He stated that the council had previously approved the idea, but no action or timeline had been provided. Bircher emphasized the immediate safety concerns, especially with children in the area, and asked the council for a clear timeframe for installing at least a temporary speed bump. The mayor responded that he had asked the city's safety coordinator to investigate the possibility of ordering temporary speed bumps that could be installed quickly. The mayor said the city prefers a temporary solution for now because a larger street project is planned in the future. He committed to trying to have an answer by the next council meeting.

D. Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve

Motion: Rebecca Kelly

Second: Brad Anderson

Ayes: Brad Anderson, Keith Roughton, Phillip Oliver, Sheila Wentz, and
Rebecca Kelly

Nayes: None

The motion carried 5-0

E. Approval of Minutes of January 15, 2026, City Council Meeting

Motion to Approve

Motion: Rebecca Kelly

Second: Sheila Wentz

Ayes: Brad Anderson, Keith Roughton, Phillip Oliver, Sheila Wentz, and
Rebecca Kelly

Nayes: None

The motion carried 5-0

F. Approval of January Financial Reports

Motion to Approve

Motion: Brad Anderson

Second: Phillip Oliver

Ayes: Brad Anderson, Keith Roughton, Phillip Oliver, Sheila Wentz, and
Rebecca Kelly

Nays: None

The motion carried 5-0

G. Comments By:

Interim City Manager / City Clerk Lori Phillips announced that Brooklet will hold its first-ever tax sale in December. The city has contracted with Appalachian Services to manage the collection of delinquent property taxes, and the sale is expected to be conducted on the steps of City Hall.

City Attorney Ben Perkins had no report at this time.

City Engineer Wesley Parker reported that inspections at the Woods Edge subdivision are complete. The city is also reviewing plans for a new 12-inch water main designed to strengthen connections to the downtown system.

Assistant City Clerk/P&Z Administrator Melissa Petitt updated the council on the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Comprehensive Plan, and the city's future growth.

Interim Chief of Police / Sergeant Nickki Garman reported \$9,446 in fines collected in January. She also noted that the department's patrol fleet has sustained multiple deer-related collisions, straining available vehicles.

Safety Coordinator Johnny Alamia gave a safety report on Safety Burn Prevention.

H. Comments by Council Members:

Mayor Pro-Tem Sheila Wentz reported that the search for a permanent city manager is progressing.

Councilmember Brad Anderson reported that most city funds are tracked within expectations. However, the sanitation budget has reached 113 percent of its annual allocation. Councilman Brad Anderson indicated that a budget amendment will likely be necessary, noting that initial allocations were set lower than in previous years.

Councilmember Phillip Oliver had no report at this time.

Councilmember Rebecca Kelly had no report at this time.

Councilmember Keith Roughton had no report at this time.

Mayor L.W. "Nicky" Gwinnett, Jr. reminded residents of the second annual Hot Dog Social and Town Hall Meeting scheduled for March 12 at the Randy Newman Community Center.

I. Discussion Items

I. 1. Discussion and consideration of a motion to approve the City of Brooklet Comprehensive Plan 2025.

Motion to Approve

Motion: Brad Anderson

Second: Rebecca Kelly

Ayes: Brad Anderson, Keith Roughton, Phillip Oliver, Sheila Wentz,
and Rebecca Kelly

Nays: None

The motion carried 5-0

- I. 2. Discussion and consideration of a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Bulloch County School District regarding the provision of water and sewer services.**

Motion to Approve

Motion: Brad Anderson

Second: Phillip Oliver

Ayes: Brad Anderson, Keith Roughton, Phillip Oliver, Sheila Wentz, and Rebecca Kelly

Nayes: None

The motion carried 5-0

- I. 3. Discussion and consideration of a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Georgia Department of Transportation and the City of Brooklet. The Local Government shall be responsible for contributing funding for the project in the amount of One Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand One Hundred Forty-One and 55/100 Dollars (\$134,141.55). The local match will be used to provide preliminary plans, environmental documentation, and approved right-of-way plans for the enhancement of the sidewalk project on Cromley Road in Brooklet, from West Lane Street to Spence Drive. The local match will be paid from the T-SPLOST account. The current balance is \$1,051,053.40.**

Motion to Approve

Motion: Rebecca Kelly

Second: Brad Anderson

Ayes: Brad Anderson, Keith Roughton, Phillip Oliver, Sheila Wentz, and Rebecca Kelly

Nayes: None

The motion carried 5-0

- I. 4. Discussion and consideration of a motion to approve Resolution #2026-01, a resolution of the City of Brooklet, Georgia, authorizing the purchase and acceptance of a water and sewer utility easement from Natalie Parish Neville, Wayne Parish Neville, and Brantley Rawls Neville, and approving a \$10,000.00 payment from the Water/Sewer Construction Fund account.**

Motion to Approve

Motion: Keith Roughton

Second: Brad Anderson

Ayes: Brad Anderson, Keith Roughton, Phillip Oliver, Sheila Wentz, and Rebecca Kelly

Nayes: None

The motion carried 5-0

- I. 5. Discussion and consideration of a motion to approve the purchase of four radars for police vehicles to be paid for from the Police Department Technology Fund account. The current balance is \$28,350.62.**

1. Quote #00016283 – Kustom Signals, Inc. – \$10,361.00

2. Quote #2115334 – Stalker Radar Applied Concepts, Inc. – \$9,746.00

Motion to Approve Quote #00016283– Kustom Signals, Inc. – \$10,361.00

Motion: Rebecca Kelly

Second: Keith Roughton

Ayes: Brad Anderson, Keith Roughton, Phillip Oliver, Sheila Wentz, and Rebecca Kelly

Nayes: None

The motion carried 5-0

- I. 6. Discussion and possible motion regarding the proposed purchase of four police tasers from Axon Enterprise, Inc., in the amount of**

\$34,699.20 to be paid from SPLOST. The current balance is \$1,745,122.98.

Motion to Approve

Motion: Sheila Wentz

Second: Phillip Oliver

Ayes: Brad Anderson, Keith Roughton, Phillip Oliver, Sheila Wentz,
and Rebecca Kelly

Nayes: None

The motion carried 5-0

I. 7. Discussion regarding the proposed purchase of a sanitation truck from Sansom Equipment Company in the amount of \$331,922.00.

No motion was made; this item will be discussed at the FY2027 Budget Work Session.

I. 8. Discussion and consideration of a motion to appoint members to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a two-year term as follows:

8.1 Debra Alexander – Planning and Zoning Chairwoman

8.2 Nathan Nall – Planning and Zoning Commissioner

8.3 Willow Farmer – Planning and Zoning Commissioner

Motion to Approve

Motion: Sheila Wentz

Second: Phillip Oliver

Ayes: Brad Anderson, Keith Roughton, Phillip Oliver, Sheila Wentz,
and Rebecca Kelly

Nayes: None

The motion carried 5-0

I. 9. Discussion and consideration of a motion for the City of Brooklet to accept the streets in Woodsedge Subdivision. The required improvements have been completed, the subdivision has met the

applicable requirements of the City's subdivision regulations, and the appropriate inspections and approvals have been obtained. The streets are now eligible for acceptance by the City.

Motion to Table to the March City Council Meeting

Motion: Brad Anderson

Second: Rebecca Kelly

Ayes: Brad Anderson, Keith Roughton, Phillip Oliver, Sheila Wentz, and Rebecca Kelly

Nayes: None

The motion carried 5-0

J. Executive Session

- 1. Consideration of a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b).**

Motion to Approve

Motion: Brad Anderson

Second: Sheila Wentz

Ayes: Brad Anderson, Keith Roughton, Phillip Oliver, Sheila Wentz, and Rebecca Kelly

Nayes: None

The motion carried 5-0

- 2. Consideration of a motion to exit Executive Session and re-enter Regular Session for any necessary action.**

Motion to Approve

Motion: Rebecca Kelly

Second: Keith Roughton

Ayes: Brad Anderson, Keith Roughton, Phillip Oliver, Sheila Wentz, and Rebecca Kelly

Nayes: None

The motion carried 5-0

K. Adjournment

Consideration of a motion to adjourn

Motion to Approve

Motion: Rebecca Kelly

Second: Brad Anderson

Ayes: Brad Anderson, Keith Roughton, Phillip Oliver, Sheila Wentz, and Rebecca Kelly

Nayes: None

The motion carried 5-0

Approved this ____ day of _____, _____.

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

Lori Phillips, Int. City Manager/City Clerk