



CITY of POOLER
— GEORGIA —

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES

August 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. | 100 US Highway 80 SW, Pooler, GA 31322

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Karen Williams called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Karen Williams, Mayor
Aaron Henry, Mayor Pro Tem
Wesley Bashlor, Councilmember
Michael Carpenter, Councilmember *via teleconference*
Tom Hutcherson, Councilmember
Shannon Valim, Councilmember
John Wilcher, Councilmember
Craig Call, City Attorney
Heath Lloyd, City Manager
Chris Lightle, Chief Finance Officer
Kiley Fusco, City Clerk/Clerk of Council

Absent:

III. INVOCATION

Pooler resident Ellie Grooms gave the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ellie Grooms led the pledge

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS & PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Karen Williams announced that Pooler City Hall will be closed Wednesday, August 19, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. for building maintenance. Regular City Hall operations will resume on Thursday, August 20, unless otherwise announced.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. City Council Workshop Minutes of August 3, 2026

B. City Council Retreat Minutes of August 7, 2026

**C. Release of Performance Bond in the Amount of \$2,238,425.48 and
Acceptance of Maintenance Bond in the Amount of \$382,778.00 and
Sidewalk Performance Bond in the Amount of \$81,450.00 for Tract W
Townhomes, at the Intersection of Cross Creek Drive and Anthem Mill**

Drive, Subject to City Attorney Approval

D. Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Cracker Barrel Old Country Store #192 DBA Cracker Barrel #192 at 1000 US Highway 80 E (Restaurant; Existing License, Change of Licensee)

E. Special Event Permit Application (Temporary Alcohol Service) for Wine and Shine on August 28, 2026, at the Ace of Spades Event Center, Fortune Plaza, 311 US Highway 80

F. Department Reports (Public Works, Finance, Fire-Rescue, Police, Recreation, Planning & Development)

Mayor Karen Williams presented the consent agenda for consideration. Councilmember Tom Hutcherson moved to approve the consent agenda.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (6-0-0)

MOVER: Hutcherson

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Henry, Hutcherson, Valim, Wilcher

NAYS:

VII. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution R2026-08.A – Appointment of Commissioners to the Planning & Zoning Commission

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the resolution for consideration. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to approve Resolution R2026-08.A – Appointment of Commissioners to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (6-0-0)

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Hutcherson

AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Henry, Hutcherson, Valim, Wilcher

NAYS:

B. Resolution R2026-08.B – Establishment of the Pooler Youth Council

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the resolution for consideration. Councilmember Michael Carpenter moved to approve Resolution R2026-08.B – Establishment of the Pooler Youth Council.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (6-0-0)

MOVER: Carpenter

SECONDER: Bashlor

AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Henry, Hutcherson, Valim, Wilcher

NAYS:

Councilmember Michael Carpenter introduced Ms. Jennifer O'Neal, noting that she would serve as the first Volunteer Pooler Youth Council Coordinator and that he would serve as Chair.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. City of Pooler Title VI Plan Update (Report Only; No Action)

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the report. No action was taken.

B. Chatham County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan Annual Status Update (Report Only; No Action)

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the report. No action was taken.

C. Award Contract for ADA Transition Plan Services

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the bids for consideration. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to Award the Contract for ADA Transition Plan Services to Hussey Gay Bell in an amount not to exceed \$35,000, subject to City Attorney review and approval.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (6-0-0)

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Henry, Hutcherson, Valim, Wilcher

NAYS:

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember John Wilcher moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn; PASSED (6-0-0)

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Hutcherson

AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Henry, Hutcherson, Valim, Wilcher

NAYS:

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and are approved on this

_____ day of _____, _____.

CITY OF POOLER, GEORGIA

Karen L. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kiley Fusco, City Clerk/Clerk of Council