



POST AGENDA
February 10, 2026
Cochran City Council
Regular Session @ 6:00 PM

City Auditorium, 102 N Second Street, Cochran, GA 31014

City Council

City Staff

Carla Coley, Mayor	Richard Newbern, City Manager
Trecia Gardner <i>(District 1, Post 1)</i>	Candace Summerall, City Clerk
Gary Ates, Council Member <i>(District 1, Post 2)</i>	Jim Elliott, City Attorney
Rufus Veal, Council Member <i>(District 2 Post 1)</i>	
Lonnie Tedders, Council Member <i>(District 2, Post 2)</i>	
Dianne Lester <i>(District 3, Post 1)</i>	
Shane Savant, Council Member <i>(District 3, Post 2)</i>	

I. **Call to Order** by the Mayor MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR CARLA COLEY

II. **Invocation** INVOCATION LED BY FIRE CHIEF BROCK WILCHER

III. **Pledge of Allegiance** PLEDGE LED BY MAYOR CARLA COLEY

IV. **Attendance** ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER RUFUS VEAL, CITY ATTORNEY JIM ELLIOTT

V. Adopt Agenda/Minutes

Add agenda item: GMA lease agreement / police vehicles APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Move Department Head Reports from Item 6 to Item 4 APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Approve agenda as amended APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Approve Minutes from Regular Council Meeting January 13, 2026 TABLED UNANIMOUSLY PENDING REVIEW

VI. Public Comments

VII. Agenda Items

1. Proclamation recognizing National Black History Month in the City of Cochran PRESENTED
2. Award and recognition of Cochran Firefighters for their services in saving a life PRESENTED
3. Employee of the Quarter PRESENTED

4. Public Hearing and consideration of a Conditional Use application from Elevation Worship Ministries, Intl. PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 6:47 PM AND CLOSED AT 6:48 PM. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
5. Presentation by Ryland Environmental and consideration of approval of their contract with the City APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
6. Department Head Reports PRESENTED
7. Consider approving a proposal by the Bleckley County Tax Commissioner to increase the City's annual payment for property tax services APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
8. Consider designating the Peyton Williams Center as a Community Resource Center and entering into an agreement with Cochran Helps NO ACTION TAKEN - MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND
9. Consider approving the renewal of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield health coverage for City employees APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
10. Consider approving a proposal from the Heart of Georgia Regional Commission for planning services APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
11. Consider approving the following two (2) proposals from Carter-Sloope Engineering to prepare plans for the City Water and wastewater systems APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
12. Consider adoption of CDBG Language Access Plan and Policies and Procedures for the 2025 CDBG project APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

VIII. City Manager Discussion/Items/Updates

IX. Council/Mayor Discussion/Items

X. Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events

Council Retreat – February 11–13, 2026

Next Work Session – Thursday, March 5, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

Next Regular Council Meeting – Tuesday, March 10, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

XI. Executive Session NO EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY