



POST AGENDA

January 5, 2026

Cochran City Council

Special Called Meeting 7:00 PM

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

City Council

City Staff

Billy Yeomans, Mayor	Richard Newbern, City Manager
Trecia Gardner (District 1, Post 1)	Tiffany Lapp, Interim City Clerk
Gary Ates, Council Member (District 1, Post 2)	Jim Elliott, City Attorney
Carla Coley, Council Member (District 2 Post 1)	
Lonnie Tedders, Council Member (District 2, Post 2)	
Dianne Lester (District 3, Post 1)	
Shane Savant, Council Member (District 3, Post 2)	

I. Call to Order

Mayor Pro tem Gary Ates @ 7:01 pm

II. Invocation

Councilman Shane Savant

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Lonnie Tedders

IV. Attendance

Mayor Yeomans Absent; Gary Ates as Pro tem. 5 other council were present establishing a quorum.

Agenda Items:

1. Personnel

Motion to enter Executive session made by Councilwoman Carla Coley
2nd by Councilman Lonnie Tedders

Unanimous Vote to enter executive session 7:04 pm

Motion to end executive session @ 8:36 pm by Councilman Shane Savant
2nd by Councilwomen Trecia Gardner

Motion to terminate administrative leave and restore City Clerk Candace Summerall to administrative duties on January 20th with the stipulations

established during the January 5, 2026, executive session made by Councilwomen Coley

2nd by Councilman Lonnie Tedders

In favor: Tedders and Coley

Against: Savant, Gardner, and Lester

Discussion between councilmembers ensued that alluded to the conclusion that what was discussed in executive was not the direction of the vote and some misunderstanding.

Councilwomen Coley rescinds her vote and Councilman Tedders rescinded his second.

Councilwoman Coley made a second motion to terminate administrative leave and restore City Clerk Candace Summerall to administrative duties on January 20th with stipulations established during the January 5, 2026, executive session. The second motion was also given a 2nd by Councilman Tedders.

In favor: Tedders, Coley, Savant

Against: Gardner and Lester

Motion Passes

Executive Session: Council to enter Executive Session to discuss hiring, compensation, evaluation, or disciplinary action for a specific public officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A §50-14- 3(b)(2).

Adjourn -8:44 pm