

COCHRAN CITY COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES

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The Emergency Meeting of the Cochran City Council was held on May 27th, 4:00 PM in the Municipal Building Conference Room, 102 N Second Street, Cochran, Georgia with the following present:

Carla Coley, Mayor

Trecia Gardner, Councilmember

Rufus Veal, Councilmember

Dianne Lester, Councilmember

Jim Elliott, City Attorney via Zoom

Shane Savant, Mayor Pro Tempore

Gary Ates, Councilmember

Lonnie Tedders, Councilmember

Angela Redding, Interim City Manager

CALL TO ORDER: The Emergency Meeting was called to order by Mayor Carla Coley at 4:02 PM.

INVOCATION: Prayer was led by Mayor Pro Tem Shane Savant.

Roll Call: A quorum was established.

Attendee's Name	Title	Present	Absent
Carla Coley	Mayor	√	
Shane Savant	Mayor Pro Tempore, District Three, Post Two	√	
Trecia Gardner	Councilwoman, District One, Post One	√	
Gary Ates	Councilman, District One, Post Two	√	
Rufus Veal	Councilman, District Two, Post One	√	
Lonnie Tedders	Councilman, District Two, Post Two	√	
Dianne Lester	Councilwoman, District Three, Post One	√	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – May 27, 2026:

Councilwoman Lester made a motion to amend the agenda to add Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Tedders. The City Council approved amending the agenda to add Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Savant made a motion to approve the amended agenda; seconded by Councilman Ates. The City Council approved the amended agenda for May 27, 2026.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION: For Personnel

Councilman Gary Ates made a motion to enter Executive Session at 4:07 PM for personnel; seconded by Councilman Lonnie Tedders. The motion passed unanimously.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING: Councilwoman Dianne Lester moved to reconvene the Emergency Meeting at 4:38 PM; seconded by Councilman Gary Ates. The City Council approved unanimously to reconvene the Emergency Meeting at 4:38 PM.

2. Personnel Matter:

Mayor Pro Tem Savant made a motion to terminate Tiffany Lampp Fowler as Interim City Clerk effective immediately; seconded by Councilman Rufus Veal. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilman Ates to adjourn the Emergency meeting at 4:40 PM; seconded by Councilman Tedders. The motion passed unanimously.

***Special circumstances, an important personnel matter, were such that 24 hours prior notice was not reasonable to give. Notice of the meeting was posted on the website, on the door at the City Auditorium, and provided to the newspaper.**