

Council Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2025
@ 5:00 PM

Present: Mayor Roger Weatherwax
Denise Lovett – Council person
Jason White – Council person
Joyce Jeffreys – Council person
Cassandra Lee – Council person

Absent: Brent White - Council person

Meeting was called to order followed by the pledge of allegiance and prayer led by Mayor Weatherwax.

Mayor Weatherwax ask the Council to approve and dispense of the reading of the minutes of August 4, 2025, Council meeting, and August 11, 2025, Work Session.

Motion: Denise Lovett

2nd: Jason White

To Canvass the votes from the Run-off Election the next meeting will have to be held on September 30, 2025, at 12:00 (Noon).

Motion: Jason White

2nd: Joyce Jeffreys

Resolution 2025-018 Authorizing City Officials to Establish and Execute Financial Documents for the refinancing of the 2022 Solid Waste Loan and in doing so will be trading in our current garbage truck and purchasing a new 2026 Freightliner M2-112 Automated Side Loader Garbage Truck to be financed for the difference in cost/trade in. This authorizes Mayor Roger Weatherwax, Mayor Pro-tem Brent White and City Clerk Deroma Pepper as the city officials authorized to sign checks, and all checks will require 2 signatures should there be a need on this item.

Motion: Denise Lovett

2nd: Jason White

Roll Call Vote: Denise Lovett(aye), Mayor Weatherwax(aye), Joyce Jefferys(aye), Jason White(aye) and Cassandra Lee(aye)

Resolution 2025-019 Due to Run-off Election to be held on September 23, 2025, the City Council approves the listed election officers listed therein.

Motion: Joyce Jeffreys

2nd: Jason White

Council was asked to allow for advertising for bids to tear down the back half of the building on Court St owned by the City now which last contained the Willow Tree. The City building inspector along with an engineer inspected the property and found the main structure to be sound by that the back half had to come down. The City hopes to be able to save the structurally sound half of the building and get grants to fix it up since it is a historical building and repurpose it in the future.

Motion: Denise Lovett

2nd: Jason White

Planning Commission held a hearing on September 4, 2025 for the purpose of re-zoning two locations:

- 1) 3 acres located at 2846 Moulton-Danville Road from AG (Agricultural) to R-2 (Residential). During the meeting there were no objections or discussion from the public on this matter.

*Recommendation from the Planning Commission to the City of Moulton is to allow the rezoning of said property.

Motion: Denise Lovett

2nd: Jason White

- 2) .5 acres located at 13524 Court St (Sweet Leona's) from R-1 (Residential) to B-2 (Business) During the meeting there were no objections or discussion from the public on this matter.

*Recommendation from the Planning Commission to the City of Moulton is to allow the rezoning of said property.

Motion: Jason White

2nd: Joyce Jeffreys

Cassandra Lee had asked to speak on the appropriations and how they are considered for being funded each year. At the previous meeting it was questioned whether the City should continue in funding the Library in the amount requested when it could possibly be used by the City in a different capacity to enhance a department or position. Her concern was if the City is giving substantial amounts of the citizens' monies towards funding the Library and the other appropriations she is charged with being accountable for that spending and she would like for those requesting funding to present to the Council an outline of how those funds will be spent and then at a later date possibly come back to Council and show how that they were spent. Rex Bain and other board members from the Library were present and explained how their funding is and why they had asked for the amounts they requested. He also stated that for the first time in a while the County was designating money in their budget this year for the library (\$45,000.00 with a \$10,000.00 bonus this yr). Ms. Lee stated that she was not against funding the Library but just would like to be more informed about all recipients of the appropriations designated each year and that next year she would like

to see those requesting help to present request to Council prior to budget time with information and details about their spending needs.

Budget for the Year 2025-2026 this was presented and reviewed by Council at previous meetings as well as Supervisors present to answer any questions the Council had in their request for the Budget – Ms. Emily Edwards prepared the budget and there were requested 2 changes to the original budget to be made prior to the approval and Ms. Edwards notified Council Members of these requested changes by email.

- 1) Water Treatment Plant – has gotten pricing from a local vendor on the tractor request that they had in their budget, and they can purchase a new tractor if the Council will approve an increase in that item to be a total amount of \$19,000.00 rather than the original \$10,000.00.
- 2) Police Department needed to also increase the amount that they had originally asked for which was \$110,000.00 and the additional amount of \$10,000.00 will be used for the purchase of radar and camera systems for the car

Motion to approve the Budget for 2025-2026 with the above adjustments to be made to the Water Treatment Plant and the Police Department: Jason White

2nd: Denise Lovett

Roll Call Vote for Budget 2025-2026:

Denise Lovett(aye), Mayor Weatherwax(aye), Jason White(aye), Joyce Jeffreys(aye) and Cassandra Lee(aye)

Mayor Weatherwax read a statement to those present concerning Christmas on the Square: Christmas on the Square had been in the news lately with concerns about the location not being ready for the festivities due to the sod not being installed long enough to be adequate for the traffic that will be expected during the Christmas on the square. Mayor Weatherwax had spoke to the Park and Recreation Director and they had agreed that the event could be held at the new travel ball fields complex and Mayor Weatherwax fully supports this as the event is good for Moulton and Lawrence County. There are other events held similar like Cocalico Park and they encouraged people to look online to see an example of what could be done at the complex. The City in no way is trying to take over the event just offering a place so the tradition can continue this year – the complex would have handicap access due to the concrete and make it enjoyable for all ages to participate no matter the weather. The bathrooms are heated/cooled, concessions would be available the portable stage could be placed anywhere desired in complex for entertainment. The City is just trying to help in supporting all the volunteers and the County who have worked so hard to provide this event by offering help in this way. The Strawberry Festival this year was a success at the complex, and this should also be a great venue to use for this event due to circumstances. Mayor Weatherwax supports this and feels like the Council will also and anything that can be done to help – that's what the City is here for.

Motion to adjourn: Denise Lovett

2nd: Jason White

Roger Weatherwax, Mayor

Jason White, Council Member

Denise Lovett, Council Member

Deroma Pepper, City Clerk

Cassandra Lee, Council Member

Joyce Jeffreys, Council Member