



Draft Agenda

January 13, 2026
Cochran City Council
Regular Session @ 6:00 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 Lamp, 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 by Interim City Clerk**
- II. Invocation**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Attendance**
- V. Adopt Agenda/Minutes**
 1. Approve Minutes from December 9, 2025 Regular Council Meeting
 2. Approve Minutes from January 5, 2026 Special Called Meeting
 3. Approve Agenda for January 13, 2026 Regular Council Meeting
- VI. Public Comments**

(Please note that every individual who signs up to speak prior to the meeting will be given a total of 3 minutes to address the Mayor and Council.)
- VII. Agenda Items:**
 1. Swearing in of Carla Coley as Mayor & Dianne Lester, Trecia Gardner and Rufus Veal as Council Members
 2. Consider appointment of Mayor Pro Tem for 2026
 3. Bleckley County EMA Director Matt Kelley to present FEMA check
 4. Greg Chapman, CPA, of Nichols Cauley in Dublin, will present the City's FY 2024/25 Audit.
 5. Consider authorizing extensions for the liquor licenses held by Bobby Patel and Ajay Patel
 6. Consider Building Inspection Proposal from Falcon Design

7. Consider approving City Council Committees and ceasing the membership of previous Council Committees
8. Consider approving the Peyton Williams Center at 142 Thompson Street as a Community Resource Center and Cochran Helps, Inc. to oversee services.
9. Consider adopting a Resolution to file a 2026 CHIP housing rehabilitation application and provide direction on a 2026 CDBG application.
10. Consider proposed 2026 Budget Calendar
11. Consider authorizing the creation of a Cochran Public Facilities Authority
12. Consider City Fee Update- add \$25 after hours utility reconnection fee to customers next invoice, add \$25 Zoning Verification Letter fee, add \$200 fee to bring a doublewide mobile home into the City
13. Authorize the 120 Water consultant letters for lead pipe compliance.

VIII. City Manager Discussion/Items/Updates

IX. Council/Mayor Discussion/Items

X. Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events

XI. Executive Session (if needed)

- A. [] Meeting to discuss pending or potential litigation with legal counsel and to discuss or vote on settlement provided in O.C.G.A. §50-14-2(1).
- B. [] Meeting to discuss or vote on authorizing negotiations to purchase, dispose of or lease property as provided in O.C.G.A § 50-14-3(b)(1).
- C. [] Meeting to discuss or vote on the acquisition, disposition or lease of real estate by the city O.C.G.A §50-14- 3(b)(1).
- D. [] Meeting 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).
- E. [] Meeting to discuss or interview an applicant to be executive head of a department O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2).
- F. [] Meeting to discuss records that are exempt from disclosure 50-14-3(b)(4).

XII. Adjournment