



POST AGENDA

January 8, 2026

Cochran City Council

Work 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 (<i>District 1, Post 1</i>)	Tiffany Lapp, Interim City Clerk
Gary Ates, Council Member (<i>District 1, Post 2</i>)	Jim Elliott, City Attorney
Carla Coley, 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 Pro tem Gary Ates @ 6:00 PM

II. Invocation by Councilman Shane Savant

III. Pledge of Allegiance by Councilwomen Dianne Lester

IV. Attendance- Mayor absent All Councilmembers Present.

Discussion:

- City Council received departmental updates on Public Works projects, infrastructure planning, and fire services, including recognition of the Fire Department's response to a Christmas Day structure fire.
- Council reviewed progress on housing rehabilitation projects funded through CHIP and CDBG programs and discussed future grant opportunities to address housing and infrastructure needs.
- A proposal was presented to establish a public-private partnership with Cochran Helps to operate a community resource center at the Peyton Williams Center while preserving its availability for community use.

- Council discussed a proposed building inspection and permitting program designed to return permit revenue to the city and improve development services.
- Additional items included review of the proposed budget calendar, consideration of new utility and zoning fees, updates on long-term infrastructure planning and water system compliance requirements, and scheduling of the comprehensive plan update.
- The meeting concluded with announcements regarding upcoming training opportunities and Council entering executive session.

Executive session called for personnel 8:28 pm

Exit executive session and motion to adjourn 9:16 pm