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The Public Hearing was held on August 27, 2026, at 5:00 PM in the City Auditorium, 102 N Second Street, Cochran, Georgia with the following present:

Trecia Gardner, Councilmember

Rufus Veal, Councilmember

Dianne Lester, Councilmember

Bonnie Raffield, Interim City Clerk

Gary Ates, Councilmember

Lonnie Tedders, Councilmember

Angela Redding, Interim City Manager

CALL TO ORDER: The Public Hearing was called to order by Councilman Gary Ates at 5:07 PM.

INVOCATION: Prayer was led by Councilman Ates followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 – August 27, 2026:

Councilwoman Lester made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Councilman Veal. The motion was approved unanimously.

1. Public Hearing – FY 2026-2027 Proposed Budget

Councilman Ates opened the public hearing to receive comments on the proposed FY 2026-2027 proposed budget at 5:09 PM. No one appeared to speak. Councilman Ates closed the public hearing at 5:12 PM.

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Councilman Ates asked Council if they had any questions regarding the budget. Councilman Veal asked Interim City Manager Redding if she felt comfortable with the proposed budget. Interim City Manager Redding confirmed she was comfortable with the budget based on information provided to her. Interim City Manager Redding informed the Council the budget was updated to include budget numbers from the gas authority and to account for an increase in fees in the water division due to development in the city. Interim City Manager Redding reminded Council about software purchases that could affect the budget and require a budget amendment.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilwoman Lester moved to adjourn the public hearing at 5:18 PM; seconded by Councilwoman Gardner. The motion passed unanimously.