



CIVILITY PLEDGE

The way we govern ourselves is often as important as the positions we take. Our collective decisions will be better when differing views have had the opportunity to be fully vetted and considered. All people have the right to be treated with respect, courtesy and openness. We value all input. We commit to conduct ourselves at all times with civility and courtesy to each other.

ALAN HALLMAN
MAYOR

MIKE RAST
ALDERMAN AT LARGE

BRETT REICHERT
COUNCILMAN AT
LARGE

MARK ADAMS
COUNCILMAN WARD I

CHLOE ALEXANDER
COUNCILMAN WARD II

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

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October 7, 2025 6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** by Mayor Hallman at 6:03 PM.
2. **ROLL CALL:** All members of the Council were present, thereby constituting a quorum.
 - Alan Hallman
 - Mike Rast
 - Brett Reichert
 - Mark Adams
 - Chloe Alexander
3. **WELCOME:** Mayor Hallman welcomed all to the October 7th meeting.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
5. **INVOCATION:** Given by Rev. Johnnetta Johnson

AMEND AGENDA:

MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to amend the agenda removing Item 6.III – *Consideration and Action to Surplus Captain Mark Bradberry's Service Weapon, Badge, and Retiree ID Card and, adding an item under New Business – Consideration and Action to Approve the Street Closure for Hapeville Elementary's Hispanic Heritage Festival*; Councilman Alexander provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

6. PRESENTATIONS:

- 6.I. Proclamation Honoring the Hapeville Service League for 75 Years of Service to the Community.

Mayor Hallman presented and read a proclamation into the record recognizing the Hapeville Service League for 75 years of dedicated community service. He highlighted the organization's enduring commitment to the City of Hapeville, noting that members volunteered for over 5,000 hours during the current year. The Mayor expressed appreciation for their continued service and impact on the community.

- 6.II. Recognition of Newly Certified Firefighters.

Fire Chief Nick Condrey introduced the department's newest firefighters, acknowledging their completion of a 10-week intensive training program. Firefighters Joshua Stevens, Jeremiah Freed, Jacob Turner, and Trey Long were formally sworn in. Chief Condrey acknowledged Division Chief Joey Overton for leading their training

- ~~6.III. Consideration and Action to Surplus Captain Mark Bradberry's Weapon, Badge, and Retiree ID Card. -Removed~~

- 6.IV. Recognition of Captain Mark Bradberry in Honor of His Retirement and Years of Dedicated Service.

Police Chief Bruce Hedley and Captain Justin McGinnis recognized Captain Mark Bradberry for his 30 years of service with the Hapeville Police Department. Sgt. Stephen Cushing performed a ceremonial retirement bell ringing. Captain Bradberry delivered heartfelt remarks, including a poem reflecting on his career and faith.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

- 7.I. Consideration and Action to Approve the set 2025 Millage Rate at 17.509 Mills.

Staff Comments: Finance Director Randy Brewer and City Manager Tim Young presented the final 2025 millage rate to the Mayor and Council. Mr. Young stated that the budget discussions over the past three months had been thorough, and that staff had carefully reviewed and refined the financial data. He emphasized that the recommended millage rate represents a fair and reasonable proposal in support of the City's fiscal responsibilities.

Public Comments: No public comments were made during the hearing.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Reichert stated that he had no questions but wanted to clarify a point regarding the language used in the agenda. He noted that the phrasing at the top of page two, which reads that the gross assessments are "\$589 million lower than," may be misleading. He suggested that the statement likely needed a comma for better clarity.

MOTION: Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve the set 2025 Millage Rate at 17.509 Mills; Alderman Rast provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

8. **QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** There were no questions on agenda items at this meeting.

9. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 9.I. Consideration and Action to Approve September 16, 2025, Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.
- 9.II. Consideration and Action to Approve September 16, 2025, Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Councilman Adams motioned to approve the consent agenda; Councilman Alexander provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

10. **OLD BUSINESS:** There were no old business items at this meeting.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 11.I. Consideration and Action to Approve a Resolution Amending the Special Tax District to Include New Structures. **Resolution 2025-09**

MOTION: Alderman Rast motioned to approve a Resolution Amending the Special Tax District to Include New Structures (**Resolution 2025-09**); Councilman Alexander provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

11. II. Consideration and Action to Approve the Street Closure for Hapeville Elementary's Hispanic Heritage Festival.

MOTION: Councilman Adams motioned to approve the Street Closure for Hapeville Elementary's Hispanic Heritage Festival.; Councilman Reichert provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

12. **CITY MANAGER REPORTS:** City Manager Tim Young reported that the City has officially entered the fourth quarter of the calendar year and the first quarter of the fiscal year. He noted that the City successfully closed out the month of September and is on track for a strong annual audit. Preliminary projections indicate a potential increase to the General Fund reserve. Mr. Young thanked City staff and volunteers for their hard work over the past weekend, which included youth football games and the Gallery Crawl event. He acknowledged the collective effort involved, including logistical support.

He also announced several upcoming community events:

- **Faith and Blue** on Friday, October 11, at 6:00 PM at Jess Lucas Park
- **Chili Cook-Off** on Saturday, October 18
- **Día de los Muertos** on Saturday, October 25

Finally, Mr. Young shared that the Finance Department is actively inputting the adopted FY2025–2026 budget and preparing for the FY2024–2025 audit, stating that the City is continually balancing both budget and audit responsibilities. He thanked staff once again for their continued dedication.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Jermone Newell

14. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Alexander had no further comments.

Alderman Rast had no further comments.

Councilman Adams thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for participating in their local government. He expressed his regrets that he would not be present for the Faith and Blue event on Friday, October 11, as he will be traveling to Chicago to participate in his very first marathon

Councilman Reichert echoed compliments to the Main Street staff and board for organizing another extraordinary Gallery Crawl event over the weekend. He expressed his appreciation for the community turnout and noted how meaningful it was to see visitors from across the region engaging with Hapeville’s local art scene and learning more about the city. He acknowledged the hard work and long hours that go into setting up and taking down such events. He humorously shared that his own golf cart failed at the end of the evening, and he was grateful for the assistance of exhausted staff who helped him, calling the experience both humbling and heartwarming.

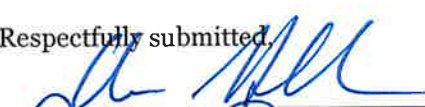
Mayor Hallman expressed appreciation to everyone who attended the meeting. He extended congratulations to Captain Bradberry, noting that although he is retiring, he will continue to serve the City as a reserve officer. The Mayor also congratulated the four new firefighters and commended Chief Condrey for his leadership. He acknowledged that the job of firefighter continues to get more demanding and emphasized the importance of welcoming younger personnel to help with the heavy lifting.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION: An executive session meeting was not conducted at this meeting.

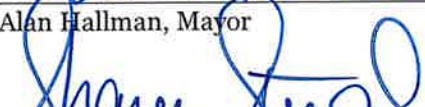
16. ADJOURN: With no further business, Mayor Hallman called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Alderman Rast motioned to adjourn at 6:48 PM; Councilman Adams provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,



Alan Hallman, Mayor



Sharee Steed, City Clerk