



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

CHASE STELL
COUNCILMAN WARD II

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

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January 6, 2026 6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** by Mayor Hallman at 6:01 PM.
2. **ROLL CALL:** All members of the Council were present, thereby constituting a quorum
 - Alan Hallman
 - Mike Rast
 - Brett Reichert
 - Mark Adams
 - Chase Stell
3. **WELCOME:** Mayor Hallman welcomed all to the January 6th meeting.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
5. **INVOCATION:** Given by Pastor Dier Hopkins.
6. **PRESENTATIONS:**
 - 6.I. Oath of Office – Administered by Honorable Fulton County Superior Court Judge Eric Dunaway.
 - i. Swearing-In for Councilman At Large, Brett Reichert
 - ii. Swearing-In for Councilman Ward I, Dr. Mark Adams

Honorable Judge Eric Dunaway administered the oath of office to Councilman At Large, Brett Reichert and Councilman Ward I, Dr. Mark Adams, officially inaugurating them into their respective roles.

 - iii. Swearing-In for Councilman Ward II, Chase Stell

Fulton County Commissioner Mo Ivy administered the oath of office to Councilman Ward II, Chase Stell, officially inaugurating him into his respective role.
 - 6.II. Hapeville Police Department 2025 Recognition Awards.

Police Chief Bruce Hedley presented the 2025 Annual Police Department Recognition Awards, honoring exceptional service, bravery, and commitment among the department's officers and staff. Chief Hedley acknowledged the physical and emotional toll of leadership in public safety and highlighted the significance of each award.

Award Recipients:

 - **Supervisor of the Year:** *Corporal T. Moore*
Recognized for his leadership, support to fellow officers, and dedication across all shifts. Promoted to corporal in March 2025, he was selected by his peers for his humility and positive attitude.

- **Civilian of the Year:** *Communication Officer Jackie Rodriguez*
A 12-year veteran with the department, noted for her can-do attitude, strong work ethic, and consistent willingness to fill in during staffing shortages.
- **Meritorious Service Award:**
 - *Officer Ken Stevens* – Administered Narcan to save an overdose victim’s life.
 - *Corporal Shada Canzater (not present)* and *Officer Dennis Rowe* – Assisted in identifying and rescuing a human trafficking victim during a traffic stop.
 - *Corporal Colleran* and *Communication Officer A. Adams* – Intervened in a suicide attempt on the I-85 bridge, preventing a potential fatality.
- **Police Star Award** – For acts of heroism and bravery under direct threat:
 - *Lieutenant Barry Barnes, Sergeants M. Williams & A. Sangoveth, Corporals D. Smith & A. Moore, Officers A. Odom, D. Porter, C. Figgers, and Communication Officer Brittany Ayers*
These officers responded to a barricaded gunman at the Hilton Hotel in June 2025. Despite being fired upon through a hotel door, the team-maintained control, evacuated guests, and coordinated with Fulton County SWAT to safely end the standoff.
- **Chief's Meritorious Award:**
 - *Detective Narrell Workman* – For exceptional leadership during the Hilton Hotel standoff, overseeing on-scene command, coordinating multiple agencies, and ensuring proper evidence handling and prosecution coordination.
 - *Code Enforcement Sergeant Marjan Meyer (not present)* – For expertise in property code enforcement, training, and achieving high-impact outcomes throughout 2025.
- **Police Officer of the Year:** *Officer Michael Abercrombie*
A former Cobb County firefighter, Officer Abercrombie transitioned to full-time policing in 2023. Honored for his dual role in traffic enforcement and handling critical IT, radio, and software infrastructure that supports department operations.

Chief Hedley commended all recipients for their outstanding professionalism and their continued contributions to public safety in the City of Hapeville.

6.III. Recognition of the 2025 Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year by the Exchange Club.

- i. **2025 Police Officer of the Year Award:** Officer Michael Abercrombie.
- ii. **2025 Firefighter of the Year Award:** Division Chief/Fire Marshal Jenny Brown.

Hapeville Exchange Club President Ruth Barr presented the 2025 Police Officer of the Year Award and the 2025 Firefighter of the Year Award to recipients selected in coordination with the Hapeville Police and Fire Departments.

- **Police Officer of the Year:** *Officer Michael Abercrombie*
Ms. Barr acknowledged Officer Abercrombie’s outstanding service and emphasized the critical behind-the-scenes role of IT support in law enforcement.
- **Firefighter of the Year:** *Division Chief / Fire Marshal Jenny Brown*
Fire Chief Nick Condrey introduced and praised Chief Brown, noting her appointment as Fire Marshal in November 2025. He highlighted her leadership, accountability, and completion of 14 advanced training courses during the year, including the Fire Officer and Fire Investigator programs. Chief Condrey stated that Chief Brown’s dedication to professional growth and service exemplified the values behind the award.

Ms. Barr also expressed the Exchange Club’s long-standing commitment to honoring first responders and emphasized their vital role in the community.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING:** There were no public hearings item(s) during this meeting.

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 November 18, 2025, Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.

- 9.II. Consideration and Action to Approve November 18, 2025, Executive Session Meeting Minutes.
- 9.III. Consideration and Action to Approve December 9, 2025, Executive Session Meeting Minutes.
MOTION: Councilman Adams motioned to approve the consent agenda; Alderman Rast 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 the Event Request for the “Bayou Bash”.

MOTION: Alderman Rast made a motion to approve the Event Request for the “Bayou Bash”; Councilman Stell provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

- 11.II. Consideration and Action to Approve the Organizational Appointments Ordinance. **Ordinance 2026-01**

- **City Attorney:** Andrew J. Welch, III, Lajuana C. Ransaw, and the attorneys at Smith, Welch, Webb & White, LLC
- **City Clerk:** Sharee Steed
- **City Solicitor:** Kim Cornwell
- **Public Defender:** Clarence Dameon Mitchell
- **City’s Legal Organ:** South Fulton Neighbor Newspaper
- **Official Publication:** South Fulton Neighbor Newspaper

MOTION: Councilman Stell made a motion to approve the Organizational Appointments Ordinance (**Ordinance 2026-01**); Councilman Adams provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

12. **CITY MANAGER REPORTS:** City Manager Tim Young welcomed the Mayor and Council to the first meeting of the year and extended a special welcome to newly seated Councilman Chase. In keeping with the brief nature of the meeting, Mr. Young provided a short update covering three main areas:

- **Audit Update:** The FY2024–2025 audit is set to begin next week. Mr. Young stated the City anticipates a clean audit and noted the importance of the past fiscal year, as it was critical for the City’s financial position.
- **Mid-Year Budget Review:** With half of the year’s revenue already received, staff have begun reviewing the current year’s budget in preparation for mid-year adjustments. Any necessary updates are expected to be brought before Council in February or March.
- **New Website Launch:** Mr. Young announced that the City has launched a new website, which features improved functionality and highlights Downtown Hapeville. www.downtownhapeville.org

13. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Melvin Traynum

14. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilman Stell expressed gratitude to the citizens of Hapeville for electing him to serve on the City Council. He reflected on the positive experiences of engaging with the community during his campaign and shared appreciation for the support received throughout the process. He extended special thanks to outgoing Councilwoman Chloe Alexander, acknowledging the high standards she set during her two terms. Stell expressed excitement about working alongside the Mayor, fellow Councilmembers, and City staff. He also thanked his family, with particular recognition of his mother’s family history in Hapeville and gave personal acknowledgments to friends and supporters present at the meeting. He concluded by expressing heartfelt appreciation to his partner Olivia, noting that his election win was only the second-best moment of the year after meeting her.

Alderman Rast congratulated all award recipients and recognized the dedication of the police and fire departments. He welcomed Councilman Stell and expressed full confidence in his ability to fill the seat of Councilwoman Alexander. He also congratulated re-elected Councilmembers Reichert and Adams and looked forward to working collaboratively in the coming years.

Councilman Adams thanked the citizens for re-electing him to a third term and emphasized that

his re-election was a reflection of the collective spirit of Hapeville. He committed to serving with humility and integrity to continue moving the city forward.

Councilman Reichert thanked the voters for his re-election, despite running unopposed. He acknowledged the contributions of first responders, especially communications and code enforcement officers, who often work behind the scenes. Entering his second term, he reaffirmed his commitment to fair, smart, and inclusive decision-making, grounded in the city's diversity and values.

Mayor Hallman praised the dedication of newly sworn-in and returning councilmembers, noting the emotional weight and responsibility of public service. He acknowledged the unique nature of Hapeville's community and governance, highlighting that unlike other cities, Hapeville keeps ceremonies simple and focuses on service. He emphasized the value of the city's staff and thanked residents for their engagement and support.

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: Councilman Adams motioned to adjourn at 6:58 PM; Councilman Stell provided a second. **The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,



Alan Hallman, Mayor



Sharee Steed, City Clerk