



City of Flowery Branch
City Council Meeting
Thursday, February 19, 2026, 6:00 PM
5410 Pine Street
Flowery Branch, GA 30542



Call Work Session to Order:

Mayor McClellan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor McClellan and Council Members Chris Mundy, Joseph Mezzanotte, William McDaniel, Charles Vanderbilt and Pete Lena.

Also present were City Manager Tonya Parrish, City Clerk Shelia Cooper, Finance Director Matthew Hamby, Budget & Purchasing Manager Nancy Rodriguez, Public Works Director Bill Whidden, Police Chief Chris Hulsey, Human Resources Director Krystle Hightower, Planning & Community Development Director Chris McCrary and City Attorney Ted Baggett.

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor McClellan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda:

There was a motion made to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion: Chris Mundy

Second: Joseph Mezzanotte

Ayes: Chris Mundy, Joseph Mezzanotte, William McDaniel, Charles Vanderbilt, Pete Lena

Nays: None

Result: passed

Awards & Recognitions: There were no awards or recognitions.

Public Hearing: There were no public hearings.

Unfinished Business - Work Session: There was no unfinished business.

New Business - Work Session:

- a. Consideration of Change Order #2 to the Gainesville St. Elevated Water Tank Project with Phoenix Erectors and Fabricators

City Manager Parrish presented consideration of Change Order Number Two to the Gainesville Street elevated water tank project with Phoenix Erectors and Fabricators. Bob Troxler was the lead on this project; and, in trying to close out the project, it was noted that another change order was necessary. The current change order request is as follows:

Deduct \$10,000 – construction exit
Deduct \$15,000 – project road
Deduct \$21,317.50 – geotech engineering work
Deduct \$7,980 – tank logo
Total Deducts = \$54,297.50
Addition \$3,192.00 – site work
Addition \$33,342.09 – electrical work Total Additions = \$36,534.09
Net Decrease = \$17,763.41

Council held a discussion with City Manager Parrish.

b. Consideration of Recommendation of Award for the Groundwater Wells #4 & #5 Project

Budget Manager Nancy Rodriguez presented an award recommendation for the groundwater wells #4 and #5 projects. The project will re-activate the two wells to supplement the City's drinking water supply into the City's water system. Bids were publicly advertised in accordance with State law and were opened at City Hall on January 29th of 2026. A total of two (2) responsive bids were received. Sol Construction, LLC, was the lowest bidder with a total bid amount of \$3,324,130.00. ESG Engineering recommends awarding the project to the low bidder, Sol Construction LLC, at a low bid price of \$3,324,130.00. This project will be funded through a GEFA loan in the amount of \$1,773,855, and Water and Sewer Fund Reserves in the amount of \$1,550,275. The Notice of Award is provided for approval by Council. Should Council approve and award the project to Sol Construction, LLC, ESG Engineering will engage the contractor to sign contract documents and present to City Council for consideration.

Council held a discussion with Andrew Swicegood from ESG Engineering.

c. Consideration of Professional Engineering Services for 2026 Road Resurfacing Improvements Project

City Manager Parrish presented a proposal to sign a contract with ESG Engineering Inc. for professional engineering services for the design and construction administration of a local roadway paving construction project. The city has identified roads in need of resurfacing based on physical pavement deterioration and criticality/traffic usage. The city will engage ESG Engineering to design and bid a paving improvements construction project, for which the engineer will also provide construction administration services during each project to ensure the work is constructed as specified. The project will be funded through a combination of state-issued LMIG funds and local City funding.

Council held a discussion with City Manager Parrish.

d. Discussion of Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance Applicability, Emerging Requests, and Liquor Store Limitations

City Manager Parrish led a discussion on the City's alcoholic beverage ordinance. Recent requests involving wholesale distribution, alcohol service at recreational facilities, and potential growth in liquor/package store applications present an opportunity for Council to

consider whether the City's alcohol beverage ordinance would benefit from clarification, limitations, or future amendment. City Manager Parrish is looking for direction from Council on whether to further evaluate or develop potential ordinance amendments related to alcohol licensing and regulatory considerations for a proposed wholesale distributor within the City limits; alcohol sales and consumption at recreational or entertainment-based facilities, such as a pickleball facility seeking expanded on-premises alcohol service; and whether to establish limitations on the number of liquor or package stores permitted within the City limits.

Council held a discussion with City Manager Parrish and Attorney Baggett.

Department Reports:

Finance Department Report

Director Hamby advised the finance department has started the 2027 budget cycle.

Planning Department Report

Planner Dani Nash noted an upcoming workshop for the Planning Department.

Council Report

Council Member Mundy invited residents to take the Comprehensive Plan Survey.

Council Member Vanderbilt congratulated Director Hightower on successfully passing the SHRM-CP (Society for Human Resource Management - Certified Professional) exam.

Adjournment Work Session:

Mayor McClellan adjourned the work session at 6:44 p.m.

Voting Session Agenda

Call Voting Session to Order:

Mayor McClellan called the voting session to order at 6:44 p.m.

Public Comments:

Mary Wilson, 5500 Union Church Road, Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542.

Ms. Wilson expressed concerns over the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention center that will be coming to Oakwood, Georgia in the near future.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Consider January 2026 Per Diem for Council Member Charles Vanderbilt
- b. Consider January 2026 Per Diem for Mayor Oliver McClellan
- c. Consider January 2026 Per Diem for Council Member Joseph Mezzanotte
- d. Consider February 5, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes

There was a motion made to approve the consent agenda.

Motion: Charles Vanderbilt
Second: Chris Mundy
Ayes: Chris Mundy, Joseph Mezzanotte, William McDaniel, Charles Vanderbilt, Pete Lena
Nays: None
Result: passed

Unfinished Business - Voting Session: There was no unfinished business voting session.

New Business - Voting Session:

- a. Consideration of Change Order #2 to the Gainesville St. Elevated Water Tank Project with Phoenix Erectors and Fabricators

There was a motion made to approve Change Order #2 for the Gainesville Street elevated water tank project with Phoenix Erectors and Fabricators for a decrease of \$17,763.41.

Motion: William McDaniel
Second: Joseph Mezzanotte
Ayes: Chris Mundy, Joseph Mezzanotte, William McDaniel, Charles Vanderbilt, Pete Lena
Nays: None
Result: passed

- b. Consideration of Recommendation of Award for the Groundwater Wells #4 & #5 Project

There was a motion made to approve the recommendation of award for the Groundwater Wells #4 & #5 Project.

Motion: Joseph Mezzanotte
Second: Pete Lena
Ayes: Chris Mundy, Joseph Mezzanotte, William McDaniel, Charles Vanderbilt, Pete Lena
Nays: None
Result: passed

- c. Consideration of Professional Engineering Services for 2026 Road Resurfacing Improvements Project

There was a motion made to approve Professional Engineering Services with ESG Engineering for the 2026 road resurfacing improvements project as presented.

Motion: Charles Vanderbilt
Second: William McDaniel
Ayes: Chris Mundy, Joseph Mezzanotte, William McDaniel, Charles Vanderbilt,
Pete Lena
Nays: None
Result: passed

Executive Session:

There was a motion made to enter executive session for matters related to the acquisition/disposition of real estate, for matters related to certain personnel issues, for matters related to pending or potential litigation, and for matters related to cybersecurity plans, procedures, or contracts at 6:49 p.m.

Motion: Chris Mundy
Second: William McDaniel
Ayes: Chris Mundy, Joseph Mezzanotte, William McDaniel, Charles Vanderbilt, Pete
Lena
Nays: None
Result: passed

There was a motion made to exit the executive session at 7:37 p.m.

Motion: William McDaniel
Second: Pete Lena
Ayes: Chris Mundy, Joseph Mezzanotte, William McDaniel, Charles Vanderbilt, Pete
Lena
Nays: None
Result: passed

There was a motion made to terminate a contract with 4 Elephants Catering located at 5521 Main Street, Flowery Branch, Georgia.

Motion: Chris Mundy
Second: William McDaniel
Ayes: Chris Mundy, Joseph Mezzanotte, William McDaniel, Charles Vanderbilt, Pete
Lena
Nays: None
Result: Passed

Adjournment:

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Motion: Chris Mundy

Second: William McDaniel

Ayes: Chris Mundy, Joseph Mezzanotte, William McDaniel, Charles Vanderbilt, Pete
Lena

Nays: None

Result: adjourn