



City of Cornelia Commission Meeting Summary

181 Larkin Street

January 7, 2025

Mayor John Borrow

Ward 1 Commissioner Reed

Ward 2 Commissioner Griggs

Ward 3 Commissioner Bagwell

Ward 4 Commissioner Cook

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

1. Approval of the Amended Agenda **Added Qualifying Fees and removed Tab F**
Approved 4 - 0
2. Minutes from the December 3, 2024, Commission Meeting
Tab A Approved 4 - 0
3. City Manager's Annual Report
Tab B City Manager Anderson gave his annual report and described all the highlights of the year. Mr. Anderson said he is confident for a successful 2025.

Public Forum

During this time the public is invited to address the Commission on any item other than those scheduled for a public hearing, comments will be limited to 3 minutes.

No Comments were heard

Old Business

4. None

Public Hearings

5. Public Hearing on HB 581 Floating Homestead Exemption
Tab C This is the first of three Public Hearing's to be held before March 1st. House Bill 581 provides for several significant changes impacting local government revenue. City Manager Anderson gave an example on how the bill works and how it might impact homeowners. City Attorney, Steve Campbell said it is hard to understand but he broke it down to the fact is it limits the amount they can increase

your property tax and if the FLOST tax is later passed that money will be used to reduce your property tax.

Christy Lewallen came forward and said that she knows a little bit about and it seems if it is good for the city, it would not be good for the county. Commissioner Reed spoke saying that 65% of voters had voting for it and in the long term it would benefit homeowners.

New Business

6. Fire Department Pinning Ceremony

Tab D Chief Billy Jenkins stated he would like to honor both Kyle Shelton and Mathew Williams and to pin them tonight. Mr. Jenkins said both have proven to be both leaders and mentors to the other firefighters. Kyle Shelton was promoted to Operations Lieutenant and his wife and Son pinned him. Matthew Williams was promoted to Lieutenant and his wife, and three sons pinned him. Mayor Borrow said that we all are very thankful for your dedication and service to the City.

7. Georgia Power Lighting Agreement for Amphitheater Park Project

Tab E Approved 4 - 0

8. Affordable Care Act Resolution

Tab F Item Removed from the Agenda

9. Automatic Aid Agreement with the City of Demorest

Tab G Approved 4 - 0

10. GEFA Loan # DWLSL20223088 Agreement

Tab H Approved 4 - 0

11. Resolution Adopting Language Action Plan

Tab I Approved 4 - 0

12. Ordinance # 01-25-01 Grease Trap Requirements

Tab J Approved 4 - 0

13. Budget Adjustment to Balance 2024 Budget

Tab K Approved 4 - 0

14. Engineer's Recommendation for the Amphitheater Park Project

Tab L Approved 4 - 0

15. Executive Session for Real Estate - Commissioner Reed made a motion to Exit the Regular meeting and enter Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Commissioner Bagwell made a motion to exit Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Cook. **No Action Taken!**

16. Adjourn Commissioner Bagwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Cook. Approved 4 - 0