



Summary January 05, 2026
Regular Meeting

Shellman City Hall

6:00 PM

51 PARK AVENUE
SHELLMAN, GA 39886

1. CALL TO ORDER—MAYOR JAMES WEATHERSBY

ATTENDEE NAME	TITLE	STATUS
James Weathersby	Mayor	Present
Juanita Bradley	Councilwoman	Present
Kelvin Johnson	Mayor Pro Tem	Present
Curtis Henderson	Councilman	Present
Stewart Short	Councilman	Present
Scott Curry	Councilman	Present

2. **OPENING PRAYER**—Councilwoman Bradley

3. **PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

Swearing in of the 2026 Council and Mayor.

Swearing in of the Chief of Police

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** councilman Curry made the motion to approve the agenda councilman Henderson second. **Motion Accepted**

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Curry made the motion to accept the minutes from December 1, 2025 and councilman Henderson second. **Motion Accepted**

6. **Approval of Accounts Payable** Councilman Short made the motion to pay all bills and councilman Henderson second. **Accepted**

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

- Clerks Report- still collecting back taxes and looking for a company to do a tax sale. She also let the council know that the city does not go onto private property anymore to do work. If they have a sewage problem Tom Whatley is called out and if the problem is on the city side the city will take care of the bill. If the problem is on the customers side, they will be responsible for paying him.
- Public works Report -gave a report of the street crew and the upcoming years plans to maintain the downtown area right-of-way's, drainage and overall staying on top of things and keeping the city looking good. Right now, they are very limited on staff but plans on hiring two people and then he will be staffed enough to handle jobs more efficiently. All these new plans will also be documented so there is not question to what was done.

8. Police Report- the new chief was sworn in his name is Prince Anikamadu. Once he was sworn in he then made Chris Goff his Assistant Chief of Police. Chief Anikamadu assured the council and citizens that he would do them a good job as their chief. His door will always be open for anyone who needs or have any concerns.

9. COUNCIL and CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Councilwoman Bradley asked about staffing, the one way downtown and concerns about the Pleasant Grove Cemetery. She was advised that Mr. Willie Holley will be starting with the street crew on January 12 and he then asked the council to give him a little more time on getting the lawn service bids done. Councilwoman Bradley also asked was the water at 99 Park Ave. turned off. Superintendent Smith advised that it could not be cut off and gave the reason. The mayor and council then told him that this had to be done asap because their bill is way over the two months approved for cut off.
- Councilman Short asked about the update on the parking situation downtown and if the mayor had talked with Mr. Donnell Harvey about purchasing the land next to where the parking lot will be on Buford St. the mayor responded and said that he is in the process of coming up with a figure to present to Mr. Harvey.
- Mayor Weathersby advised that he is working on some things to hopefully get the situation fixed with Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. He informed everyone that he is in the process of trying to get duplexes put in Shellman. It will be 10 properties that will house two families on each property. This will be a long process but he is working on it. He wants to have a Bingo Game that will be held at the depot maybe on a Tuesday. He also plans on getting the truck parking cleaned up and to supply cameras a gate lighting and make it more accessible for trucks and there may be a small fee to park there but it will be well maintained. He wants to host a spring clean up and have people put unwanted items trash beside the road and have the city pick it up to help keep the town nice. He asked the council for input on the Volunteer Fire Dept. merging with the County. This was discussed and the mayor will continue to talk with Chief Coleman and come up with more information.

10. CONSENT AGENDA (THINGS THAT NEED TO BE VOTED ON)

ACTION ITEMS

- Ordinance for creating a Director of Public Safety Position. Councilman Short made the motion to accept the ordinance and name Javier Garcia as the person for the position. Councilman Henderson seconded. **MOTION PASSED**

11. Old Business

12. New Business

- 2026 Budget should be completed by the February meeting.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned