

**City of Leesburg**  
**City Hall, 107 N Walnut Avenue, Leesburg, GA 31763**  
**229-759-6465**

**City Councilmembers**

David Daughtry, Mayor  
Amanda White, Mayor Pro Tem  
Judy Powell      Rufus Sherman  
Jamie Baggett      Billy Breeden  
Charles Fairbrother

**City Staff**

Bob Alexander, City Manager  
Bert Gregory, City Attorney

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Daughtry called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The City Attorney and all Councilmembers were present except Councilmember Sherman. Mayor Daughtry led the pledge and Councilmember Baggett led the prayer.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

(A) Mayor Daughtry asked for a motion to approve the minutes from January 6, 2026. Mayor Pro Tem White made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Powell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING****4. NEW BUSINESS**

(A) City Attorney Gregory proposed the consideration of the zoning application for the Leesburg Travel Center, LLC (L25-027) and gave staff recommendations. Councilmember Fairbrother made a motion to approve the rezoning with the staff recommendations 1-7 listed below. Councilmember Baggett seconded the motion. Mayor Daughtry and Councilmember Baggett, Powell, Fairbrother and Breeden voted yes. Mayor Pro Tem White voted no.

1. The only permitted use on this property is a travel fueling station for up to 16 automotive fuel pumps, 7 heavy vehicle fuel pumps, 8,000 square feet of commercial retail uses, and the required vehicular parking.
2. Heavy vehicle maintenance, repair, scales, and washing are not permitted uses on this property.
3. Overnight heavy vehicle parking is limited to a maximum of 15 parking spaces for no longer than 24 consecutive hours per parking space. The property owner is responsible for ensuring compliance with this limitation and shall provide the police chief or his/her designated representative with records proving that overnight truck parking does not exceed these limitations, upon request.
4. All exterior lighting shall be full cutoff.
5. A 10-foot-wide landscaped buffer shall be provided along SR 19/Walnut Avenue and along Jordan Road. A landscape buffer of at least 30 feet wide shall be provided along SR 19 Bypass. The Architectural Review Board shall review the proposed landscaping plan prior to installation to ensure that an aesthetically pleasing arrangement of planting material is provided and that all overnight heavy vehicle parking is shielded from the right-of-way with evergreen material sufficient to block visibility from the public right-of-way.
6. The applicant shall be responsible for upgrading Jordan Road from the SR 19 Bypass to the first site driveway to handle heavy vehicle impacts created by this development. Signage shall be posted on Jordan Road between SR 19/Walnut Avenue and the heavy-vehicle driveway, which is located closest to the SR 19 Bypass. The applicant is aware that no

public tax dollars will be used to mitigate heavy vehicle impacts on Jordan Road created by this private development.

7. A revolving 12-month zoning reversion to the AG zoning category shall carry with the land. This reversion shall occur if a period of 12-months is exceeded between major development milestones. For purposes of this zoning action, a major development milestone is considered to be:
  - a. The approval of the rezoning by City Council
  - b. The issuance of the land disturbance permits for the water infrastructure installation, sewer infrastructure installation, underground tank installation, and general site development.
  - c. The final passed inspection of the installed water infrastructure, sewer infrastructure or underground tanks.
  - d. Issuance of a building permit.
  - e. Final Certificate of Occupancy for the building

(B) City Manager Alexander proposed the consideration of the proposed update to the Comprehensive Plan and Resolution approving the transmittal to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Councilmember Breeden made a motion to approve the updated Comprehensive Plan and Resolution approving the transmittal to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Mayor Pro Tem White seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

(C) City Manager Alexander proposed the consideration of a 5K Run hosted by The Vine. Mayor Pro Tem White made a motion to approve the 5K Run hosted by the Vine. Councilmember Fairbrother seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

(D) City Manager Alexander proposed the consideration of an increase in Water and Sewer Services. Councilmember Fairbrother made a motion to approve Water and Sewer Services to correspond with the CPI for 2025 with a 2.7% increase. Councilmember Powell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

(E) Executive Director Patsy James went over the mid-year report for Lee County Family Connection.

(F) City Manager Alexander proposed the consideration of a Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank application. Councilmember Baggett made a motion to approve the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank application. Councilmember Fairbrother seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

## 5. CITY MANAGER'S MATTERS

(A) Finance Director discussed the financial report.

(B) City Manager Alexander discussed the current projects.

(C) City Manager Alexander discussed the Star Student and Techer Breakfast Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 6:30 am.

(D) City Manager Alexander discussed Express Disposal Trash Collection Services rate increase of 4.390 as of 01-01-2026.

(E) City Manager Alexander reminded council of the Georgia Rural Water Association Conference May 5-7, 2026.

## 6. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

## 7. GOVERNMENTAL BOARDS/AUTHORITIES.

## 8. COUNCIL MEMBER'S MATTER

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

10. **CITY ATTORNEY'S MATTERS**

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

12. **PUBLIC FORUM**

13. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Scheduled Council Meeting is March 3, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem White made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Powell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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David Daughtry  
Mayor

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Bob Alexander  
As ex officio City Clerk