

Town of Clermont
Town Council Meeting
October 7, 2025

The Clermont Town Council met on October 7, 2025. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor James Nix, Council Members John Brady, Marcia Kesler, James Castleberry, and Seth Weaver. Town Clerk Amy Lomax also attended.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Seth Weaver motioned to approve the agenda. James Castleberry seconded, and all Council members voted in favor. The motion passed.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: James Castleberry led the invocation, and Mayor Nix led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES- SEPTEMBER 2025: Seth Weaver motioned to approve the September 2025 Minutes. John Brady seconded the motion, and all Council members present voted in favor. The motion passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: The Mayor and Council reviewed the August 2025 Financial Report.

REPORT: PLANNING AND ZONING: The Mayor and Council reviewed this report.

PUBLIC HEARING: CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH VARIANCE REQUEST- Mayor Nix opened the public hearing on the Concord Baptist Church Variance request at 7:03 pm.

This is a Variance request from Concord Baptist Church to allow a 30 x 40 storage building to be located on the property at 640 Main Street. The Clermont Planning and Zoning Committee met on September 11, 2025, to consider this request and voted to recommend that the Council approve it.

The Mayor said we would open the floor first to hear comments from those who are in favor of granting the request, and then he would open the floor to those in opposition.

After hearing comments from Matt Jernigan representing Concord Baptist Church, the Mayor asked if anyone else would like to speak in favor of the building. There being none, he then asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the building. There being none, he asked the Council if they had any comments or questions. After some discussion by the Council, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:08 pm.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 82-08-02-2025: The Mayor gave the first reading of Ordinance 82-08-02-2025. This is an ordinance amending the zoning map of the Town of Clermont, Georgia, by granting a private storage building variance to allow a storage building to be erected on that lot designated as tax map parcel # 12063 000029 within the Town of Clermont, Georgia, and owned currently or formerly by Concord Baptist Church, and being more particularly described on plats or deeds, which are attached hereto and, which are incorporated by reference into this ordinance, and providing that the zoning classification upon said property shall be subject

to a certain variance; repealing conflicting ordinances to the extent of the conflict; to provide for severability; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.

The Second reading of the Ordinance and the vote by the Council on the variance request will take place at the November meeting.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 82-2025-09-01: The Mayor gave the second reading of Ordinance 82-2025-09-01. This is an Ordinance to fix the ad valorem tax rate for the Town of Clermont for the calendar year 2025 and for use in the fiscal year of 2025-2026; to levy a said tax upon all property subject to taxation by the Town of Clermont; to provide for the time of payment of said taxes; to repeal conflicting ordinances and for other purposes. The gross millage rate is set at 4.0 mills per \$1,000.00 of taxable property (based on the property's 40 percent assessed value). It is reduced by a rollback of 4.0 (due to receipt of sales tax proceeds); therefore, the net millage rate for the fiscal Year 2025-2026 is 0.00 mills. Seth Weaver made a motion to approve Ordinance 82-2025-09-01. James Castleberry seconded the motion, and all Council Members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

NOVEMBER MEETING: Due to the election being held on November 4th, our November meeting will be held on November 6, 2025.

PROJECT UPDATES:

The Mayor informed the Council that the Town did not receive the GDOT Transportation Alternative Grant, for which we had applied to install sidewalks on Oxford Road.

The Mayor reminded everyone about the SPLOST 9 renewal information meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 9th, at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Clermont Chattahoochee Center. He asked Warren Weaver who had put together a SPLOST citizen committee, if he had anything to add. Warren also encouraged everyone to attend the meeting and conduct their own research on the SPLOST 9 renewal and its implications for all residents of Clermont and Hall County.

James Castleberry said he would like to thank everyone for their contributions to Clermont Days.

Town Clerk Amy Lomax invited the Council to attend the Volunteer Appreciation Lunch for the library volunteers on November 23rd.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Paul Policy addressed the Council and stated that he had two questions regarding two different subjects. He inquired about any updates on the status of the property at 325 Holly Springs Road. The Council and the Clerk stated that they had not received any updates from Mr. Carillo; however, the Clerk did receive a call last week from someone interested in leasing or buying the property, inquiring about the Planning and Zoning codes for the property. Paul asked if someone who leases or buys the property would need to come to the Town for approval of the property's use. The Council agreed and stated that they would also need approval from the Hall County Fire Marshal's office.

Paul also asked if the meeting on Thursday would address the issue of the intersection. The Mayor told him that the meeting on Thursday is about SPLOST 9 renewal. Hall County has agreed to commit \$1 million per intersection for improvements - 284/Clarks Bridge Road, 283/Holly Springs Road, and 254/129, if SPLOST 9 passes.

There was further discussion among the public and the Council about the safety concerns at the three intersections.

Warren Weaver thanked the Council for allowing the Clermont Cruise-Ins to take place every year. He also thanked the Clermont staff for their work on the cruise-in. James Castleberry expressed his appreciation to Warren and Cathy Weaver for all the work they do with the Cruise-ins every year.

ADJOURN: Seth Weaver motioned to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. James Castleberry seconded the motion, and all Council members present voted in favor. The motion passed.



Amy Lomax, Town Clerk

