

Mr. Josh Simpson

Mayor

Ms. Amy Gore

District 2

Mr. Justin Beardsley

District 3

Town of Reidville

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August 12, 2025

Mr. Bob Jordan

Mayor ProTem, District 1

Mr. James Richard

District 4

REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

Location: Reidville Presbyterian Church

Mayor Josh Simpson called the council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Town Administrator conducted a roll call, confirming the presence of Mayor Simpson, Council Members Justin Beardsley, James Richard, Amy Gore, and Bob Jordan.

James Richard offered the invocation, after which the council collectively led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Simpson provided a brief overview of the Town of Reidville's internship program and introduced the current intern, Ms. Yasmina Meydanova. He commended Ms. Meydanova for her exceptional initiative, noting her eagerness to learn and commitment to personal and professional growth.

Town Administrator McKaba further highlighted Ms. Meydanova's dedication, stating that beyond her scheduled hours with the Town, she proactively inquired about additional training opportunities she could pursue independently. In response, Administrator McKaba guided Ms. Meydanova through the Local Gov U program and helped her select continuing education courses aligned with her interests.

Ms. Meydanova successfully completed 11 courses during her personal time. Council formally recognized her achievement and presented the following certificates:

- Supervisor Skills #Compl110
- Sexual Harassment Prevention – Local Government
- Risk Management for Local Government
- Time Management Skills #GNMS140
- Successful Customer Interactions #GNMS138
- Meeting Management #GNMS109
- Managing Homeless Populations #GNHW118
- Performance Management #GNMS132
- Managing a Remote Workforce
- Finance 101 for Non-Financial Managers #GNPS122

Council expressed appreciation for Ms. Meydanova's contributions and applauded her initiative and professionalism throughout the internship.

Action: A motion was made by Council Member Justin Beardsley, seconded by Council Member James Richard, to approve the Council minutes from July 8, 2025, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Action: A motion was made by Council Member James Richard, seconded by Council Member Justin Beardsley, to accept the July 2025 Financial Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Member James Richard updated the council on the local government investment pool.

Council Member Bob Jordan informed the Council that Ellason Tree Service is currently working within the Town of Reidville to clear vegetation from ditch to ditch, extending up to 20 feet, along Reidville Town Road. He stated that

this effort is intended to support storm mitigation initiatives and future paving projects by ensuring the right-of-way is properly maintained.

Council Member Justin Beardsley informed the Council that the Reidville Fire Department now staffs at least one paramedic on a fire truck each day, enhancing emergency response capabilities within the fire district. Council Member Beardsley also recommended that the Town transition its official website and URL to a .gov domain to strengthen credibility and security. Additionally, he proposed migrating the Town's email hosting services to Microsoft 365 to improve reliability, integration, and administrative control.

Council Member Amy Gore suggested that the Town proceed with securing a band for the upcoming Oktoberfest event and have the band sign a waiver releasing the Town from liability. Administrator McKaba informed the Council that while a waiver is acceptable, if the band does not provide a current Certificate of Insurance (COI) and proof of workers' compensation coverage, the Town would be required to extend coverage under its own insurance policy. Following discussion, the Council directed Administrator McKaba to have the Town Attorney draft a letter of liability for the participating performers.

Administrator McKaba informed the Council that the Town will be acquiring an enclosed trailer to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of event logistics. She has obtained pricing from multiple vendors for both 7x14 and 7x16 trailer models. Administrator McKaba also noted that she has contacted the Town's insurance provider to determine whether additional coverage or staff training will be required in connection with the trailer's use.

Council Member Justin Beardsley informed the Council of a website program available to the Town of Reidville that would provide a free municipal website for a three-year term, funded through sponsorships. Sponsors would be featured via a text banner displayed on the site. Council Member Beardsley recommended that the Town participate in the program to reduce website-related expenses while maintaining a professional online presence. Council Member James Richard inquired whether there would be any fees associated with making changes to the website once established. Administrator Christine McKaba added that the program also includes the capability to produce flyers and brochures to support future Council initiatives for community outreach.

Action: A motion was made by Council Member Bob Jordan, seconded by Council Member Amy Gore, to accept Council Member Justin Beardsley's recommendation to proceed with LPI for the Town's website update. The motion carried unanimously.

Action: At 7:01 p.m., a motion was made by Council Member Amy Gore, seconded by Council Member Justin Beardsley, to enter into executive session for the announced and posted reasons. The motion carried unanimously.

Action: At 8:05 p.m., a motion was made by Council Member Justin Beardsley, seconded by Council Member James Richard, to exit executive session and return to open session. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Simpson stated for the record that no decisions were made during executive session; only discussions were held.

Action: A motion was made by Council Member Justin Beardsley, seconded by Council Member James Richard, to establish a new position: Part-Time Support Event Coordinator. The role will offer compensation of \$13.00 per hour for up to ten (10) hours per week. In addition, the employee will receive a 10% commission based on sponsorship goals achieved. The motion carried unanimously.

Action: At 8:06 p.m., a motion was made by Council Member Justin Beardsley, seconded by Council Member James Richard, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Attest: *Christine McKaba-Town Administrator*

This is a generalization of the meeting and not a verbatim transcript.