

Mayor
Eartha T. Cummings

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COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Tennille Fire Department
May 5, 2025
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

A work session of the Tennille City Council was held on Monday, May 5, 2025, with Mayor Eartha Cummings presiding.

Council Members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Brainard Crawford, Rhonda Lemons, Sidney A. Swan, David Hartley, and Deborah E. Rhodes.

Others in attendance were Joel Cochran, *Sheriff*, Tanisha Ball, *Asst. City Clerk/Court Clerk*, Mike Wiggins, *Building Official*, and Danielle Ferguson, *City Clerk*.

Guests in attendance were Teresa Hines, *The Sandersville Progress*, Morgan Scott, *SHINE Program*, and the following Tennille residents: Deshundra Jackson, Stacey Cummings, Jennifer Smith, Angela Floyd, Doris Grady, Parish Harris, Brooks Rose, and Kenya Poole

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Eartha Cummings.

Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Eartha Cummings.

Invocation

The invocation was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Brainard Crawford.

Mayor's Statement

Mayor Eartha Cummings shares thanks to the citizens, Sheriff Joel Cochran, Attorney Michael Howard, and City Council members for their dedication to the City of Tennille. The City of Tennille and the Washington County Sheriff's Office reaffirm commitment to continued law enforcement presence within the city limits of Tennille.

Mayor Cummings goes on to highlight her personal journey & experience of being Mayor; detailing commitment levels required within the role. Mayor Cummings also shares current achievements and plans for the City.

Mayor Cummings brings light to 4 main areas that drive the City's financial decisions,

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illustrating how the most recent financial strains led to the recent decision regarding police services.

Visitors

- Sheriff Joel Cochran
 - o Sheriff Joel Cochran shares his thanks to Mayor Cummings and City Council and looks forward to reaffirmed commitment to providing police services.
- Twanda Prince
 - o Twanda Prince set up a meeting with Mayor Cummings and after speaking, retracted request.
- Vickie Smith
 - o Vickie Smith was not present.
- Rose Holton
 - o Request was retracted.
- Robert Fisher
 - o Request was retracted.

Review of Minutes

- The minutes of April 7, 2025, were presented to council for review.

Monthly Reports

- The Building Official report for 04/2025 was presented to council for review.
- The Sheriff's report for 04/2025 was sent to council via email.

New Business

- GIRMA Renewal
 - o The liability insurance renewal for FY25-26 is priced at \$83,039. Three payment options are available for this.
- WWTP Land Clearing/Burning
 - o The City will need to obtain a special burning permit to clear land for the WWTP project

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- Attorney Michael Howard
 - o Attorney Michael Howard was not present.

Mayor/Council & Committee Concerns

Adjourn

With no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Brainard Crawford makes a motion, seconded by

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Council Member David Hartley to close the work session, and move into the regular council meeting. The work session is adjourned.