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COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Tennille Fire Department
April 06, 2026
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

A work session of the Tennille City Council was held on Monday, April 06, 2026, with Mayor Eartha Cummings presiding.

Council Members present were Brainard Crawford, Rhonda L. Lemons, and David Hartley.

NO QUORUM PRESENT.

Others in attendance were Michael Howard, *City Attorney*, Danielle Ferguson, *City Clerk*, Tanisha Ball, *Asst. City Clerk/Court Clerk*, Amy Howard, David Haulbrook, 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.

Minutes For Review

The minutes for March 02, 2026, were presented to council for review.

Monthly Reports

- The Building Official report for 03/2026 was presented to council for review.
- The Sheriff's Office incident report for 03/2026 was emailed to council for review.

Attorney - Michael Howard

- Attorney Michael Howard
 - o Attorney Michael Howard has no updates.

Mayor/Council & Committee Concerns

- Council Member Rhonda Lemons
 - o Council Member Rhonda Lemons shares the District Two Town Hall meeting

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went well although turnout was low. There was a miscommunication with flyer distribution. Flyers were distributed to District One instead of District Two. District Two residents that were in attendance were notified via a text alert reminder.

- Mayor Eartha Cummings notes that when the District Three Town Hall meeting is held to alert District Two that they may also attend.
- Council Member Lemons also asks for the proper protocol for resident debris pick-up. Mayor Cummings will contact public work's supervisor, Calvin Smith, to verify collection schedule for the City so individual work orders will not need to be created.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Brainard Crawford
 - Mayor Pro-Tem Brainard Crawford shares an update on behalf of Council Member Sidney A. Swan, noting the City will continue with joint summer programs with WACO Reads. Tennille Water Day will be scheduled as soon as possible.
 - Mayor Pro-Tem Brainard Crawford also notes the current summer hours for the MLK Park are 7:30 AM-8:00 PM.
 - Mayor Pro-Tem also asks Mayor to remind council & citizens to not touch installed meters or they will be held liable for damages.
- Council Member David Hartley
 - Council Member David Hartley shares debris collection has begun at the County Collection Center, and the City's first invoice has been received. Council Member Hartley will continue to monitor this expense.
 - Council Member Hartley notes the debris planning is still ongoing and more speed bumps will be placed once the Public Works Supervisor returns from leave.
- Mayor Eartha Cummings
 - Mayor Eartha Cummings informs council that the District 7 meeting will be the upcoming Monday, April 13, 2026 in Thompson, GA.
 - Mayor Eartha Cummings encourages council members to attend the small cities conference as this information can be brought directly back to be implemented within the City.
 - Mayor Cummings goes on to share Second Ave. road repairs are ongoing and shares that both major water projects are moving according to schedule.
 - Mayor Eartha Cummings notes the Flower Garden has updated the City florals and tasks Council Member Rhonda Lemons with getting three quotes for updating the City's major flowerbeds. Mayor Cummings requests that the floral update is low maintenance for the City employees to keep managed.

Adjourn

The work session is adjourned. **NO QUORUM PRESENT.**

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