

City of Centerville City Council Meeting on August 5, 2026

The Centerville City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in a meeting room at 155 North Cass. Council members present were Lawrence Johnson, Charlie Shafer, Brian Jones, Rebecca Smith and Colton Adams. Mayor Bobby Walters called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and a quorum was established.

Mayor Bobby Walters, during his “Mayor’s Report”, explained to City Council board members that at all future meetings he would like them to express how they are voting on each line item of the City Council agenda by saying aloud “yay”, “nay” or “I abstain”.

Daniel Shirley, during his “Public Works Director’s Report”, informed City Council members that the new water line had been installed on Stewart Street and 2 new fire hydrants placed there. There will be more new fire hydrants placed within the city in the future. Also, sewer lines are being replaced on Jefferson Street at this time.

Public Comments:

1. Council member Colton Adams read aloud a statement he had prepared in regards to a city employee recently having an accident in a city vehicle. He feels that the city employee should have disclosed this information to City Council board members at a Council Meeting. Also, he feels that the city employee should not be allowed to continue driving the city vehicle and that the City Policy Manual may need to be revisited in regards to accidents involving city employees and city vehicles.

Rebecca Smith made a motion to approve the July 8, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented. Charlie Shafer gave the second to this motion. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 noes and 0 absent

Charlie Shafer made a motion to approve the July 14, 2026 Budget Workshop meeting minutes as presented. Colton Adams gave the second to this motion. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 noes and 0 absent

Rebecca Smith made a motion to approve the July 20, 2026 Special Called meeting minutes as presented. Colton Adams gave the second to this motion. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 noes and 0 absent

There was no action taken in regards to *AirMedCare* and what it has to offer city employees/staff.

Ms. Melanie Scarpace and a co-worker were present to explain *Scotty's House* and the services it provides for children and families. It is a place where victims share their experience, receive evaluations/counseling/therapy. *Scotty's House* works along with law-enforcement, medical professionals & CPS. No action was taken, presentation only.

Charlie Shafer offered the first motion to approve the current year's Appraisal Roll from the Appraisal District Office. A second motion came from Brian Jones. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 noes and 0 absent

Rebecca Smith supported the first motion to approve the city's 2026/2027 fiscal year Budget. Charlie Shafer gave a second motion. Motion carried 4 ayes 0 noes 0 absent and 1 chose to abstain

A motion was first given by Rebecca Smith to approve a proposed Property Tax Rate of .305836 to be posted at the Centerville City Hall and on the city's website before adoption of the 2026 Tax Roll Rate. Charlie Shafer agreed to a second motion. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 noes and 0 absent

Clint Franklin (Centerville Economic Development Corporation's board president) would like the City Council's approval to amend their 2025/2026 fiscal year Budget to accommodate the City of Centerville with installing a new water line near Days Inn and the I45 feeder road by fully funding this project. Charlie Shafer furnished the first motion approving the EDC's Budget amendment. Colton Adams contributed a second motion. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 noes and 0 absent

Rebecca Smith expressed the first motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Centerville approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy regarding the company's 2026 Rate Review Mechanism Filing. Brian Jones followed with a second motion. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 noes and 0 absent

Charlie Shafer provided the first motion approving an increase to the City of Centerville's water rates. This increase will be effective as of October 1, 2026. The new water rates will consist of a \$2.00 increase per billing cycle for residential and for commercial accounts. The city has a few accounts that are listed as "outside the city limits". These customers will be charged for sewer usage (if they do not have their on septic system and are having their sewer processed through the city's sewer plant) and will have a water rate increase of \$4.00 per billing cycle. Colton Adams brought a second motion. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 noes and 0 absent

Colton Adams volunteered the first motion to increase the City's bulk water rate from \$22.00 per 1,000 gallons to \$30.00 per 1,000 gallons. This price increase will go into effect as of October 1, 2026. Brian Jones offered a second motion. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 noes and 0 absent

Charlie Shafer opened with the first motion approving the Centerville Economic Development Corporation's 2026/2027 fiscal year Budget. Rebecca Smith continued with a second motion. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 noes and 0 absent

There was discussion only in regards to the City Hall meeting room. A portion of the ceiling in this room collapsed due to water leakage from the air conditioner above the ceiling. It is uncertain at this time as to how much additional damage has occurred to the entire ceiling. Board members discussed having the sheetrock removed from the ceiling in order to determine the extent of the damage and also to evaluate if the ceiling studs/joists are structurally sound. Board member Colton Adams told the mayor and board members that the EMT's would be moving back in to the upstairs portion of the City Hall building in October 2026. No action was taken at this time.

Charlie Shafer granted the first motion approving Daniel Shirley (Public Works Director for the City of Centerville) to purchase a mini excavator. Lawrence Johnson agreed to a second motion. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 noes and 0 absent

Motion to approve employee time sheets for the month of July 2026 came from Rebecca Smith. Brian Jones supported a second motion. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 noes and 0 absent

Motion to pay the bills was first given by Charlie Shafer and was then seconded by Brian Jones. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 noes and 0 absent

Motion to adjourn at 8:41 p.m. was given by Charlie Shafer and was seconded by Colton Adams. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 noes and 0 absent



Teresa Bates, City Secretary



Bobby Walters, Mayor