

City of Centerville City Council Meeting on September 9, 2026

The Centerville City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Meeting Room. 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's Report: N/A

Public Works Director's Report: N/A

Public Comments:

1. Teresa Keplac spoke in regards to the Leon County Homesteaders organization. The location where they have been holding their monthly meetings will no longer be available as of December 31, 2026. They are requesting to use the City Hall Meeting Room as soon as it is restored after the water leak caused damage to the ceiling.
2. Bill Keplac spoke in behalf of the Master Gardener's Association and the Ham Radio Club. They also are requesting to use the City Hall Meeting Room once repairs have been completed and it is available.

Charlie Shafer made a motion to approve the August 5, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented. Lawrence Johnson gave the second to this motion. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 noes and 0 absent

Rebecca Smith offered the first motion approving the Centerville Arts Commission 2026 Christmas Market (to be held on 12/12/2026) to utilize the streets (Cass, Main & Commerce) for activities during this celebration event. Also, the city will provide trash receptacles for the Christmas Market festivities. Colton Adams gave the second to this motion. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 noes and 0 absent

Karen Ellis presented the Chamber of Commerce's 2025/2026 report of expenditures and their 2026/2027 annual budget (they are a hotel/motel occupancy tax recipient). Rebecca Smith brought the first motion approving the report and the annual budget. A second motion came from Charlie Shafer. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 noes and 0 absent

Karen Ellis also presented the July Fourth Committee's 2025/2026 report of expenditures and their 2026/2027 annual budget (they are a hotel/motel occupancy tax recipient). Rebecca Smith supported the first motion approving the report and the annual budget. Brian Jones volunteered a second motion. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 noes and 0 absent

Rebecca Smith expressed the first motion approving to amend the city's 2026/2027 fiscal year budget by transferring \$37,620.89 from the General Fund Account to the Water/Sewer Account. The expenditures in the Water/Sewer outweighed the revenue accounted for in the 2026/2027 fiscal year budget. Brian Jones supported a second motion. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 noes and 0 absent

Rebecca Smith provided the first motion approving an Ordinance setting the proposed Property Tax Rate at .305836 for the 2026 tax year. Colton Adams agreed to a second motion. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 noes and 0 absent

Motion to approve employee time sheets for the month of August 2026 came from Charlie Shafer. Rebecca Smith furnished the 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 Lawrence Johnson. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 noes and 0 absent

Motion to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. was given by Brian Jones and was seconded by Rebecca Smith. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 noes and 0 absent



Teresa Bates, City Secretary



Bobby Walters, Mayor