

Town of Gillsville Council Meeting

Frankum Building

April 6th, 2026

Called to Order-7:04 pm

In attendance Mayor Ricky Sutton, Council Members: Kody Rylee, Keith Segars, Wade Dale and citizens, Rachel Canada Clerk and Sandra Helton Finance Clerk.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Wade Dale gave the invocation, and Mayor Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Sutton welcomed the citizens in attendance.

Approval of April 6th Agenda: Mayor Sutton proposed to approve adding the IGA from Hall County to the Agenda. Wade Dale made a motion to approve, Keith Segars seconded, all council members present approved.

Guest Speaker Michael Houseworth: Michael Houseworth from Edward Jones addressed the council and citizens about the potential for the city to invest some of their money. He recommended a money market account. There were some questions, and the council agreed to discuss this further.

Guest Speaker Shannon Davidson Candidate for District 3/Hall County: Shannon Davison addressed the council, and citizens. He spoke about his campaign platform, and some of the issues in the community. He spoke of ways that he intends to improve various issues that concern Gillsville citizens if elected.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of March 2nd, 2026, Minutes – Kody Rylee made a motion to approve the February 2nd, 2026, Minutes, Wade Dale seconded the motion, all council members present voted in favor of approving the March 2026 Minutes.

Stonethrow Park– Mayor Sutton discussed Stonethrow Park and further plans. Kody Rylee mentioned that Hall County should be consulted about the septic supporting more bathrooms. Playground equipment and location was discussed, and a citizen Chad Williamson volunteered to ship the equipment for us, to help the community. The plans for the park were discussed, and the location of the pavilion and playground were adjusted.

First Reading for Annexations-Mayor Sutton had the first reading concerning two annexations currently in process. The first property is 5091 Cromartie Rd. Gillsville, GA 30543, the second is 7958 County Line Rd. Gillsville, GA 30543.

Grass Cutting Bid- The 2026 grass cutting bids were reviewed and discussed. Four bids for each were received. Roy Turpin bid \$175.00 for Downtown, and \$300.00 for the park. Dwayne Crocker bid \$300.00 for Downtown, and \$475.00 for the park. Jonathan Ervin bid \$245.00 for

Downtown, and \$475.00 for the park. ACS Landscape bid \$310.00 for Downtown, and \$545.00 for the park. Kody Rylee made a motion to accept Jonathan Ervins bid for Downtown, and Wade Dale seconded the motion, and all council members present voted in favor. Wade Dale made a motion to accept Roy Turpin's bid for the park, and Keith Segars seconded the motion, and all council members present voted in favor.

Council Committee Structure: Mayor Sutton proposed that the council be divided into committees that head five areas of the towns interest the areas include Roads, Parks, General Maintenance, Downtown, Events. Wade Dale said he would like to be assigned to Parks, and Keith Seagr asked to be assigned to Events. The council members not present will be discussed at the next meeting. Kody Rylee is yet to be assigned an area of interest.

OLD BUSINESS:

LMIG-School St Pavement- - Mayor Sutton got an estimate for the paving of School St. from Sandoval Asphalt Paving for \$32,880. This bid includes some repairs on Slaton St. The bid was looked over, and it was decided that we need to get another estimate before the next meeting and vote on it then.

Café Discussion- Mayor Sutton said he would like to still pursue repairs =on the café kitchen floor. Wade Dale mentioned that he would like the Café owners to be present to decide on what will be done. Mayor Sutton will ask the Café owners to be present at the next council meeting to discuss it further.

Park Gate- Mayor Sutton updated the council on the insurance claim that was discussed at the previous meeting. The claim was accepted, and the gate will be repaired the week of April 12th.

Veteran Memorial Update- Mayor Sutton asked for an update on the progress of the Veterans memorial. Council member Wade Dale announced that Jacob Fountain has installed the flagpole, and there will be more work done on the week of April 12th. Plans for a Memorial Day dedication are underway.

Hall County IGA-Park- The council reviewed the IGA from Hall County along with notes that Mayor Sutton consulted the attorney about. The council members said they would like to check with our insurance to make sure it has appropriate coverage for the work that will be done at the park. The vote was tabled until more information can be obtained.

Adjourn: Kody Rylee made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Wade Dale seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

Rachel Canada, Town Clerk

Ricky Sutton, Mayor

Council Members
