

Town of Gillsville Council Meeting

Frankum Building

May 4th, 2026

Called to Order-7:00 pm

In attendance Mayor Ricky Sutton, Council Members: Keith Segars, Todd Dale, Jeff Perry and citizens, and Rachel Canada Clerk.

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

Approval of May 4th Agenda: Mayor Sutton proposed to approve adding the culvert repair to the agenda. Keith Segars made a motion to approve, Todd Dale seconded, all council members present approved.

Todd Dale made a motion to approve the May 4th agenda, Keith Segars seconded, all council members present voted in favor.

Guest Speaker Inez Grant: Inez grant spoke briefly about her run for Hall County solicitor general in the upcoming election.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of April 6th, 2026, Minutes – Keith Segars made a motion to approve the April 6th, 2026, Minutes, Todd Dale seconded the motion, all council members present voted in favor of approving the April 2026 Minutes.

Participating in Amicus Brief– Mayor Sutton brought up for discussion for the town to agree to participate in an Amicus brief in Chang v. City of Milton. After some discussion Keith Segars made a motion to participate, Jeff Perry seconded, all council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

Second Reading for Annexations- Mayor Sutton had the second 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.

Downtown Brick Sealing- Mayo Sutton got a bid for the brick to be sealed and repaired in the rear or the downtown buildings. The bricks behind the dog groomers, the café, and the town hall are crumbling and falling apart and allowing water to seep in. Jeff Perry asked if the brick layers work comes with a guarantee, and it was agreed to table the discussion until more information can be found.

Veterans Memorial Update- Councilmen Wade Dale was not in attendance to give an update on the status. We will find out more information and will potentially plan the ribbon cutting for Memorial Day Monday, May 25th.

Culvert Repair- Mayor Sutton brought for discussion the repair of the culvert that is falling in on town property. Gillsville Baptist church is doing some paving work in their parking lot, and the repair must be done in conjunction with that. Mayor Sutton got an estimate from Brin=an McCoy for \$10,500, and an estimate for \$2,700 for a pre-made headwall to be installed. Keith Segars made a motion to approve the repair without the pre-made headwall, and Todd Dale seconded, all council members present voted in favor. Motion to repair the culvert for \$10,500 was passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Investment- Mayor Sutton gave a review of the town's funds that are available for investment. After some discussion, Tod Dale made a motion to invest \$400,000 from various accounts, and Keith Segars seconded, all council members voted in favor. Motion to invest \$400,000 in a Mutual Fund with Edward Jones was passed.

Hall County IGA-Park- The attorney David Syfan and Hall County's attorney are still reviewing the IGA and have not given an update.

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 Seagrs asked to be assigned to Events. The council members not present at the last meeting discussed this some more. No decision was made.

Stonethrow Park— Mayor Sutton discussed Stonethrow Park and further plans. Mayor Suttton proposed scheduling a work session on May 18th at 7pm in the office. This was agreed to by all present.

LMIG-School St Pavement- - Mayor Sutton got an estimate for the paving of School St. from Sandoval Asphalt Paving for \$32,880, and \$36,000.06 from Ryals Brothers. This bid includes some repairs on Slaton St. The bids were looked over, and noted that Ryals Brothers comes with a warranty, and a more thorough job. Keith Segars made a motion to approve Ryals Brothers for the work, and Todd Dale Seconded. All council members voted in favor. Motion to approve Ryals Brothers for the paving of school street and for the repairs on Slaton St. was approved.

Adjourn: Keith Segars made a motion to adjourn at 7:59 pm. Jeff Perry seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

Rachel Canada, Town Clerk

Ricky Sutton, Mayor

Council Members
