

**MINUTES
WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL
Regular Scheduled Meeting
Tuesday, August 11, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Westminster met in a regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the Westminster Fire Department with Mayor Brian Ramey presiding. Those in attendance were:

Brian Ramey
Jimmy Powell

Daby Snipes
Charles Morgan

Dale Glymph
Jamie Jones

City Administrator, Kevin Bronson
Assistant to the City Administrator,
Presley Morello
City Clerk, Kiley Carter
Police Chief, Fred Miller
Fire Chief, Michael Smith
Utilities Director, Scott Parris
Members of the public and press

Notice of the meeting and the agenda was posted on a window at the Fire Department and at westminstersc.org twenty-four hours prior to the meeting and all persons, organizations and local media requesting notification and the agenda were notified by email.

Call to Order

Mayor Ramey called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Certification of a Quorum

Kiley Carter certified a quorum.

Invocation and pledge of allegiance

Mr. Glymph led the council in the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon a motion from Mayor Ramey and seconded by Mr. Powell, the motion to move the Special Presentation of Westminster Recreation Softball Teams, 12U and 10U ahead of the Special Presentation by Cricket Barnett, President and CEO of Visit Oconee SC passed unanimously.

Special Presentation of Westminster Recreation Softball Teams, 12U and 10U

Mayor Ramey and Herb Poole presented certificates to the teams.

Special Presentation by Cricket Barnett, President and CEO of Visit Oconee SC

An attachment of the 26-27 marketing plan is attached.

Public Comments

Katie Magley spoke about her new hospital plans within the city and a drainage issue on S. Pew Street. She is looking for a way to work with the city to improve this. Her civil engineer spoke on her behalf about her site plans.

Comments from the Mayor and Council

Mayor Ramey and Mr. Bronson talked about notifying customers before cutoffs to pay their bill. Mr. Bronson proposed a new app for the city that would send out notifications like this. There are still some discussions and things to figure out with this, but hopefully this will be ready to show at the September meeting.

Mr. Glymph spoke about the Bigfoot Festival and tournaments happening simultaneously at Horton Field.

Routine Business

1) Comments from the Utility Director

- a. Mr. Parris gave an update on the electric underground project. This is close to completion as lines have been pulled. Tie ins are being finished and lines are being tested.
- b. Mr. Parris stated that the James Street waterline was tested today. Lucky Street is done. Customers on these lines will now have access to fire protection. Total this effects 20 customers.
- c. Mr. Parris explained that the SCADA project is coming along. Equipment is coming in. We will know more in the next 2-3 weeks.
- d. Mr. Parris spoke about the downtown streetscape project. This week, a lot of concrete will go down. Irrigation has been run underground and electric is in place. Within the next 2 weeks, big differences should be seen on Main Street. September 24th is the completion date (not including rain dates).

2) Comments from the City Administrator

- a. Mr. Bronson introduced Chief Miller who introduced Michael Durham as his new hire.
- b. Mr. Bronson spoke about the ribbon cutting ceremony for Horton on 8/21/26 at 4 pm. Horton executives will not be able to make it, but they will come back in September and we will do something to celebrate with them then.
- c. Mr. Bronson gave an update on the Bartram statue project. This website is now active thanks to funding from the County and the Lazy Daisies. (Williambartramsc.com)
- d. Mr. Bronson stated that there is no update on the trojan statue yet. After we finish the streetscape, the owner of the statue will come look at the gazebo.

3) Consideration of June 9, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

4) Consideration of June 23, 2026 City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes

5) Consideration of July 28, 2026 City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion from Mrs. Snipes and seconded by Mr. Glymph, the motion to approve the June 9, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, June 23, 2026 City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes, and July 28, 2026 City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes passed unanimously.

Member	Motion	Vote
Ramey		Yes
Glymph	Second	Yes
Powell		Yes
Jones		Yes
Dunn		Absent
Snipes	Motion	Yes
Morgan		Yes

Old Business

- 6) **Consideration of Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-08-11-01; An Ordinance to sell property entitled “No Name Street” located between the addresses of 400 E Main Street and 500 E Main Street to Long Creek Holdings LLC for \$5,000.00.**

Mr. Bronson explained how we got this street and that there was only one bid.

Upon a motion from Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Glymph, the **motion to approve Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-08-11-01; An Ordinance to sell property entitled “No Name Street” located between the addresses of 400 E Main Street and 500 E Main Street to Long Creek Holdings LLC for \$5,000.00** passed unanimously.

Member	Motion	Vote
Ramey		Yes
Glymph	Second	Yes
Powell		Yes
Jones		Yes
Dunn		Absent
Snipes		Yes
Morgan	Motion	Yes

- 7) **Consideration of Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-08-11-02; AN ORDINANCE ENACTED PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPAL TAX RELIEF ACT, TITLE 5, CHAPTER 41 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION OF A ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX TO PROVIDE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF TO OWNER-OCCUPIED HOMES AND TO FINANCE CERTAIN PROJECTS UPON REFERENDUM APPROVAL; THE FORM OF THE BALLOT TO BE USED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO**

Mr. Bronson explained through a PowerPoint (attached) while Gary Pope (legal counsel) was on the phone for any questions.

Voters on voting on two things should this go on the November ballot. They are voting on the actual 1% sales tax and then approving city council to bond to do the project.

Upon a motion from Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mrs. Snipes, the **motion to approve Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-08-11-02; AN ORDINANCE ENACTED PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPAL TAX RELIEF ACT, TITLE 5, CHAPTER 41 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION OF A ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX TO PROVIDE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF TO OWNER-OCCUPIED HOMES AND TO FINANCE CERTAIN PROJECTS**

UPON REFERENDUM APPROVAL; THE FORM OF THE BALLOT TO BE USED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO passed unanimously.

Member	Motion	Vote
Ramey		Yes
Glymph		Yes
Powell		Yes
Jones		Yes
Dunn		Absent
Snipes	Second	Yes
Morgan	Motion	Yes

New Business

8) Consideration of adoption of the Social Media Plan

At the July 28, 2026, Special Called City Council Meeting, Council directed staff to develop a comprehensive Social Media Strategy for the City's use of Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn. The purpose of the strategy is to enhance communication with residents, businesses, and stakeholders by providing timely, accurate, and transparent information about City services, projects, initiatives, and accomplishments. The strategy is also intended to promote community engagement, strengthen public trust, and support Westminster's economic development and tourism efforts.

Mayor Ramey would like to see a list of the city's current projects on social media.

The City Council would like for all of City's social media pages to be titled as official and have some QR codes made up for these.

Upon a motion from Mr. Glymph and seconded by Mrs. Snipes, the **motion to approve Consideration of adoption of the Social Media Plan** passed unanimously.

Member	Motion	Vote
Ramey		Yes
Glymph	Motion	Yes
Powell		Yes
Jones		Yes
Dunn		Absent
Snipes	Second	Yes
Morgan		Yes

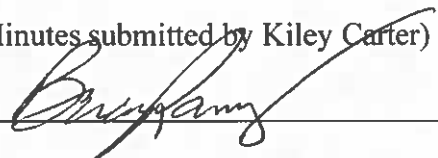
9) Discussion of Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)

Mr. Bronson explained that this list contains the equipment we need to replace. Some things aren't on here yet relating to facilities such as resurfacing the gym floor, HAVC replacement at the gym, or the bathrooms at the concession stand.

Adjourn

Upon a motion by Mr. Glymph and seconded by Mr. Jones, the ***motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm*** passed unanimously.

(Minutes submitted by Kiley Carter)



Mayor Brian Ramey

10/13/2026
Date