

Front Porch Town



Town of Brantley

Steve Walker, Mayor

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## **COUNCIL MEETING: AUGUST 18, 2026**

The Town Council for the Town of Brantley met on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Brantley Armory with the following members present: Mayor Walker, Linda Berry, Scott Beck, Charles Tompkins, Lorey Bogen and Alfredia Wiley. Notice of meeting was posted at Town Hall, U.S. Post Office and Brantley Library. Others present were: Diane Mears, Bill Rayborn and several town residents.

Councilwoman Wiley said prayer. Roll call was taken by Mayor Walker. All council members present.

### **MAYOR WALKER & COUNCIL COMMENTS & ACTIONS:**

- **Motion was made by Councilman Beck and seconded by Councilman Tompkins to approve July 16, 2026 Minutes w/correction. Approved 5-0. (Fire Hydrant Meter never used; add "not").**
- Have not heard from the Wiregrass Grant;
- 911 Report was given out at Police Committee meeting;
- 2027 Tuberville grant continues to be pending re: police cars
- Well Grant is pending
- Asphalt/stripping is pending
- No Industrial Representative
- No repeater on water tank
- **Motion was made by Councilman Beck and seconded by Councilman Tompkins to approve Resolution 2026-4 "Authorize the Alabama Dept. of Revenue to Administer and Collect Sales, Use, Rental, and Lodging Taxes Levied by the Town of Brantley". Approved 3-2; Councilman Bogen and Councilwoman Wiley opposed.**
- **Motion was made by Councilwoman Berry and seconded by Councilman Beck to approve Resolution 2026-5 "Adopting Transportation Plan Pursuant to Rebuild Alabama Act" annual resolution. Approved 4-1; Councilman Bogen opposed.**
- **Motion was made by Councilman Tompkins and seconded by Councilman Beck to approve Resolution 2026-6 "Adopting Annexation Potential (Advancing North on Hwy. 331)". Approved 4-1. Councilman Bogen opposed/abstained.**
- **Councilman Bogen asked if Resolutions have to be 100% approved by council to pass.**

- 2027 Weather Awareness – can wait until January 2027;
- Sam Patel has contacted the town regarding purchase of the Ben Beard property; plot has been surveyed; appraisal is needed.
- Councilwoman Berry – no comments needed;
- Councilwoman Wiley – need to know what is going on with Chief Titus Averett; needs to be public; Mayor replied that Titus continues to be chief; Titus is on medical leave; Drew Morgan was named Acting Chief of Police; Councilman Bogen said Titus could be on light duty; Mayor replied that he can't speak on Titus' medical condition. Titus requested to speak and Mayor said no since he had not requested in advance, however if it's about you then you can speak. Averett was allowed to speak.
- Titus Averett comments – his wife said it was rumored he had embezzled \$150,000; he does not handle money; other rumors - Drew is Chief and Gary is Asst. Chief; stated "no communication with him whatsoever"; there has been police meetings come up and no notice to him; one meeting was not posted on time; summer conference – called Town Hall seven (7) times, no answer; talked about this with Bill Rayborn and Mayor; said he was denied his conference; there is supposedly a state law that the town does not have to pay for the conference; wants to see that law; stated that the governing body (council) could vote on it; does not get workers compensation but state law states he can go to a conference even if he was receiving workers compensation; stated that Asst. Chief Morgan was sent to conference even though he did not need hours, even after APOST had supposedly told Drew that he needed hours; Titus had to pay for the expense of going to the conference; nobody talks to him; I am a veteran and being treated like crap; everybody got a pay raise except for me; no excuse for why I didn't; asked if I wanted to be SRO or Police Chief; replied his primary job is Chief of Police; did SRO job because no one else wanted to do SRO; incident at ball park - was told that I can't look at video camera footage; Mayor said I was still chief so I should be able to look at video camera footage; Councilman Bogen asked when did traffic accident occur and did you continue to work?; Chief Averett replied 2/17/26 but continued to work until last day of school (May 22); received MRI results; asked the attorney about overtime results? salary results? Clerk needs to be written up for not answering the phone; stated that he had never been written up.
- Councilman Bogen – what are we going to do for Titus? Light Duty?
- **Motion was made to Adjourn by Councilman Beck (Mayor asked if there was a second) and seconded by Councilman Tompkins. Approved 3-2 (I assume, did not see a show of hands).**



Mayor Steve Walker

9-8-26

Date:

**NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026**

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