

City Council Minutes
February 3, 2026

Orangeburg City Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers, 933 Middleton Street with Mayor Butler presiding.

PRESENT:

Michael C. Butler, Mayor

Annette Dees Grevious

Jerry Hannah

Jordan E. Hawkins

Dr. Kalu Kalu, Mayor Pro Tem

L. Zimmerman Keitt

Sandra P. Knotts

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu, seconded by Councilmember Grevious to approve January 6, 2026, City Council Minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Keitt, seconded by Councilmember Knotts to approve January 23, 2026, Special City Council Minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Butler recognized Confidence as the February Community of Character trait.

Ms. Shanquia Aiken and the SAFE Organization Youth Advisory members appeared before Council to highlight past and upcoming programs/events.

Assistant City Administrator Williams addressed Council concerning Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Update. She stated, "I wanted to start by reminding you of the 2024 events. On July 30, a microburst brought down some store fronts on Broughton Street. On August 8, Hurricane Debby hit, on September 27, Hurricane Helene hit and on November 7, a flood hit the Edisto Gardens and the police camp areas. Of all events, the flood caused the most damage. In October, I presented that we had received approximately \$9,700 from insurance claims regarding Hillcrest due to Hurricane Helene and received \$3,400 for loss of rent from the chamber building. We received over \$37,000 from FEMA and there was an outstanding claim regarding Mirmow Field. We have confirmed receipts of \$178,280.75 through December 30, 2025. On January 30, we were notified that we will receive \$243,206.34 making the total from FEMA \$421,487.09 to date. We still have a few items to address. Also wanted to let Council and the public know the Spray Park will be open this Spring. We issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on January 30 to secure a realtor to list the chamber building property for as-is sale. I have a call with FEMA tomorrow to address the following outstanding items chapel repair reimbursement of approximately \$46,000; culvert repair up to \$400,000; chamber mitigation cost that we have already paid totaling \$103,898.51 and the police camp and police camp road needed repairs totaling approximately \$200,000."

Councilmember Hawkins asked, "You stated an RFP was issued to secure an agent for the sale of the chamber building. If the City sells the property, would FEMA funds be required to be repaid? Has the City received any FEMA money for the chamber building?"

Assistant City Administrator Williams stated, "No, if we sell the building, there will not be a reimbursement amount."

A motion was made by Councilmember Grevious, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kalu to go into Executive Session concerning receipt of legal advice Section 30-4-70(a)(2) – Animal Control Ordinance. The motion was unanimously approved.

Council did not return to open session. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McDaniel
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City Clerk

