

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF KENNESAW
Council Chambers
(2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, GA 30144)**

**Livestream: www.kennesaw-ga.gov/publicmeetings/
August 18, 2025
6:30 PM**

Present	Mayor Derek Easterling Mayor Pro Tem Pat Ferris Councilmember Madelyn Orochena Councilmember Tracey Viars Councilmember Antonio Jones Councilmember Anthony Gutierrez Deputy City Clerk Stacie Walker City Manager Jeff Drobney City Attorney Sam Hensley, Jr.
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1. Invocation

Carlene Fregeolle led the invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Boy Scout Troop #187 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Call to Order

Mayor Easterling called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

4. Announcements

5. Presentations

A. Proclamation: Kennesaw's Historian, Neighbor, and Friend

Proclamation presented by Mayor Easterling recognizing Joseph L. Bozeman, Jr.

Mayor Easterling presented Joe Bozeman Jr. with a proclamation recognizing him as Kennesaw's historian, neighbor and friend.

6. Public Comment

This section is for comment on any item on the agenda.

6:44 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

No comments.

6:45 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Committee and Board Reports

10. Public Hearing(s)

11. Consent Agenda

- A. **Minutes: July 28, 2025 First Millage Rate Hearing**
Approval of the July 28, 2025, First Millage Rate Hearing minutes.
- B. **Minutes: July 28, 2025 Work Session**
Approval of the July 28, 2025, Work Session minutes.
- C. **Minutes: August 4, 2025 Second Millage Rate Hearing**
Approval of the August 4, 2025, Second Millage Rate Hearing minutes.
- D. **Minutes: August 4, 2025 Regular Meeting**
Approval of the August 4, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting minutes.

Motion by Councilmember Jones to approve the consent agenda engross. Seconded by Councilmember Viars.

Vote taken: Motion unanimously approved 5-0. Motion passed.

12. General and Administrative

- A. **Resolution: Kennesaw - Acworth 911 Services Renewal Agreement**
Consideration for approval of a Resolution authorizing renewal of an interlocal agreement between the City of Kennesaw and the City of Acworth for 911 emergency call answering services.

City Manager Jeff Drobney presented a resolution authorizing renewal of an interlocal agreement between the City of Kennesaw and the City of Acworth for 911 Emergency Call Answering Services. The agreement will be in place for 10 years.

Motion by Councilmember Orochena to approve [Resolution No. 2025-49](#) authorizing renewal of an interlocal agreement between the City of Kennesaw and the City of Acworth for 911 Emergency Call Answering Services as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Jones.

Vote taken: Motion unanimously approved 5-0. Motion passed.

13. Public Safety

- A. **Crime Stats: July 2025**
Consideration to accept the July 2025 crime statistics

Captain Kevin Mitchell presented the July 2025 crime statistics **[See Exhibit A]**.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ferris to accept the July 2025 crime statistics as presented.

Seconded by Councilmember Jones.

Vote taken: Motion unanimously approved 5-0. Motion passed.

14. Information Technology

15. Public Works and Building Maintenance

16. Recreation and Culture

17. Community Development

18. Public Comment

This section is for general comment.

6:47 p.m. Floor Open for Public Comments

ANDREW BRAMLETT [City Resident]: In honor of Joe Bozeman's proclamation, Mr. Bramlett shared some local history regarding Mr. Bozeman's family, the Skeltons [See **Exhibit B**].

6:49 p.m. Floor Closed for Public Comments

19. City Manager's Report

A. Reports, Discussions, and Updates

Dr. Drobney said that the Pigs & Peaches event was a success and thanked everyone for their extraordinary work, passion and commitment in making this event special.

20. Mayor's Report

- A. Mayor and Council (re)appointments to Boards and Commissions. This item is for (re)appointments made by the Mayor to any Board, Committee, Authority, or Commission requiring an appointment to fill any vacancies, resignations, and to create or dissolve boards and commissions, as deemed necessary.

21. Council Reports & Discussions

Mayor Easterling gave Kudos to the staff and everyone involved in the planning of the Pigs and Peaches event from August 15-17, 2025.

Councilmember Jones enjoyed the Pigs and Peaches event and relayed that the staff did a great job setting up the event.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferris said the dedication of the staff shined at the Pigs & Peaches event.

Councilmember Orochena said it was a great event and thanked the staff and the Bramlett team, and enjoyed the flash mob.

Councilmember Gutierrez shared that it was an exciting week and thanked the staff for the hard work. He was recently hired as an EMT.

Councilmember Viars congratulated Joe on his lifetime achievement award.

22. Executive Session

Pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A 50-14-3, the City Council could, at any time during the meeting, vote to close the public meeting and move to executive session to discuss matters relating to litigation, legal actions and/or communications from the City Attorney; and/or personnel matters; and/or real estate matters.

23. Adjourn

Mayor Easterling adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m. The next work session will be held on Monday, August 25, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend.

Stacie Walker, Deputy City Clerk

July 2025 Crime Statistics



Group A Crimes	Jul 2025	Jul 2024	YTD 2025	YTD 2024
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	5 (+3)	2	27 (+2)	25
ANIMAL CRUELTY	0 (+0)	0	0 (+0)	0
ARSON	0 (+0)	0	1 (+1)	0
BRIBERY	0 (+0)	0	0 (+0)	0
BURGLARY	3 (+0)	3	18 (-3)	21
DRUG/ NARCOTICS OFFENSES	38 (-2)	40	203 (-23)	226
EMBEZZLEMENT	0 (+0)	0	2 (+0)	2
EXTORTION	1 (+0)	1	9 (-1)	10
FORGERY	0 (-1)	1	9 (+0)	9
FRAUD OFFENSES	9 (-8)	17	99 (+7)	92
HOMICIDE OFFENSES	0 (+0)	0	0 (-1)	1
INTIMIDATION	7 (+5)	2	75 (+34)	41
KIDNAPPING	3 (+3)	0	9 (+0)	9
LARCENY/ THEFT OFFENSES	7 (-6)	13	95 (+11)	84
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2 (-3)	5	20 (+4)	16
PORNOGRAPHY OBSCENE MATERIAL	0 (+0)	0	1 (-5)	6
ROBBERY	1 (+1)	0	4 (+2)	2
SEX OFFENSES	3 (+3)	0	20 (+1)	19
SIMPLE ASSAULT	14 (-2)	16	93 (-45)	138
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	2 (+0)	2	9 (-1)	10
VANDALISM	6 (-6)	12	39 (-9)	48
WEAPONS LAW VIOLATIONS	9 (+4)	5	32 (+6)	26
Totals	110	119	765	785

	Jul 2025	Jul 2024	YTD 2025	YTD 2024
Dispatched Calls for Service	751 (-31)	782	5,235 (-109)	5,344
Self-Initiated Activity	1,671 (+320)	1,351	9,493 (+1,321)	8,172
Traffic Citations	746 (+125)	621	4,128 (+190)	3,938
Traffic Warnings*	978 (+284)	694	5,276 (+1,207)	4,069
Arrests**	77 (-36)	113	557 (-37)	594

	Jul 2025	Jul 2024	YTD 2025	YTD 2024
Auto Accidents	105 (+9)	96	712 (-18)	730
Accident w/ Injury	10 (+6)	4	69 (+11)	58
Hit and Run	8 (-1)	9	84 (+2)	82
Hit and Run w/ Injury	0 (+0)	0	2 (-4)	6
Person Hit by Auto w/ Injury	0 (-1)	1	3 (+0)	3

* Warnings do not include verbal warnings
Arrests do not include juvenile arrests

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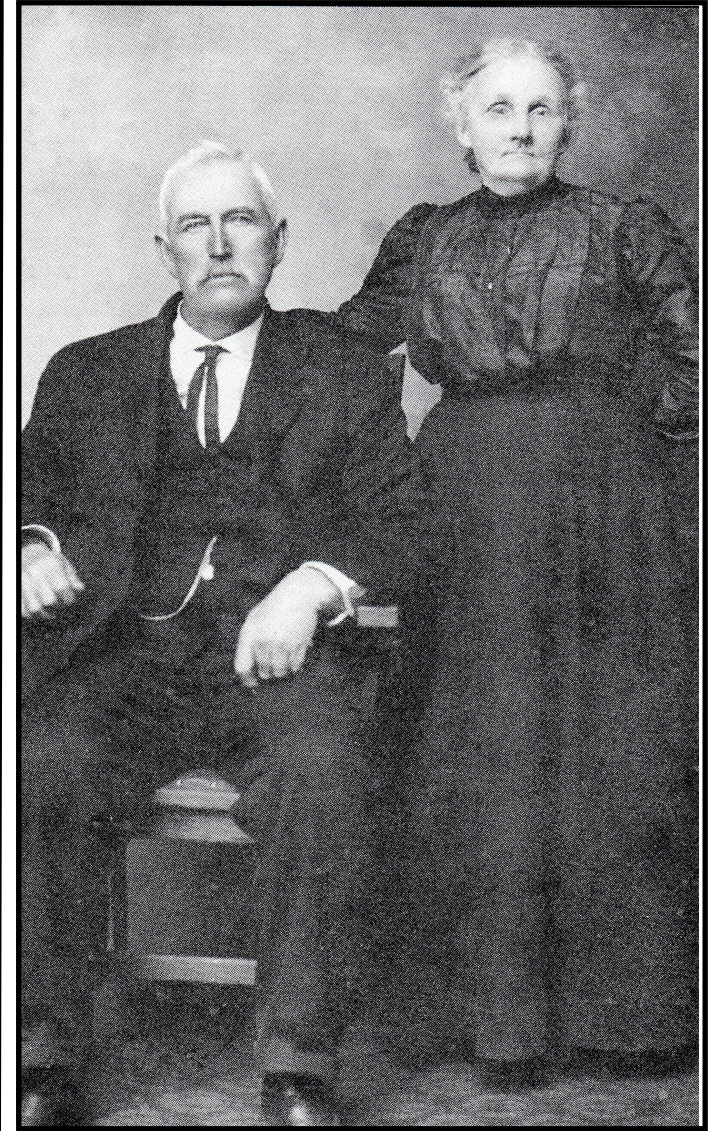
KENNESAW HISTORY

The Skeltons

Because we honored Joe Bozeman earlier tonight, I wanted to focus on Joe's Kennesaw ancestors. The Skeltons have been in Kennesaw from the earliest days of our town, and spread across the area.

Joe's great-great-grandparents, Willis and Sabra Skelton lived here the 1840s, when the community was known as Big Shanty, and their son James was born here in 1848. Willis worked on the Western & Atlantic Railroad, and his son followed in his footsteps. James Skelton was also a witness to the Great Locomotive Chase, was a prison guard at Andersonville during the Civil War, and attended the 1939 premiere of *Gone With the Wind* in Atlanta.

James and his wife, Mary Chalker Skelton, had several children who worked for the railroad. One of these sons was George Skelton, who married Cora Jiles in 1908. George and Cora's daughter Sara (who went by Billie) married Joseph Bozeman Sr. in 1938. The Bozemans were also early settlers of Cobb County with longtime connections to the railroad. Their son, Joe Jr., was born in 1944, and has been an important part of this community for decades.



James A. and Mary Chalker Skelton

Presented by Andrew J. Bramlett at the August 18, 2025,
City of Kennesaw Mayor & Council Meeting

Names and Addresses will be disclosed in the Permanent Minutes of the
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**City Council Meeting
8/18/2025
Public Comment Sign-in**

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