



City of Starke

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Regular Meeting of City Commission Minutes

Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Vice Mayor Mortimer called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Commissioner Overstreet opened the meeting with a time of ²Voluntary Prayer and the ³Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Mayor Mortimer called for ⁴Roll Call. Commissioner Dimple Overstreet was present, Commissioner Danny Nugent was present, Vice Mayor Mortimer was present, Commissioner Bob Milner was absent, and Mayor Andy Redding was absent. Additionally, City Clerk Chrissy Allen-Thompson was present, City Manager Drew Mullins was present, and City Attorney Scott Walker was present. Also in attendance were Fire Chief Jason Clemons, Administrative Assistant Lisa Heeder, and Assistant City Manager – Utilities David Sparks.

Vice Mayor Mortimer asked for ⁵Approval of the Agenda. Vice Mayor Mortimer asked if there were any agenda changes or additions. There were none. Vice Mayor Mortimer entertained a motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Nugent made a motion. Commissioner Overstreet seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Vice Mayor Mortimer asked for the ⁶Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda consisted of: ^{6.a}Minutes of the July 7, 2026 Budget Workshop, ^{6.b}Minutes of the July 7, 2026 Commission Meeting, ^{6.c}Resolution 2026-39 – Authorizing the Submission of a Florida Rural Infrastructure Fund (RIF) Project Planning and Preparation Grant Application, ^{6.d}Resolution 2026-40 Declaring Certain City-Owned Property as Surplus to the Needs of the City, ^{6.e}Community Bash on July 25th 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM – Approval of Road Closure Request, and ^{6.f}Commissioner Bill Review: Commissioner Nugent. Vice Mayor Mortimer entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Nugent made a motion. Commissioner Overstreet seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Vice Mayor Mortimer asked for ⁷Emergency Items. There were none.

Vice Mayor Mortimer asked for ⁸Citizens Request. There was none.

Vice Mayor Mortimer asked for ⁹New Business. City Manager Mullins addressed ^{9.a}Budget Hearings. City Manager stated typically there is a meeting on the first and third Tuesday of the month. That would fall on September 1 and September 15. September 3, 2026 is the date the County gave, so the proposal is to move the first meeting to ^{9.a.i}September 3, 2026 at 5:01 PM. ^{9.a.i.1}Commission Meeting to follow at 5:30 PM (rescheduled from September 1, 2026). The second workshop would be ^{9.a.ii}September 15, 2026 at 5:01 PM. Vice Mayor Mortimer asked if there would be time to advertise. City Manager Mullins advised that is why approval is needed at this meeting. Vice Mayor Mortimer asked if they needed two motions to set these dates. City Manager confirmed. Vice Mayor Mortimer entertained a motion for the first Budget Hearing on

September 3, 2026 at 5:01 PM followed by the Commission Meeting at 5:30 PM. Commissioner Overstreet made a motion. Commissioner Nugent seconded the motion. Vice Mayor Mortimer asked for any questions or comments. Commissioner Nugent asked if everyone was going to be around at that time, all the Commissioners, as they always seem to be coming up short at meetings. Commissioner Nugent stated he will be there for these dates. He was wondering if they would have all five. City Clerk Allen-Thompson advised these dates were set by the State. Vice Mayor Mortimer stated that if they have a quorum, they can do business. Motion passed 3-0. Vice Mayor Mortimer entertained a motion for the second Budget Hearing on September 15, 2026 at 5:01 PM. Commissioner Overstreet made a motion. Commissioner Nugent seconded the motion. Vice Mayor Mortimer asked for any questions or comments. There were none. Motion passed 3-0.

Vice Mayor Mortimer asked for ¹⁰Old Business. There was none.

Vice Mayor Mortimer asked for ¹¹Public Hearings. There were none.

Vice Mayor Mortimer asked for ¹²Quasi-Judicial Hearings. There were none.

Vice Mayor Mortimer asked for ^{13.a}City Manager Report. City Manager Mullins talked about attending the FMEA Conference last week in Palm Beach, stating it was an excellent conference. Commissioner Overstreet and Vice Mayor Mortimer were both there and can both attest to the quality of the conference. Vice Mayor Mortimer asked if Commissioner Overstreet wanted to speak on the conference. Commissioner Overstreet stated that the people she met were fantastic and very informative. She stated she made good connections and was very pleased with the conference. Vice Mayor Mortimer stated the information shared at the conference was very informative and detailed. Every time she walks away from the conference, she walks away with a new level of knowledge of what's going on with the electric side. Vice Mayor Mortimer stated that it's important that those sitting up there making decisions that affect the citizens' electrical systems need to know what they are talking about. She encouraged her colleagues to attend in the future if schedules allow. City Manager Mullins advised the City of Starke won the FMPA Award for reliability which makes the fourth year for keeping under 60 minutes for restoration time. Vice Mayor Mortimer advised that Assistant City Manager – Utilities Sparks and Electric Supervisor Warren were there to receive the award, which she stated was appropriate since they are the folks that do the line work.

Vice Mayor Mortimer asked for ^{13.b}City Clerk Report. City Clerk Allen-Thompson handed out a calendar of events and reminded the Commissioners of some events coming up. The Back to School Bash would be on Saturday and there were several fundraising events happening that week. The ARC has one and so did Communities in Schools, if anyone could attend.

Vice Mayor Mortimer asked for ^{13.c}Public Safety. Vice Mayor Mortimer stated we received our Public Service Report at the last meeting.

Vice Mayor Mortimer asked for ^{13.d}City Attorney Report. Attorney Walker had nothing to report.

Vice Mayor Mortimer asked for ¹⁴Commissioner Reports. ^{14.a}Commissioner Overstreet had nothing to report. ^{14.b}Commissioner Milner was absent. ^{14.c}Commissioner Nugent had nothing to report. ^{14.d}Vice Mayor Mortimer took the opportunity to share some information with everyone.

Vice Mayor Mortimer read a letter and passed it to City Clerk Allen-Thompson to become part of the official record. *“July 21, 2026. Dear Commissioners and City Clerk. Please accept this letter as formal notification that I am resigning from my position on the Starke City Commission representing District 2, effective August 1, 2026. It has been an absolute honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Starke during my time on the Commission. I am incredibly proud of the progress we have made together to improve our infrastructure, support local businesses, and strengthen our community. I want to express my deepest gratitude to my fellow commissioners, all city staff, city attorney, city clerk, city manager and, most importantly, the residents of District 2 for their trust, collaboration, and support throughout my tenure. I must also express my heartfelt thanks to my family, especially my sisters Janet and Cynthia for your unwavering support, patience, and sacrifices. You have been by my side every step of the way. You have been my foundation and made my public service possible. Additionally, I am deeply grateful to my close personal friends (you know who you are) whose steady encouragement and counsel have sustained me during my time in office. Thank you all. To ensure that the residents of District 2 continue to have a direct voice in their local government, I respectfully request that the City Commission call a special election to fill this vacancy as soon as feasibly possible. Allowing citizens to choose their next representative is vital to maintaining the democratic process and ensuring proper representation for our district. As I step down, I want to strongly encourage our community members to get involved, attend meetings, and actively use their voice in local government. Democracy thrives when citizens participate, and your engagement is vital to shaping the future of Starke. I pray God's blessing for each of you, and I wish the City of Starke and the Commission continued success in all future endeavors and service to our citizens.”* Attorney Walker stated it has been an absolute pleasure working with Vice Mayor Mortimer as a public servant and holds her with highest regards. Attorney Walker congratulated her on a job well done and with the next step in life, and stated that he is happy for her. Attorney Walker presented flowers to Vice Mayor Mortimer. City Clerk Allen-Thompson stated she would be missed and it had been a pleasure and honor to work together. Vice Mayor Mortimer's sister stated Vice Mayor Mortimer has put everything into the work that she's done for the City of Starke, and most particularly for District 2. She stated she is so proud of Vice Mayor Mortimer and that there could not have been a better voice for the citizens of District 2 than Janice Davis Mortimer. Commissioner Overstreet stated she knows the steps she is taking, and she knows they are hard. City Manager Mullins stated that at times they had disagreements, but at the end of the day, she believed in what is right for the City. She fought for her district, she fought for the City, and he admires her for that. He said he cannot express how much he appreciates what she's done on Commission, all her years of service, advice (whether or not he took it), but that he did appreciate it. Commissioner Nugent stated he was surprised and would miss Vice Mayor Mortimer a lot because she was one of the stable ones that he knew. She always came prepared for meetings, and he likes people to be prepared. He really appreciated her dedication. Vice Mayor Mortimer appreciated all the remarks. ^{14.e} Mayor Redding was absent.

Vice Mayor Mortimer entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Nugent made a motion. Commissioner Overstreet seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 PM.