



# *Agenda*

City Council Meeting

April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

6:30 pm

Baldwin Municipal Courtroom, 155 Willingham Avenue, Baldwin, GA 30511

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## *Call Meeting to Order*

## *Invocation and Pledge*

## *Consent Agenda*

- a. Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting 4/14/25 and Special Called Meeting 4/24/25.

## *Public Comments*

## *Public Hearings*

## *Reports*

Police Department - Chief Chris Jones

## *Old Business*

1. Consideration/Approval of Habersham County Library Board Request

## *New Business*

2. Discussion of Rescheduling June 23<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting

## *Executive Session*

## *Announcements*

- a. The April screening of *The Wild Robot* for Theron's Theater has been rescheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup> due to inclement weather on the original date. The screening will begin at 8:00 pm at the TAP Yard.
- b. Public Safety Day will be Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. This free event is for all ages, with demonstrations and activities regarding public safety.
- c. Join us for Theron's Theater (previously Movies in the Market) at the TAP Yard on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 pm for a free screening of *Moana 2!* Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy a night under the stars with your friends and family! Concessions are available with all proceeds going to Shop with a Hero.

## *Adjournment*

*\*\*The City of Baldwin will provide reasonable accommodations whenever needed for those participating in a City Council meeting. Please notify the City Clerk as early as possible prior to a meeting to ensure accommodations can be made in a smooth and timely fashion.*



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Clarkesville, GA 30523  
706-754-4413



Cornelia – Habersham  
301 North Main Street  
Cornelia, GA 30531  
706-778-2635

April 10, 2025

Dear Mayor Almagno,

We are writing to request financial support for your Habersham County Libraries. Rising operational costs, particularly in relation to significant increases to employer health insurance premiums, have placed additional financial strain on our libraries. Retaining and recruiting skilled employees is vital to providing quality educational programs and knowledgeable support for our patrons.

We are respectfully requesting an annual contribution of \$5,000. In FY 24 our expenses for six full-time staff members to have access to the State Health Benefit Plan were \$69,696. In FY 25 we saw that increase to \$96,228. The projection for FY 26 is \$135,720. These rates are set by the State of Georgia.

The services offered by our libraries remain an essential aspect of our community. Through story times for children, book clubs for adults, and access to print and digital materials we provide critical support for literacy. We are a community-driven environment where patrons can connect with each other through shared ideas, interests, and experiences.

Thank you for your continued dedication to serving the people of Habersham County. We appreciate you considering our request. For additional information, please contact Shawna Meers-Ernst (Clarkesville Library) [smeers-ernst@negeorgialibraries.org](mailto:smeers-ernst@negeorgialibraries.org) or Josh Smith (Cornelia Library) [jsmith@negeorgialibraries.org](mailto:jsmith@negeorgialibraries.org).

Sincerely,

Perry R. Rettig, Ph.D.  
Habersham County Library Board, Chair

