

August 19, 2025

Pre-Council meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Mayor W. Keith Varner at Mulga Town Hall.

Council members present: Jeremy Davis, Lisa Armstrong, Lelan Taylor, and Rachel Davis.

Council members absent: Brenda Zinnerman

Visitors: Gage Kelley and Sgt. M. Bassett-JCSO

District 1: Have we sent a letter to 305 Walnut?

Mayor: We sent a letter. We may have to proceed to the next step in the process.

District 1: 121 Front Street has declined again.

The ditches have grass growing in them.

Where are we at with the bucket truck?

Mayor: We should get it back within the next few weeks.

District 2: Absent

District 3: 206 Forest Ave has declined.

District 4: The mirror near Front St and Bayview Dr needs to be cleaned.

The whole town looks amazing & well-manicured.

District 5: We need to work on cutting the empty lots that we cleared off.

We need to send a letter to 322 Railroad; their yard is overgrown.

Mayor: We applied for a grant from Alabama Power. We got approved. The amount is \$2,500.00 and will be used towards welcome signs at the town entrances.

I am going to reach out to the land owner between us and Maytown again. We are hoping to resolve this out of court.

Council meeting called to order at 6:26 p.m. by W. Keith Varner at the Mulga Town Hall.

Invocation by Lelan Taylor, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lisa Armstrong makes a motion to approve the 8/15/25 minutes, as written. Seconded by Lelan Taylor. Roll call vote:

District 1: Yes

District 2: Absent

District 3: Yes

District 4: Yes

District 5: Yes

Mayor: Yes

Jeremy Davis makes a motion to approve the bills for payment. Seconded by Lisa Armstrong. Roll call vote:

District 1: Yes

District 2: Absent

District 3: Yes

District 4: Yes

District 5: Yes

Mayor: Yes

Sgt. M. Banks: I am new to the area. I just took over as shift commander. I am just visiting different town's council meetings.

District 4: Let's discuss the block party. What went well and what we could improve on. I got great feedback on us giving out 200 food/shaved ice tickets. Could we give out more next year?

Mayor: We came in under budget. So, I do think that we can do more tickets next year.

We could do better about not allowing vehicles to leave once they are in the blocked off area. Just so no one is driving through the crowd. Each vendor made no less than \$300 each. We can improve on parking next year and have a designated pickup location.

District 4: There was a long line for the food truck. Maybe we could do two food trucks next year. Maybe we could also provide a tent or shade over the picnic tables.

Mayor: The overall layout was really good.

District 4: Maybe we could have signs next year that say "free backpacks" or whatever.

Did you all discuss the hours for next year?

Mayor: We did. We will most likely shorten the hours next year. I was disappointed that the Red Cross didn't come out.

District 5: It would be nice if we had a kid identification program come next year.

Gage Kelley: I had a coworker from Gardendale come to the block party. They loved it. I have received very positive feedback.

District 1: What is the verdict on the old masonic lodge? Are we going to get it cleaned up?

Mayor: We will do a demolition list in the near future.

District 2: Absent

District 3: Nothing

District 4: Nothing

District 5: Nothing

Mayor: I propose that we amend the water & gas fee chart. We need to add system development fees.

I propose the following fees:

Bore:

1/2"-1" \$48.00/foot

2"-\$60.00/foot

4"-\$75.00/foot

System Development Fees:

1"-\$1,500.00

2"-\$6,000.00

4"-\$15,000.00

6"-\$30,000.00

8"-\$50,000.00

Lee Taylor makes a motion to accept the amendments to the water & gas fee chart to include system development fees and bore fees. Seconded by Lisa Armstong, Roll call vote:

District 1: Yes

District 2: Absent

District 3: Yes

District 4: Yes

District 5: Yes

Mayor: Yes

Mayor: There are two AWWA conferences coming up. There is one in Tacoma, WA on November 8-14, 2025. And, in Reno, NV on October 6-10, 2025. The Tacoma, WA conference cost is \$760/each plus hotel and airfare.

Rachel Davis makes a motion to approve \$760/each plus hotel and airfare for two to attend the, November 8-14, 2025, AWWA conference in Tacoma, WA. Seconded by Jeremy Davis. Roll call vote:

District 1: Yes

District 2: Absent

District 3: Yes

District 4: Yes

District 5: Yes

Mayor: Yes

Resolution No. 2025-27

A resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into a supplier agreement with the Alabama Department of Economic And Community Affairs in order to participate in the Low- Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

Lisa Armstrong makes a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-27. Seconded by Rachel Davis. Roll call vote:

District 1: Yes

District 2: Absent

District 3: Yes

District 4: Yes

District 5: Yes

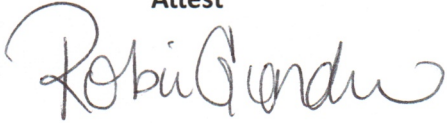
Mayor: Yes

District 5: Have we started looking at the budget so that we don't get behind?

Mayor: We haven't started. But, we will soon.

Lisa Armstrong makes a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Rachel Davis. All in favor.

Attest

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robin Giardina".

Robin Giardina
Town Clerk

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. Keith Varner".

W. Keith Varner
Mayor