



**TOWN OF BOWLING GREEN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING- FY27 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING &
RATE SETTING**

MINUTES

**Thursday, May 28, 2026
6:00 PM**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Mayor Tina Gambill called the Town Council Meeting to order at 6:01 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Tina Gambill, Vice-Mayor Valarie Coyle, Councilmember Jean Davis, Councilmember Dan Webb, Councilmember John Chinault, Councilmember David Storke, Councilmember Randy Hageman, Councilmember Jeff Voit

Staff Members Present:

India Adams-Jacobs, Town Manager/Clerk; Tomeka Morgan, Interim Town Treasurer; Shawn Fortune, Director of Public Works; Jeffrey Smith, Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

- Mayor Gambill requested a roll call. All members of Town Council were present, and a quorum was established.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Vice-Mayor Valarie Coyle motioned to amend the agenda to add an item under New Business for the Ennis Street emergency repair and to renumber the subsequent items. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jeff Voit and carried unanimously by right-hand raise.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. PUBLIC HEARING- Proposed FY27 Budget and Tax Rates
 - Mayor Gambill opened the public hearing for the proposed FY27 budget and tax rates at 6:03 PM. Mayor Gambill invited public comment, with each speaker to identify themselves and provide their name and address. There being no public comment, Mayor Gambill closed the public comment period and closed the public hearing at 6:05 PM.
2. PUBLIC HEARING- Budget Amendment

- Mayor Gambill opened the public hearing for the budget amendment at 6:05 PM. Mayor Gambill invited public comment. There being no public comment, Mayor Gambill closed the public comment period and closed the public hearing at 6:05 PM.

3. Ennis Street Emergency Repair

- India Adams-Jacobs, Town Manager, presented the Ennis Street emergency repair item and explained that the Town's ongoing preventative camera work and sewer line investigations had identified a section of sewer line on Ennis Street in need of immediate repair. The Town Manager advised that staff recommended approval of the emergency repair, including a point repair and cured-in-place pipelining in adjacent high- and very high-priority areas, with work potentially beginning as early as the following Monday, weather permitting. Shawn Fortune, Director of Public Works, responded to questions from Council regarding the CCTV review, the condition and flow of the line, prior backups, the relationship of the affected area to Courthouse Lane and nearby streets, and the approximate depth of the line.
- Councilmember David Storke motioned to approve the emergency sewer repair for Ennis Street and to authorize Langford Excavating & Utilities LLC to perform emergency repairs and proceed with installation of cured-in-place pipelining in the very high- and high-priority areas adjacent to the Ennis Street area, with funding for the emergency projects to come from the most recent 2026 utility debt issuance funding. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Randy Hageman and carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 3 MINUTES PER INDIVIDUAL

- Mayor Gambill opened the floor for public comment. There being no public comment, Mayor Gambill closed the public comment period.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

None.

STAFF REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS:

4. FY27 Proposed Budget Overview, India Adams-Jacobs, Town Manager

- India Adams-Jacobs, Town Manager, presented a brief overview of the proposed FY27 budget and reviewed the budget presentation included in the Council packet. The Town Manager noted that the proposed FY27 budget included no proposed water rate increase, no proposed sewer rate increase, no proposed real estate tax increase, and no proposed personal property tax increase. She advised that the budget included a 4% increase for solid waste and refuse services from GFL and reviewed the distribution of Town tax dollars across departments and funds, including water and sewer, public works, finance, Town Council, Town Manager, police, general services, capital activities, and the Economic Development Authority. The Town Manager stated that the proposed FY27 total budget expenditure for all funds was \$8,568,524 and noted that the required budget notices had been advertised in The Free Lance-Star on May 12 and May 20. She further advised that rate setting was scheduled for Council action at the meeting and that final budget approval, adoption, and appropriation would be before Council at the following Thursday's meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

5. Proposed Water & Sewer Rate Ordinance, India Adams-Jacobs, Town Manager
 - India Adams-Jacobs, Town Manager, presented Ordinance No. 26-04, the water and sewer rate ordinance, for Council consideration and adoption. Council noted that there were no changes from the ordinance as presented.
 - Councilmember Jeff Voit motioned to adopt the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Randy Hageman and carried unanimously by roll-call vote.
6. Rate Setting- Action Item
 - Town Council considered the rate-setting action item. Council noted that the proposed rates remained unchanged except for the solid waste collection increase.
 - Councilmember Jeff Voit motioned to adopt the rates as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jean Davis and carried unanimously by roll-call vote.
7. Budget Amendment, Tomeka Morgan, Interim Town Treasurer
 - Tomeka Morgan, Interim Town Treasurer, presented the budget amendment request in the amount of \$ 1,008,062.50. Ms. Morgan explained that the amendment would provide supplemental appropriation to complete year-end items, clean up related entries, and account for infrastructure repair costs that occurred across the year, with the amendment to be covered by proceeds from the utility debt issuance.
 - Councilmember Jeff Voit motioned to approve the budget amendment as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Randy Hageman and carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 3 MINUTES PER INDIVIDUAL

- Mayor Gambill opened the floor for public comment. There being no public comment, Mayor Gambill closed the public comment period.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

ACTION FOLLOWING CLOSED MEETING:

ADJOURNMENT:

- Councilmember Jeff Voit motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Valarie Coyle and carried unanimously by right-hand raise. The meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM.

Attest:

Mayor: Tina Gambill
Tina Gambill

Clerk: India Adams-Jacobs
India Adams-Jacobs, MPA, ICMA-CM