



City Council Special Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Jefferson City Municipal Building

1. Call to Order

Opening Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Mitch Cain

Vice Mayor Kevin Bunch

Councilwoman Ailene Combs

Councilman Rocky Melton

Councilwoman Sheala Purkey

Also present were James Gallup, City Manager; Robert Burts, City Attorney; and Bettina Chandler, City Recorder.

3. Citizen Comments (Citizens should state their name, address, and limit comments to five minutes.)

There were no comments.

4. New Business

a. **Approve on First Reading** Ordinance 2026-03 to Levy a Tax on All Taxable Property Within the Corporate Limits of Jefferson City

Motion made by Councilman Melton, Seconded by Vice Mayor Bunch to approve Ordinance 2026-03 on first reading. The tax levy rate would remain the same at \$1.20.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cain, Vice Mayor Bunch, Councilwoman Combs, Councilman Melton
Voting Nay: Councilwoman Purkey

b. **Approve on First Reading** Ordinance 2026-04 Adopting the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027

Mr. Gallup and Ms. Chandler reviewed the budgets and fund balances for the General, Sanitation, Street Aid, Drug and Water Sewer Funds.

Mr. Gallup said there is still a budgetary question regard the lack of payment from Carson Newman University for police services. Mr. Robert Key from the University addressed the situation with the Council.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Bunch, Seconded by Councilwoman Combs to approve on first reading Ordinance 2026-04.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cain, Vice Mayor Bunch, Councilwoman Combs, Councilman Melton, Councilwoman Purkey

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm.