



City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

July 06, 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 5:07pm.

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. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings

Motion made by Councilman Melton, Seconded by Councilwoman Combs to approve both sets of minutes.

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

- a. Minutes from June 1, 2026 Regular Meeting
- b. Minutes from June 16, 2026 Special Meeting

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

Mr. Jimmy Summers, 807 Windstone, spoke against the ordinance prohibiting U-turns. He said there was a green right hand turn light coming south on Chucky Pike at the same time there was a green left turn light coming east on Highway 11-E.

Mr. Jeff Brown, business owner on Meadow Springs, also spoke against the proposed ordinance. He said this would impact traffic patterns in the area.

Ms. Shelia Parlier, resident on Clinch View Circle, also spoke against the proposed ordinance. She said that the City allowed Pal's to be built without a turn in lane or other accommodations. Since then, there have been problems getting out of their subdivision.

5. Communications from the Mayor

Mayor Cain thanked the Parks & Recreation Department for the Independence Day celebration at Roy Harmon Park. He reported that sales tax was down .57%.

6. Reports from Committees, Council Members, and other Officers

- a. Building/Codes/Planning Department Monthly Report.** Receive a report from Jeff Houston, Building Inspector, concerning a summary of the department's activity for June 2026.
- b. Fire Department Monthly Report.** Receive a report from Lee Turner, Fire Chief, concerning a summary of the department's activity for June 2026.
- c. Parks and Recreation Monthly Report.** Receive a report from Kevin Bolden, Parks & Recreation Director, concerning a summary of the department's activity of June 2026.
- d. Police Department/City Court Monthly Report.** Receive a report from Andy Dossett, Police Chief, concerning a summary of the department's activity for June 2026.
- e. Public Works Monthly Report.** Receive a report from Porter Massengill, Public Works Director, concerning a summary of the department's activity for June 2026.
- f. City Manager Monthly Report.** Receive a report from James Gallup, City Manager, concerning a summary of his activity for June 2026.

Mr. Gallup reminded the Council that the ORNL Groundbreaking will be Thursday, July 9th. The next movie night would be on July 17th. TDOT has said that they will be making some repairs to Highway 11-E soon, and that a complete repaving is scheduled for next summer.

7. Appointments

- a. Appoint** Michelle Templin to the Jefferson Healthcare Foundation Board by Council appointment for a three-year term.

Mayor Cain said that initially Ms. Templin did not wish to be reappointed due to family commitments, but has contacted the City to say that she would be willing to continue to serve.

Motion made by Councilwoman Purkey, Seconded by Councilwoman Combs to reappoint Ms. Templin.

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

- b. Appoint** David Hensley, Wayne Hinkle and Don Miller to the Industrial Development Board by Council appointment for a six-year term.

Mayor Cain said that Mr. Miller has served as chairman on the Board for many years. Mr. Hinkle and Mr. Hensley are both officers on the Board as well.

Motion made by Councilwoman Purkey, Seconded by Councilman Melton to reappoint Mr. Hensley, Mr. Hinkle and Mr. Miller.

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

8. Acceptance of Bids/Professional Services/Leases/Grants

a. Approve request to add IT and Low Voltage Wiring for Fire Station 2

Motion made by Councilman Melton, Seconded by Vice Mayor Bunch to approve the request.

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

b. Approve Change Orders #9, #10 and #12 to Fire Station #2

Motion made by Councilwoman Combs, Seconded by Councilwoman Purkey to approve the change orders.

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

c. Approve purchase of Police Vehicles for FY 26-27

Motion made by Councilman Melton, Seconded by Vice Mayor Bunch to approve the purchase.

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

d. Approve request to Clean Sedimentation Basins at Water Plant

Motion made by Councilman Melton, Seconded by Councilwoman Purkey to approve the request.

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

e. Approve purchase of a Brush Hawg Boom Truck for Sanitation Department

Motion made by Councilwoman Combs, Seconded by Councilwoman Purkey to approve the purchase.

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

9. Old Business

a. Approve on Second Reading Ordinance 2026-07 Prohibiting U-Turns at the Median of Highway 11-E at the Intersections of Clinchview Circle and Chucky Pike

Motion made by Vice Mayor Bunch, Seconded by Mayor Cain to approve the Ordinance 2026-07 on second reading.

Councilman Melton said that he did not support this idea. Councilwoman Combs asked if it was legal to make a U-turn at the Chucky Pike intersection. City Manager Gallup said that according to the Tennessee Drivers' Handbook, U-turns were illegal at any intersection with a traffic light. Vice-Mayor Bunch asked for a roll call.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cain, Vice Mayor Bunch, Councilwoman Combs

Voting Nay: Councilman Melton

Voting Abstaining: Councilwoman Purkey

10. New Business

- a. Approve** Resolution 2026-15 Authorizing an Extension of the Mowing and Maintenance of City Properties

Motion made by Vice Mayor Bunch, Seconded by Councilman Melton to approve Resolution 2026-15.

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

- b. Approve** Resolution 2026-16 Authorizing Participation in the Certified Tennessee Downtowns Program and Committing to meet the Program Requirements

Motion made by Councilwoman Combs, Seconded by Vice Mayor Bunch to approve Resolution 2026-16.

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

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46pm. The Council stayed to meet in Executive Session.