



# City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

February 02, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Jefferson City Municipal Building

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## 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

Councilwoman Sheala Purkey

ABSENT

Councilman Rocky Melton

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

## 3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings

### a. Minutes from January 5, 2026 Meeting

Motion made by Vice Mayor Bunch, Seconded by Councilwoman Purkey to approve the minutes as written.

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

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

Mr. Randall Crossing said he owns property at 711 Summit Street. Mr. Mike Nichols has been the tenant for 7 years. The residence has been without water for about 2 weeks, and they live on the street behind the water tank.

Ms. Johnson of 1307 Shenoa Drive said they don't have water. They have had low pressure for a long time.

## 5. Communications from the Mayor

Mayor Cain said the sales tax revenue has been steady. He reminded the council to complete the City Manager evaluations by February 9th. He encourage citizens to complete the recreation survey on the City's website. The contractor providing trash & recycling has moved services one day forward this week.

He thanked the City employees for their efforts during the last week. All the crews have been busy keeping the City going: utilities, streets, police, fire.

## 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 January 2026.

b. **Fire Department Monthly Report.** Receive a report from Lee Turner, Fire Chief, concerning a summary of the department's activity for January 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 January 2026.

Mr. Bolden said that the installers arrived today to review the construction site for the new playground. Construction will begin when weather allows.

d. **Police Department/City Court Monthly Report.** Receive a report from Andy Dossett, Police Chief, concerning a summary of the department's activity for January 2026.

e. **Public Works Monthly Report.** Receive a report from Porter Massengill, Public Works Director, concerning a summary of the department's activity for January 2026.

f. **City Manager Monthly Report.** Receive a report from James Gallup, City Manager, concerning a summary of his activity for January 2026.

Mr. Gallup reported the City hosted a public hearing for the upcoming 2026 CDBG with E.T.D.D. with sidewalk improvements being a main topic. McGill and Associates is working a phased plan for a sports complex. Planning has begun for the Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration.

Mr. Gallup addressed the water situation by saying the the water plant was not producing water as projected. The City should be producing 5.3 million gallons per day and was producing 4.3 million gallons per day. We have been supplying New Market and Shady Grove, and they have supplies in their water tanks. One worry is that cutting off New Market Utilities could affect the hospital.

## 7. Appointments

a. **Appoint** Mark Ritter to the Jefferson City Housing Authority by Mayoral appointment for a five-year term.

Mayor Cain appointed Mark Ritter to the Jefferson City Housing Authority for a five-year term.

b. **Appoint** Don Miller to the Jefferson Memorial Hospital City/County Oversight Board by Mayoral appointment with Council confirmation for a three-year term.

Mayor Cain appointed Don Miller to the Jefferson Memorial Hospital City/County Oversight Board.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Bunch, Seconded by Councilwoman Combs to confirm the appointment.

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

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

**a. Approve** Change Order #7 for Fire Station 2

Motion made by Vice Mayor Bunch, Seconded by Councilwoman Purkey to approve Change Order #7.

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

**9. Old Business**

**a. Approve on Second Reading** Ordinance 2026-01 An Ordinance Amending the Operating Budget for the FY 2025-26

Motion made by Councilwoman Combs, Seconded by Councilwoman Purkey to approve Ordinance 2026-01 on second reading.

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

**10. New Business**

**11. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19pm.