



City Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 6:00 PM

The Tom Hardin Room – 100 Public Square, Mount Pleasant, TN

1. Call to Order

Mayor White called the meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance / Invocation

Commissioner Knowles led the pledge of allegiance. Commissioner Johnston gave the invocation.

3. Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Bill White
Vice Mayor Willie Alderson
Commissioner Mike Davis
Commissioner Pam Johnston
Commissioner Loree Knowles

4. Approval / Correction of Minutes from Prior Meetings

A. Public Hearing - Annexation Trotwood/Zion - 9/11/2025

Mayor White asked for approval of the minutes from the Public Hearing - Annexation Trotwood/Zion on September 11, 2025.

Commissioner Knowles made a motion to accept all the minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Johnston. Motion passed. All were in favor.

Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Knowles

B. Study Session - September 11, 2025

Mayor White asked for approval of the minutes for the Study Session Meeting on September 11, 2025.

Commissioner Knowles made a motion to accept all the minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Johnston. Motion passed. All were in favor.

Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Knowles

C. Special Called Meeting - September 11, 2025

Mayor White asked for approval of the minutes from the Special Called Meeting on September 11, 2025.

Commissioner Knowles made a motion to accept all the minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Johnston. Motion passed. All were in favor.

Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Knowles

D. Regular Session - September 16, 2025

Mayor White asked for approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting on September 16, 2025.

Commissioner Knowles made a motion to accept all the minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Johnston. Motion passed. All were in favor.

Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Knowles

5. Awards/Presentations/Appointments

There were no awards, presentations or appointments.

6. Completion / Review of Unfinished Business from prior meeting

There was no unfinished business.

7. Monthly report from Mayor

Mayor White stated the BBQ Festival was a huge success. He said they had a great Friday night with the car show they had about 75. Saturday started for some of them at 6:00 am and finished up about 5:00 pm and there was a great crowd. He just wanted to say thank you to everybody that volunteered and everybody that was there. It took a lot of folks and a lot of work. He and Phillip talked about maybe getting the linemen that really got everything working out there for them with the Power System and buying them lunch one day. Al and everybody in the management of the Power System said they didn't do it please thank the people who did it. That is the reason a lot of that is working out there right now. He thanked everybody for their support and particularly those that came and worked and it was work.

8. Monthly Financial / Budget report

Mrs. Cox stated the biggest item she has is the gas rates. The first reading is tonight they had a presentation at the Study Session. They will have more time to review them between now and the November meeting. She stated if they have any questions or concerns let her know. When they get to the actual ordinance Phillip may have more comments on it. She discussed some of the training for the Commissioners to do on their own time and still get a certificate. The goal is to meet the hours that are required for their term. She also stated the property tax files came in last month and they are about \$2,097,000 this year.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Alderson to accept the financial report as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Knowles.

Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Knowles. All were in favor. Motion passed.

9. Monthly report from City Manager

Mr. Grooms had a couple of bullet points he presented. The first on Tuesday, October 14th the Planning Commission approved the traffic signal design for the intersection of North Main Street, Zion Road and Polk Lane. He discussed these bullet points for them.

Commissioners discussed. For more details refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

Mr. Grooms stated the Employment Spotlight is Officer Cory England. He has a distinguished career in law enforcement going back to 1998. Officer England has spent the past three years serving our community in the Mount Pleasant Police Department. He plays a vital role in managing fleet operations and was instrumental when launching our Citizen's Police Academy.

10. Special reports from other City Departments or Committees if applicable

A. Wastewater Liaison Report - Barge Design Monthly Report

Mr. Grooms stated the full report is in their packets. He pointed out some highlights of the report.

Commissioners discussed. For more details refer to the audio/video recording attached to the agenda.

Mayor White asked when the opening is.

Mr. Grooms stated the opening is Wednesday, October 29th at 9:00 am.

B. Mount Pleasant Gas System Report

Mr. Grooms stated we have the first ordinance reading tonight. They are working with EDA on the grant application with Lori Fisher and Maury Alliance to upgrade the gas gate at Cherry Glen. Still working with the Comptroller on the Letter of Credit for the Munigas Program.

11. New Business

(Comments from citizens may or may not be included, dependent on the issues.)

A. Ordinance 2025-1136 - (First Reading) - An Ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the City of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee as set forth in Title 12, Chapter 1 regarding an update to current codes.

Mrs. Jones stated the purpose of this ordinance is to adopt the 2024 versions of the listed codes.

International building code

International fuel gas code

International mechanical code

International plumbing code

International property maintenance code

International swimming pool and spa code

International energy conservation code

International residential code

And to make certain modifications to those codes as adopted. This is first reading.

Mrs. Jones stated Chris and his department have gone through these and picked the modifications they wanted to make. The ones adopted right now are 2018.

Mr. Brooks stated we are trying to piggyback off the State Fire Marshall's Office and we have amended some of the codes within the 21 codes that they have adopted. So, we are just going to kind of follow suit and use those amended codes so that we're within check with them. You can't go below the codes, but you can go above them.

Commissioners discussed. For more details refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Alderson to accept Ordinance 2025-1136 as presented.

Seconded by Commissioner Johnston.

Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Knowles. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- B. Ordinance 2025-1137 - (First Reading) - An Ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the City of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee as set forth in Title 7, Chapter 2 regarding an update to current Fire Codes.

Mrs. Jones stated the purpose of this ordinance is to adopt the 2024 edition of the International Fire Code and certain appendices that they have chosen. No other changes to the ordinances.

Mayor White asked Fire Chief Stewart if he had anything to add.

Fire Chief Stewart stated the same thing that Chris said they are following what the State's guidelines are.

Commissioners discussed. For more details refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Johnston to accept Ordinance 2025-1137 as presented.

Seconded by Vice Mayor Alderson.

Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Knowles. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- C. Ordinance 2025-1138 - An Ordinance to amend Title 19, Chapter 3 of the Mount Pleasant Municipal Code relating to Gas.

Mrs. Jones stated the purpose of this ordinance is to update certain sections of the gas code.

19-305. Connection Charges

The city will provide a gas connection, or tap, and a $\frac{3}{4}$ " gas meter at the cost of three-hundred dollars (\$300) to new residential and commercial gas customers within the current gas system service.

Currently the tap and the first 50 ft of connection line are free.

All customers requesting a larger gas meter or tap will have to submit to the Utility Department for review.

Upgraded tap, service line, and meter fees shall be set by the city manager and the gas inspector, based on the cost of equipment, labor, and materials furnished.

It increases the cost of gas connection lines from \$1.50 per foot to \$5.00 per foot.

19-306. Customer maintenance charge.

A customer maintenance fee will be charged to residential, commercial, and industrial customers.

The rates are:

Residential -- \$5

Commercial -- \$25

Industrial -- \$75

The previous rate was \$5 for everyone

19-307. Schedule of rates.

Changes the definition of Product Cost to say, "including discretionary portion of monthly fluctuating gas discount."

This applies to firm or fixed rate customers only

19-309. Customer billing and payment policy

Removes the \$25.00 service fee because we already have a \$75.00 reconnection fee.

A comparison of the current language and the new language will be included in your packet for reference. This is first reading.

Commissioners discussed. For more details refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Alderson to accept Ordinance 2025-1138 as presented.
Seconded by Commissioner Johnston.

Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Knowles. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- D. Resolution 2025-48 - A Resolution calling for a public hearing on the proposed annexation of territory into the City of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee by owner consent and approving a plan of services.

Mrs. Jones stated the purpose of this resolution is to set a public hearing on the annexation and the plan of services. It does not annex the property or adopt the plan of services. It sets the public hearing for both and approves the plan of services that will be considered at that public hearing and included in the notices. This resolution sets forth the territory proposed for annexation and includes the plan of services. It also outlines the public notices that will be set. You all considered a resolution setting the public hearing once before, this one is for the same purpose but is different because number one the public notices cited in the resolution are corrected. Number two the legal descriptions of the property to be annexed include the portions of Old Zion Road extension that runs between the property identified on Tax Maps 3, Parcel 29.06 and property identified as Tax Map 3, Parcel 29.00 and it excludes the portions of all three parcels in the road that is in the city limits of Columbia. She got up later to show them that. She continued to explain the resolution. The date of the public hearing in their draft resolution is left blank. Before they vote on this resolution, she needs them to choose a date for the public hearing. She sent them all an email with the dates. The dates that she proposes are December 2nd, December 8th, December 11th, or December 16th. Her preference would be December 8th at the earliest.

Commissioners discussed. For more details refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

Mayor White asked for a motion to set December 8th at 6:00 pm as a Public Hearing with no vote.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Alderson to accept Resolution 2025-48 with the date of December 8th set for the public hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Johnston.

Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Knowles

Voting Nay: Commissioner Davis, Motion passed 4-1.

- E. Resolution 2025-49 - A Resolution authorizing the City of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee to participate in Public Entity Partners "Safety Partners" Matching Grant Program.

Mr. Grooms stated this is a Public Entity Partners grant it is matching 50/50 and what they bought with it were utility workers boots. It was for \$2,000 and our part was \$2,000.

Commissioners discussed. For more details refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Johnston to approve Resolution 2025-49 as presented.
Seconded by Vice Mayor Alderson.

Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Knowles. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- F. Resolution 2025-50 - A Resolution of the City of Mount Pleasant to accept awarded grant from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for Critical Lifesaving Equipment.

Mr. Jones stated the City applied for and was awarded funds from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to purchase new fire safety equipment. The grant is specifically for an Amkus Spreader, a Cutter, a Ram, Extended Reach Tips and Accessories valued at almost \$40,000.00. The purpose of this resolution is to accept the award and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents needed to get the money.

Mr. Grooms stated the Jaws of Life is 100% no matching.

Commissioners discussed. For more details refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Johnston to accept Resolution 2025-50 as presented and be very grateful. Seconded by Vice Mayor Alderson.

Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Knowles. All were in favor. Motion passed.

G. Resolution 2025-51 - A Resolution authorizing the City to accept funds from the Tennessee Highway Safety Office Grant Program.

Mr. Grooms stated this is the Police Department, they were awarded \$9,988 100% no matching funds and this is for laptops for patrol vehicles or upgrading.

Motion made by Commissioner Knowles to accept Resolution 2025-51 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Johnston.

Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Knowles. All were in favor. Motion passed.

H. Resolution 2025-52 - A Resolution authorizing the City to apply for the Transportation Planning Grant.

Mr. Grooms stated we apply for this every year, we have not been successful it is an 80% grant with 10% match. It is for the street plans that we try to do every year. So, we'll try again and see where it goes.

Mrs. Jones stated it is an 80% grant and 10% match by us and 10% by someone else.

Mr. Grooms stated yes 10% federal and 10% us. Sorry about that.

Commissioners discussed. For more details refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Alderson to approve Resolution 2025-52 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Johnston.

Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Knowles. All were in favor. Motion passed.

I. Downtown Change Order #4

Mr. Grooms stated this will be the last change order. It is for \$44,531. A big portion of this was the pavers around the square where they were sealed with loose gravel or sand mix, it would have been gone pretty quick. There was some landscaping left out of the plans by mistake, so we are putting those back in and also adding a few more. Then there is a railing from a change order that we have to put up for ADA requirements down at the church. With that being said we were awarded an additional \$413,000 from the GNRC to help offset some of that. We feel like the change orders you have approved over a year or so ago, after all is said and done is going to be pretty close to what you approved.

Commissioners discussed. For more details refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Alderson to accept the Downtown Change Order #4. Seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Knowles. All were in favor. Motion passed.

12. General comments from citizens (May be limited in time and/or number of comments.)

Mr. Robert Lacey signed up but did not wish to speak.

13. Board / Staff Comments / Adjournment

Commissioner Davis stated he enjoyed the Barbecue Festival. He stated he hoped the next one will be just as good or better.

Mr. Danny Grooms was present from the Maury County Commission and highlighted some of the points from that meeting regarding good things for Mount Pleasant.

Motion made by Commissioner Davis to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Knowles.

Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Knowles. All were in favor. Motion passed.