



City Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 16, 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 Johnston led the pledge of allegiance. Commissioner Knowles 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

Mayor asked for approval of the minutes for the Study Session Meeting on November 13, 2025, and the Regular Meeting on November 18, 2025.

Motion made by Commissioner Johnston to approve the Study Session Minutes from November 13, 2025, and the Regular Meeting from November 18, 2025, 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.

- A. Study Session - November 13, 2025
- B. Regular Session - November 18, 2025

5. Awards/Presentations/Appointments

- A. Life Safety Award - Fire & Police Department

Mayor White stated Phillip was going to present the Life Safety Award to the Mount Pleasant Fire and Police Departments. He had them all to come forward for the presentation.

Mr. Grooms read the three overviews of why they are giving these safety awards tonight.

Fire Chief Todd Stewart handed out the safety awards to all of them. The Commissioners and audience loudly applauded these heroes.

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

6. Completion / Review of Unfinished Business from prior meeting

Mayor White asked that they suspend the rules and made a motion to move Item 6. A. to Item 11. C.

Motion made by Mayor White to suspend the rules and move Item 6. A. to Item 11. C. Seconded by Vice Mayor Alderson.

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

- A. Ordinance 2025-1135 - (Public Hearing/Final Reading) - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 14, ZONING AND LAND USE CONTROL, CHAPTER 2, ZONING ORDINANCE, OF THE MOUNT PLEASANT MUNICIPAL CODE, THE SAME BEING THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, TENNESSEE, INCLUDING THE MUNICIPAL ZONING MAP INCORPORATED THEREIN BY A PROPERTY UPON ANNEXATION

7. Monthly report from Mayor

Mayor White stated he had three things number one this has been a long, long time coming. He received this, this afternoon about 1:30 from the State of Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. Our sewer plant has been under order since, we don't know exactly how far back, but he can assure you it was early 2000. As of December 1st of 2025, this letter is to notify you that the division has closed this case. The audience applauded this news. He made some phone calls today that he felt were important. Number one was to Jim Bailey. At the time we really got started on this and we really got to hammering away on it Jim was here and he helped us tremendously. Number two was Jim Tracey, he doesn't know of those that may know Mr. Tracey but at the time that we did this Mr. Tracey was the head of USDA for the United States of America. Mr. Tracey got us approximately \$10 million in non-matching grants and got us the balance in loans at 1% for 40 years. Our sewer bills were the 3rd highest in the state and with the work that we got done by all of these people and all the folks that were part of this for all of these years this is monumental. It is huge and we did not have to increase the tax rates to do this because of what Mr. Tracey did for us at the time. Ladies and gentlemen this is big. This is a great way to celebrate. The audience again applauded this news.

Mayor White then touched on there being a lot of talk about water. Being very proactive about this over about the last year we on ourselves decided to take on a leak survey. We did that and we found leaks where we have saved water daily and he asked Phillip for this information.

Mr. Grooms stated 129 leaks and over 400 gallons a minute.

Mayor White stated we did that on our own. We hired a company to come in and do the surveys for us to help us find these and so with that we are not purchasing hardly any water at all that we were having to purchase, because we have now found leaks and corrected those. What we have also done proactively is we received a grant through USDA again to add another what is called a skid. Which is another filter into our water treatment plant that is located in Sandy Hook. The good news is when that plant was built it was designed to go ahead and have another filter in it, and we are also drilling a well right next to it that appears will give us about 100 gallons a minute. What we are doing in this community for everybody's information is we are doing everything within possible that we can do without raising rates and doing what we can do on our own to become self-sufficient in water. That was one of the other things that I had about our utilities. He stated the last thing that thing he wanted to bring up is Friday Chick-fil-a is going to be downtown from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm right here on the square. He encouraged everybody to go. Mr. Cedric Hollis is a part of that, and he serves on our Planning Commission.

8. Monthly Financial / Budget report

Mrs. Cox stated property taxes are coming in. They are due every year the last day to pay is February 28th which is the due date for all the State of Tennessee. She highlighted information on the taxes and her monthly financial report and budget reports.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Davis to accept the monthly financial report. Seconded by Vice Mayor Alderson.

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

A. November 2025 Reports

Mrs. Cox attached these reports for the Commissioners review.

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

9. Monthly report from City Manager

Mr. Grooms reminded them of the breakfast this Friday at the Community Center at 7:00 am. City Hall will be closed next Wednesday, Christmas Eve and next Thursday for Christmas Day. The following week we will be closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day and will post the holiday sanitation route schedule next week. Employee spotlight on the second page of the State of the City and he didn't really plan this, but this goes hand and hand. Eric Kennedy is the Wastewater Treatment Supervisor and has been with us for 25 years. He is a valuable asset in the transition from the old facility to the new treatment process and procedures. He was here during those days of moratorium and completion. He is a valuable employee to the City and valuable to us.

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

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

A. Wastewater Liaison Report - Barge Design Monthly Report

Mr. Grooms stated Mayor White hit on it perfectly the consent order is closed out. Many elected officials and City staff helped make that possible. Moving forward we recently met with Barge our engineers to discuss the collection system rehabilitation next annual target areas within the system such as manhole rehabilitation, preparing those areas identified in the system for our model reducing or eliminate inflow infiltration. We will talk more about that in capital improvements.

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

B. Mount Pleasant Gas System Report

Mr. Grooms stated the Gas System preliminary engineering report is complete for the EDA application. The high-pressured gate station may see some engineering contracts next month possibly.

11. New Business

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

A. Resolution 2025-54 - A Resolution to abandon and discontinue the annexation proceedings of certain territory located on Old Zion Rd. Extension and Trotwood.

Mrs. Jones stated the purpose of this resolution is to abandon the annexation proceedings for those properties. It is portions of

Map 111, Parcel 029.00

Map 111. Parcel 29.05

Map 111, Parcel 29.06

This is obviously the annexation that we have all been talking about for a while. If you look at the body of the resolution it says that you are petitioned by interested persons to annex this property and that this annexation was initiated under TCA 6-51-104 that you had a public hearing that it was for the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission did not recommend this annexation or the plan of services and that you as the governing body do not believe that it is in the best interest of the City to pursue the annexation proceedings as proposed and that you want to abandon and discontinue the annexation proceedings pursuant to a Tennessee statute. The now therefore part that matters said the annexation proceedings for the annexation of owner consent of the following property is hereby abandoned and discontinued. If you vote to pass this resolution, then the pending annexation proceedings are over. She stated if they have any questions, she will be happy to answer them.

Mayor White stated they had a lot of discussion about this Thursday night at the Study Session which is where we try to do the biggest portion of our work and there were a lot of great things that came out from it. He opened it back up if anyone had anything to add to that.

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

Mayor White entertained a motion for Resolution 2025-54.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Alderson for Resolution 2025-54 to abandon and discontinue the annexation proceedings of Old Zion Road and Trotwood. Seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Knowles - yes; Commissioner Davis - yes; Mayor White - yes; Commissioner Alderson - yes; and Commissioner Johnston - yes. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to suspend the rules and remove Items B. and C. Resolution 2025-55 and Ordinance 2025-1135. Mayor White seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Knowles - yes; Commissioner Davis - yes; Mayor White - yes; Commissioner Alderson - yes; and Commissioner Johnston - yes. All were in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

- B. Resolution 2025-55 - A Resolution to annex certain territory upon written consent of the owners and to incorporate the same within the boundaries of the City of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee.

(SEE MOTION ABOVE TO ABANDON ANNEXATION.)

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

Mayor White asked for general comments from citizens.

The following citizens signed up to speak:

Katie Martin, Danette Pomaski, Lee Bourque and Chris Gramling.

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

13. Board / Staff Comments / Adjournment

Mayor White stated he appreciated everyone's attendance tonight.

Commissioner Knowles thanked them all for coming out one more night. I am just glad and I'm grateful for you all as citizens and I'm grateful for the rest of the Commissioners. Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Johnston stated she said a lot at the meeting the other night. So, I don't want to into it but Katie she really thinks kind of galvanized a lot of people from the git. She appreciated her attitude this entire time she has been wonderful and sweet and welcoming. I think what I said the other night that because of the moratorium this gives the opportunity for some other things to happen and maybe turn that into a battlefield that is honored. Also, no one came to our meetings. I

have been on this Commission for 3 years and we would be lucky on a big night if we had 25 people here. Maybe if there was something really big it might be full other than that. So yes, we can do a better job of trying to spread the word, but really it happens when you guys are here and you are here and listen to what is being discussed. Most of those discussion meetings there is nobody here. The people show up on the decision night and then they aren't really aware of what it is we have actually talked about and discussed, and they get frustrated. She would just encourage you to continue to be involved and continue to ask questions and feel free, she knows that all of us were open to being called or emailed. I would rather give them her personal email because there is so much on the City's. She really appreciates everybody coming and knows it has been a long hard road for all of us. Thank you very much, I appreciate all of you.

Vice-Mayor Alderson thanked all of them for coming out as well. It has been a long journey like she said the other night it takes time to figure out what you have got going on but once we get it, we have the opportunity that day to look at it. We have a Communication Board that that meets, and she thinks they could do better trying to get the word out like Pam said. The best way is to go on our website look at the packets and look at what we are going to talk about. Other than our Facebook page, the paper, word of mouth, there is not too much more that we can really do to get the word out. Just continue to come so you can spread the word. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Commissioner Davis stated he apologized if he offended anybody Thursday, you, Willie or Pam. Sorry if he did offend them. He appreciates everyone that came here and went over this with them. Have a Merry Christmas and remember the true meaning of Christmas and what it is all about.

Mayor White stated he had talked enough tonight, Merry Christmas.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Alderson to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Johnston.

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