



Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 5:30 PM

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

1. Call to Order

Mrs. McWilliams called the meeting to order

2. Pledge of Allegiance / Invocation

Mrs. McWilliams lead the Pledge of Allegiance and she asked Mr. Patton to say the invocation.

3. Roll Call

A. Luemma McWilliams - *Chair*

Bedford Smith - *Vice Chair*

Kathy Pepe - *Secretary*

Lorie Knowles - *City Commissioner*

Larry Patton - *Member*

Anna Arnold - *Member*

Katrina Holt - *Member*

Mr. Grooms preformed roll call, all members were in attendance except for Mr. Smith and Mrs. Holt.

4. Approval / Correction of Minutes from Prior Meetings

A. Regular Meeting Minutes from December 10, 2025

Mrs. McWilliams stated that everyone had a copy of the minutes from Decembers meeting. She asked if any corrections needed to be made, Mrs. Pepe stated that she had told Ms. Busby about one typo prior to the meeting.

Mrs. McWilliams then asked if that was all, she would entertain a motion to accept the minutes for approval, Mrs. Knowles made the motion to accept and Ms. Pepe seconded that motion. All members were in favor.

5. Completion / Review of Unfinished Business from prior meeting

A. Daddy Daughter Dance

Ms. Busby spoke about the Facilitron paperwork, speaking with Mr. Hughes at the High School and the fees of \$168.00, that the County is charging us to use the building. Mr. Hughes put on our paperwork that Mrs. Arnold would be our point of contact person from the school the day of the event and that we had the building the whole day so that we could go and get set up that morning before the dance. The date is set for the 28th of February and that the flyer was ready to be sent out to the public. With the center being under construction, the equipment would have to be found and other than picking up snacks and drinks and decorations that would be all we would need for this event.

The Commission went on to discuss details about the event and what could be done to get the snacks donated for the event.

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

A. Parks Department update

Ms. Busby started off by updating the commission on the work that had already been started at the center. The ceiling has been torn out, the kitchen has been gutted and the new rooms in the lobby have been framed out. Mrs. McWilliams went on to asked if there would be anything going on at the center from this point on and Mr. Grooms told her that no rentals would be allowed until the construction is done and that the only thing going on inside the building for the time being was a pre planned event for Mrs. Thelma Rush for her 100th Birthday Party on Sunday.

B. City Manager Update

Mr. Grooms discussed that due to the construction the Boys and Girls Club have found space at the Middle School and that the Senior Center has moved to the Library. He went on to speak about the miscommunication with the Director over the Maury County Seniors who shut down our group of Seniors and fired the part time manager of the Mount Pleasant group. Mr. Grooms discuss the details about how things happened and how he met with the County Seniors about our group of Seniors.

He stated that he would continue to work with the County to make sure that we don't loss our Senior group and that we can figure out how to make it better in the future. He stated that we want to grow this group and that we want to make sure that they are getting the things they need to that.

The Commission went on to discuss the Seniors and ideas that could help grow this group.

7. New Business

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

A. Mother Son Dance

Ms. Busby stated that this event is our March event, things that needed to be done for this event would be find a date, get the venue, fill out the paper work. But with this not being a well attended event should we have it this year. Ideas were discussed and it was determined that more research was needed to see if we could come up with a better event for the month of March.

B. Easter Egg Hunt

Ms. Busby discussed the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. This years hunt would have to be April 4th. She stated that she had the donation letter ready to be sent out and this event could be held at the Community Center it would just have to be set up outside. People would not have access to the building, so porta potties would need to be rented and everything would have to be staged outside.

Mrs. Arnold asked about the discussion that was had after last years event and the ideas that were brought up during that discussion. Mr. Grooms recommended that Ms. Busby pull notes from that meeting and discuss the event again next month.

C. Strategic Plan

Mr. Grooms started off by talking about this years fire works event. The event will take place July 3rd and we will start to work on this event starting March.

He then went on to talk about the Strategic plan. He met with our Elected Officials and discussed issues that needed to be addressed in this plan. He then questioned why we, meaning the City were getting turned down for grants and how do we fix it.

He goes through a list of things that are required for grants and the things required to be put in the plan that would help with grants. Mrs. McWilliams asked if there was a guide that could help come up with this new plan. Mr. Grooms stated that he had the scope to do the plan but he just didn't have time to do a lot of the leg work to putting it all together. Ms. Pepe offered her help in what was needed. Mr. Grooms stated that there were things that could be done. The commission discussed this issue in further detail.

Mr. Grooms then went on to state that there is a seat up for reappointment and he didn't think anything would change on the board.

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

Mrs. McWilliams asked if there were anymore comments and Mr. Grooms asked the commission he could send out the video that he watched to the members and they all agreed.

9. Board / Staff Comments / Adjournment

Mrs. McWilliams asked for anymore comments, there were none. She then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Knowles made the motion and Ms. Pepe, seconded that motion. The rest of the Commission was in favor.