



City Commission Meeting Study Session Minutes

Thursday, March 12, 2026 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.

PRESENT

Mayor Bill White

Vice Mayor Willie Alderson

Commissioner Mike Davis

Commissioner Pam Johnston

Commissioner Loree Knowles

2. Awards/Presentations/Appointments

A. Mayor's Appointments - Power System

Mayor White discussed having the formal Power System letter recommending Mike Tyler be added back to that board. Mike is currently the chairman to the board.

Commissioners discussed. No action taken. For more details, refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

3. Completion / Review of Unfinished Business from prior meeting

Mayor White asked Phillip Grooms if he had anything and Mr. Grooms stated no. He did have one to add for Tuesday's meeting. It is the Schaus contract. They were used in 2021 during the Sandy Hook flooding with FEMA. The City of Mount Pleasant is eligible to get back all of the money spent on generators, etc. totaling anywhere from \$70-\$100,000. The paperwork is very overwhelming, so it is good to use Schaus.

Commissioners discussed. No action taken. For more details, refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

4. Monthly report from Mayor

Mayor White discussed the CPR Class and the cleanup day on the 21st. He asked that a head count be given of how many were helping with the cleanup day. The Pizza Place is providing lunch for the CPR class and may be willing to provide for the cleanup day volunteers also.

5. Monthly Financial / Budget report

Mayor White asked Shiphrah if she had anything for the monthly financial report. She stated she would have more items on Tuesday.

6. Monthly report from City Manager

Mayor White asked Phillip Grooms if he had anything to discuss. Mr. Grooms stated he would have a full report on Tuesday.

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

A. Wastewater Liaison Report - Barge Design Monthly Report

Mr. Grooms stated there would not be a report but are still waiting on the final payout before it is completely closed out.

B. Mount Pleasant Gas System Report

Phillip Grooms stated to Mayor White the Gas System is still in the application phase.

8. New Business

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

A. Resolution 2026-13 A Resolution approving transfer of ownership of traffic signal system located at First Avenue and North Main Street to Mount Pleasant Power System

Mayor White read the Resolution out and asked Kori to explain. Kori stated the purpose of this Resolution is to give the traffic light at First Avenue and North Main to Mount Pleasant Power System. They requested this and agree to maintain the light.

Commissioners discussed. No action taken. For more details, refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

B. Resolution 2026-14 Compensation Plan 2026

Mayor White read out the Resolution and Kori stated the purpose of this resolution is to adopt the 2026 compensation plan. The employee compensation plan will establish the minimum and maximum compensation for each employee position of the City of Mount Pleasant and will be beneficial to the employees of the City. This plan will replace the 2025 Comp Plan. Phillip Grooms explained the 3% increase in further detail.

Commissioners discussed. No action taken. For more details, refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

C. Resolution 2026-15 City Strategic Plan 2026

Mayor White reads out the Resolution and Kori explains that the purpose is to adopt the 2026 Strategic Plan. The purpose of the strategic plan is to establish long-term goals, annual objectives, and detailed actions/strategies that address issues to performance, productivity, required statutory services, and community and personal well-being.

Commissioners discussed. No action taken. For more details, refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

D. Resolution 2026-16 Audit Firm

Mayor White reads out the Resolution and asked Shiphrah Cox if she would have a recommendation on Tuesday night in which she replied yes. Kori then added the purpose of this resolution is to accept the audit proposal for this fiscal year from Matlock Clements. The total cost of the audit will be \$40,000 and the City staff felt like switching audit firms is in the best interests of the city.

Commissioners discussed. No action taken. For more details, refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

E. Resolution 2026-17 CDBG Next Round

Mayor White read out the Resolution and Kori said the purpose of this resolution is to authorize the City to apply for a CDBG grant for the purpose of building neighborhood sidewalks. The amount of the grant is \$664,440. The match can be no greater than \$126,560 and the matching funds will come from the general fund. Kori stated this is the second round.

Commissioners discussed. No action taken. For more details, refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

F. Resolution 2026-18 911 Dispatch Contract

Mayor White read Resolution 2026-18 and asked Mark to come forward and asked Kori did she have anything to say. Kori stated the purpose of this resolution is to adopt the 2026 dispatch contract. The purpose of this Agreement is to consolidate and provide joint emergency communication dispatch services for the City with Maury County Emergency Communications District and to provide coordinated emergency communications services for the benefit of the citizens and visitors of the City. The term of this contract is 3 years -- July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029. The costs are increasing \$4,000 per quarter this year then increase each year thereafter.

Mark explained the contract in more detail.

Commissioners discussed. No action taken. For more details, refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

G. Resolution 2026-19 Delinquent Property Tax Lawsuit

Mayor White read Resolution 2026-19 and Kori said the update is the sale happens every year in March and this year, as always, the City did not sell any properties. The sale was actually cancelled because the City of Mount Pleasant was the only city to have all of their service and notices done in time for 2023. There were only 2 unpaid properties. Also, each year on April 1st, the delinquent tax lawsuit is filed.

Commissioners discussed. No action taken. For more details, refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

H. Tax Sale Update

This was discussed in further detail in Resolution 2026-19.

I. CDBG 2023 Close Out

Mayor White asked Phillip Grooms about the CDBG Close Out. Mr. Grooms explained this is the adjusting change order. The original contract was \$608,170.00 The final change order since we did not do the 2 service lines, is \$483,727.50. Mrs. Cox stated they will be submitting the final pay application to the state for reimbursement.

Commissioners discussed. No action taken. For more details, refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

J. CT-0253 Debt Report for Grant Anticipation Note

Mayor White asked about the CT-0253 Debt Report and Shiprah Cox said this is for downtown where she did the extension last month. She stated anytime an extension is asked for, she has to go to the state website and report it. Once she reports it, the state sends her a debt report she then has to present to the Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed. No action taken. For more details, refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

K. Utility Write Offs

Shiprah Cox explains this is a clean-up project for the past 3 years doing old utility write offs. She stated they contracted with a new company that will help with collections. This will be the last large batch.

Commissioners discussed. No action taken. For more details, refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

L. Prime Control Upgrade

Phillip Grooms asked Dale Brown to come speak on this. Dale speaks on data retention through Prime Control who does all of the measuring and monitoring at the Water Treatment Plant. The proposal is for data retention and it will have redundancy as well. He discussed the

power outage where approximately 12 hours of data was lost. Kevin Wells and Michael Haywood recovered the majority of the data. This proposal would protect the City of Mount Pleasant in the future in the case this event happened again. This would provide a 3-step recovery system by having backup at the Water Plant, Sewage Plant, and City Hall.

Commissioners discussed. No action taken. For more details, refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

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

Willie Alderson states she met Austin Foster through the community, and she asked him to come speak and introduces him. Austin stated he had met with Phillip Grooms and he is licensed and insured for electrical, HVAC, and gas. He stated he had purchased two buildings on Broadway Street and an adjacent parking lot. He is hoping to remodel them and get them useful for the community.

10. Board / Staff Comments / Adjournment

Mayor White asked each Commissioner if they had anything to add to the meeting.

Commissioner Pam Johnston stated she wanted to give a shoutout to the meter replacement guys. She said they did a great job, moved fast on the project, and cleaned it all up good. She then asked about what the pieces were on the meters. Dale came up to explain that they were the new digital logs on each meter.

Vice Mayor Willie Alderson gave Chris and his department praise about the wood and furniture clean up on the sides of the roads.

Commissioner Davis gave a shout out to the new business, True Value, on Canaan and South 43.

Commissioner Knowles stated she had a couple of calls from photographers and parents wanting to know when the fountain would be on for prom pictures. Phillip Grooms said he anticipates mid to late week he had someone coming to check on the fountain due to water coming out where it should not be. Due to cold weather coming, he hopes it to be open in the next week or so. Commissioner Knowles then thanked Phillip for taking care of the library sign. She also thanked Angie and Katie of the clean-up committee for overseeing it.

Mayor White thanked everyone for coming.