



Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 11, 2025 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 asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and asked Mr. Grooms 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 took roll call and every one was in attendance but Mr. Smith

4. Approval / Correction of Minutes from Prior Meetings

- A. Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2025

Mrs. McWilliams stated that everyone was sent the meeting minutes from last months meeting via email. She asked if any changes need to be made and if not ask for motion to approve the minutes.

Ms. Pepe made the motion to accept the minutes from the May 14, 2025 meeting as presented, Mrs. Holt seconded that motion. The vote was unanimous.

5. Completion / Review of Unfinished Business from prior meeting

- A. Juneteenth

Ms. Busby stated that everything was ready to go and that the only thing needing to be done was a timeline for events that day. Ms. Busby listed all the things going on that day and asked that they not start with the basketball shoot out.

Ms. Busby recommended they start out with Bingo to give people time to get signed up for the shootout. Mrs. McWilliams stated that she would help with bingo prizes and Mr. Grooms asked if we could update the flyer to reflect the time line of the events. Ms. Busby stated she would get that done and get prints out to all the businesses.

The Commission discussed the event in further details.

B. Back to School Bash

Ms. Busby stated that Mrs. McWilliams had brought in 2 truck loads of school supplies and that the Commission has plenty of bags to fill. Mrs. McWilliams stated that she would recommend that the Commission donate what is left to the schools. She also stated there where 8 more boxes being donated.

Mrs. Holt stated that she appreciated that the High School was being included in the supplies.

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

A. Report from Parks Department

Ms. Busby stated that movie night was a hit and the snacks where a hit. The new screen is great and easy to set up just not easy to set up. Ms. Busby stated that it was a good night.

Mrs. McWilliams asked if they could get a report on the event that went on that day. The library hosted their animal show at the center, so that they did not have to turn kids away this year. There where over 250 people able to attend and had such a great turn out they asked if they could have the Magic show there the following week.

B. Report from City Manager

Mr. Grooms stated that he had a few things to discuss, starting with Arrow Mines Parks Bathrooms done. The Plans have been approved and ground has been broken, and should get done sometime in July. He went in to detail of progress that has started.

Mr. Grooms stated that we made it to the second stage of the Healthy Build grant of the State of Tennessee, that will allow us to move the playground equipment out of the flood zone at Rotary Park. Thanks to the Strategic Plan that qualified us for that second stage without having to go through the planning phase of the grant. The grant is for \$80,000.00 and Mr. Grooms put together a plan for the grant and they will submit everything this week for this phase. He went into more detail about the grant. He also mentioned writing a new strategic plan and getting help from the consultants from this grant.

7. New Business

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

A. Water Day

Ms. Busby stated that she has set for August 16th, Quick and easy event at the Splash pad, music, tent or canopy, hot dogs or pizza sponsored by one of our local businesses. We have had an event like this before and we had a good turnout.

B. Movie Night

Ms. Busby stated that this event would be held on September 20th. plans are for the movie to held at Arrow Mines Park when the bathrooms are done, if not then back at the Center or at Gardenia. She stated that September would be the last month for outside movies.

Mr. Grooms stated that they have requested power to be run in the pavilion and that there will be lights and fans put up. Mrs. Knowles asked about the fans at Gardenia Park and they had not been fixed yet. Mr. Grooms stated that once spending was open again that those would get fixed.

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

Mrs. Knowles stated that the Boys and Girls Club has had over 50 kids show up for their summer program. Both Middle and Elementary school aged kids.

Mr. Grooms stated the Canopy donated by the Boys and Girls Club will be put up in the next few weeks.

Mr. Patton stated that the Dog Station pole is leaning over at Gardenia Park and needs to be fix.

9. Board / Staff Comments / Adjournment

Mrs. McWilliams stated that if there were no more comments she would accept a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Knowles made the motion to adjourn and Ms. Pepe made the second, the vote in favor was unanimous