



City Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 17, 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.

2. Pledge of Allegiance / Invocation

Vice Mayor Wille Alderson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Pam Johnston led 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 White asked for approval of the minutes for the CDBG Public Meeting on 02/03/2026, Study Session Minutes on 02/12/2026, Regular Meeting Minutes on 02/17/2026, and the Town Hall Meeting Minutes on 02/19/2026.

Commissioner Pam Johnston made a motion to approve the minutes, and Commissioner Loree Knowles seconded.

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

A. CDBG PUBLIC MEETING - FEBRUARY 03, 2026

B. STUDY SESSION - FEBRUARY 12, 2026

C. REGULAR MEETING - FEBRUARY 17, 2026

D. TOWN HALL MEETING - FEBRUARY 19, 2026

5. Awards/Presentations/Appointments

A. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS- POWER SYSTEMS

Mayor White stated they had a letter that was sent to the Commissioners that requested Dr. Mike Tyler be renominated to the Mount Pleasant Power System board.

Commissioner Mike Davis made the motion to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Commissioner Knowles.

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

6. Completion / Review of Unfinished Business from prior meeting

A. RESOLUTION 2026-19--A RESOLUTION APPROVING SCHAUS CONTRACT FOR FEMA CONSULTING SERVICES

Mayor White reads the agenda item, and Kori explains the Resolution in detail. Phillip Grooms states this is a continuation. There is a mountain of paperwork that comes along with the FEMA items, so Schaus would help with all of that and the reimbursement.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Alderson, Seconded by Commissioner Johnston.

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

7. Monthly report from Mayor

Mayor White mentions clean-up day to be held Saturday at 9 am and for everyone to meet at the Community Center, the CPR class at City Hall with the Pizza Place providing lunch, and next Friday will be the first Final Friday where you can shop and hop starting at 5 pm. Mayor White also mentions the Ribbon Cutting for Angela's Attic 2 and how big the crowd was.

Phillip Grooms added that Saturday they are having kite day.

8. Monthly Financial / Budget report

A.

Shiphrah Cox goes over the monthly financials for February 2026.

Mayor White asked if anyone had any questions. Commissioner Knowles made a motion and Vice Mayor Willie Alderson seconded.

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

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

9. Monthly report from City Manager

Phillip Grooms discusses the Water Plant, the Wastewater Treatment Plant, two scoreboards at Parks and Recreation being replaced, the ribbon cutting at Angela's Attic 2, Polk Lane, Cannan Road, the fountain that is part of the Main Street project along with some signage, blasting complaints, and the employee spotlight.

For more details, please 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

B. MOUNT PLEASANT GAS SYSTEM REPORT

Phillip Grooms states he is pleased to announce that Lori Fisher got the application submitted.

11. 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 reads the agenda item and Kori explains the Resolution purpose is to transfer the stoplight system to the Mount Pleasant Power System.

Vice Mayor Alderson made a motion and Commissioner Johnston seconded.

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

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B. RESOLUTION 2026-14--A RESOLUTION REVISING THE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, TENNESSEE

Mayor White reads the agenda item and Kori explains 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 and this replaces the 2025 Comp Plan.

Commissioner Johnston made a motion and Vice Mayor Alderson seconded.

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

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C. RESOLUTION 2026-15--A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT LONG TERM STRATEGIC PLAN

Mayor White reads the agenda item 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.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Alderson, Seconded by Commissioner Knowles.

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

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D. RESOLUTION 2026-16--A RESOLUTION APPROVING MATLOCK CLEMENTS, P.C. PROPOSAL FOR CONTRACT TO AUDIT ACCOUNTS FOR CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

Mayor White reads the agenda item and 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.

Motion made by Commissioner Knowles, Seconded by Commissioner Johnston.

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

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E. RESOLUTION 2026-17--A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF TENNESSEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Mayor White reads the agenda item 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.

Motion made by Commissioner Johnston, Seconded by Vice Mayor Alderson.

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

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F. RESOLUTION 2026-18--A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, TENNESSEE ADOPTING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION DISPATCH SERVICES WITH MAURY COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

Mayor White reads the agenda item and 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.

Vice Mayor Alderson made a motion and Commissioner Knowles seconded.

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

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G. RESOLUTION 2026-20 DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX LAWSUIT (ATTACHMENT PENDING)

Mayor White reads the agenda item and Kori explains the Resolution purpose.

Motion made by Commissioner Johnston, Seconded by Vice Mayor Alderson.

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

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H. TAX SALE UPDATE

Kori explains the process of the delinquent tax sale in March and states no action is needed on this agenda item.

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

I. CDBG 2023 CLOSE OUT

Phillip Grooms states this is the final change order. The original contract was \$608,170.00 and the final change order is \$483,800.00.

Vice Mayor Alderson makes a motion to approve and Commissioner Knowles seconds the motion.

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

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J. CT-0253 DEBT REPORT FOR GRANT ANTICIPATION NOTE

Shiphrah Cox explains this is the extension that was done last month where money was borrowed from the Downtown project general fund. \$600,000 of the \$1,050,000 that was borrowed has already been returned.

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

K. UTILITY WRITE OFFS

Shiphrah Cox explains these are the batch of utility write offs that are approved each year. This write off brings us current to November of 2025.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Alderson, Seconded by Commissioner Knowles.

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

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L. PRIME CONTROL UPGRADE

Phillip Grooms brings Dale Brown up to explain in further detail the Prime Control upgrade.

Motion made by Commissioner Johnston, Seconded by Vice Mayor Alderson.

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

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

Mayor White asked Katie if she had comments to make and she stated it was about the trash clean-up day.

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13. Board / Staff Comments / Adjournment

Mayor White asked if the board had any comments.

Commissioner Knowles stated she was thankful Shiphrah Cox was okay from the damage from the storm and all citizens were okay.

Commissioner Johnston stated how proud she was of the town and staff.

Vice Mayor Alderson thanked Katie for taking on the clean-up project. She also thanked the Power Company and the staff.

Mayor White stated Al Kerstein texted him about the storm. there were 630 outages and 450 people had power back within an hour and a half. Al thanked the City of Mount Pleasant for helping with the mini excavator.

Phillip said he too had a text from Al saying how Ted and his staff cleared the way during the storm.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Alderson, Seconded by Commissioner Johnston.

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

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