



City Commission Meeting Study Session Minutes

Thursday, January 15, 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 and Commissioner Loree Knowles.

2. Awards/Presentations/Appointments

A. Oath of Officer for Police Officer Trever Roberts

Chief Hay discussed the reason they had to hire two new officers and highlighted a few points about each of the new officers.

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

B. Oath of Officer for Police Officer Halkawt Chamsayidi.

See Chief Hay's discussion above.

C. Mayor's Appointments - Beer Board

Mayor White stated he would like to reappoint all three of the Beer Board members that are on there now. David Workman, Jimmy Hines and Jay Smith they have agreed to continue to serve.

D. Mayor's Appointments - Board of Zoning Appeals

Mayor White stated he would like to reappoint Lisa Cole, John Hunter, Jacqueline Johnson, Billy Ring and Terry Brewer and they have all agreed to continue to serve. Some of those terms actually don't expire until 2027. Just for your information. John Hunter will be reappointed at the January meeting.

E. Mayor's Appointments - Communication Committee

Mayor White stated each one of the Commissioners has had an opportunity to name two people to this Committee. There is going to be one change in that and Commissioner Knowles has asked for Katie Martin be added to this group. Katie, we welcome you. All the rest remain the same unless he hears from them of a change.

F. Mayor's Appointments - Historic Zoning Commission

Mayor White stated all will remain the same with the exception of one. Frank Feinstein has asked to resign, he has accepted a job with the Maury County School System and is driving a bus and said he couldn't make the meetings and he did not want to miss them. He reached out to Jim Brown who lives in the historical district, right down the street from here. He is active in the community, and he has agreed to serve.

Mayor White stated regarding the Housing Authority they have some work to do regarding that board. Most of these don't expire until 2028 and 2029. There is a new Interim Director out there, Micki Clifton. We have some work to do here just to let everybody know, but none of these expire this year.

Mayor White stated the Industrial Development Board is inactive. We now work through Maury Alliance or the Maury County Industrial Development Board. None of these expire this year and it is an inactive board.

G. Mayor's Appointments - Planning Commission

Mayor White stated there is two that are going to mature this month and he would like to reappoint John Hunter and Jennifer Graham and they have both agreed to continue to serve.

Mayor White stated on the Power System Board Mike Tyler who is the Chairman of the Board and does an excellent job there, his term does not expire until March. Just for everybody's information the rest of them are 2028 and 2029.

H. Mayor's Appointments - Recreation Commission

Mayor White stated it would remain the same. The one that is expiring this year and is the only one and that is Bedford Smith and he is the Vice-Chairman. He stated Kori will go into a little more depth on this Tuesday night, about how all these work.

Mrs. Jones stated these are all Mayor appointments, but some of the statutes say that they all have to be ratified and that is usually what y'all do anyways. Some of them have special criteria, like Historic Zoning and some are supposed to have certain types of people on each board. She has typed that out and sent to them before, but she will do it again on Tuesday.

3. Completion / Review of Unfinished Business from prior meeting

There was no unfinished business.

Mayor White asked Phillip if he had anything. He asked Shiphrah if she had anything and she stated no. Mr. Grooms stated he would have a full City Manager report on Tuesday night. He did mention Thursday, February 19th is the Town Hall Meeting.

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 stated he will have a report at Tuesday's meeting.

5. Monthly Financial / Budget report

Mrs. Cox stated she would present her report on Tuesday night.

6. Monthly report from City Manager

Mr. Grooms see report above under Completion / Review of Unfinished Business.

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

A. Wastewater Liaison Report

Mr. Grooms stated he is not sure we will keep this moving forward. The Letter of Consent is closed out. There might be a last change order in February.

B. Mount Pleasant Gas System Report

Mr. Grooms stated they are in the application stage.

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

8. New Business

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

- A. Ordinance 2025-1139 - (First Reading) - An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2025-1134 said Ordinance appropriating the revenues and expenses of operating and maintaining the departmental functions of the City of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026; providing an effective date.

Mayor White stated Ship just covered that in her report a few minutes ago.

- B. Resolution 2026-1 - Office of Emergency Management, county wide emergency plan.

Mr. Grooms stated Mr. Jeff Hardy is here to explain the details of that plan.

Mr. Hardy gave a presentation on the Emergency Plan.

Mrs. Jones did state that this plan will not be in the packets, it is a confidential document.

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

- C. Resolution 2026-2 - CEC water treatment amended contract.

Mayor White asked Phillip Grooms about covering Resolution 2026-2, Resolution 2026-3 and Resolution 2026-4 regarding CEC contracts all together.

Mr. Grooms stated yes. All the Commissioners were good with doing this.

Mr. Grooms stated Rickey Oakley, Principal Engineer with CEC is here and he has the answers to any questions you have.

Rickey Oakley gave a quick summary of the cost and things they would want to know. He stated when Kori says looks like legally, we are protected or she says she wants some changes, she knows their legal people, she has talked to them, and we will get it worked out. He also discussed the timeline with the Commissioners.

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

The Commissioners thanked Rickey for coming out and explaining this to them.

- D. Resolution 2026-3 - CEC generator contract.

See above Resolution 2026-3 was discussed by Rickey Oakley in with Resolution 2026-2.

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

- E. Resolution 2026-4 - CEC stormwater specification and standards.

See above Resolution 2026-4 was discussed by Rickey Oakley in with Resolution 2026-2.

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

- F. Resolution 2026-5 - Spectrum internet agreement - Community Center.

Mr. Grooms stated this is a 5-year contract and the reason it is put in front of them is because it is related to the Community Center Grant. If we don't do the contract, it would be \$1100 per month, if we sign a contract for 5 years it will be \$775 per month.

Mayor White stated this would save us a considerable amount of money.

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

G. Resolution 2026-6 - ARPA water line change order.

Mr. Grooms stated Dale is going to give them a really brief presentation with just 4 pictures he wants to show them and explain Resolution 2026-6 - ARPA water line change order.

Mr. Dale Brown gave them a brief presentation on this resolution.

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

H. Resolution 2026-7 - CDBG industrial meter change order.

Mr. Grooms stated this is more than likely coming off tomorrow, but he wanted it on here. The reason is he believes a change order is coming, but the reason we are trying to get it in is you may know that we had a public hearing on February 3rd to apply for the next round of CDBG grant money, and this has to be closed out by the end of February or we cannot apply for the new one.

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.)

Ms. Katie Martin signed up but did not speak.

10. Board / Staff Comments / Adjournment

Commissioner Knowles thanked all the workers, they are doing a great, great, great job. She is so proud to be a citizen of Mount Pleasant.

Commissioner Davis stated he is good.

Vice Mayor Alderson asked if we are waiting on Main Street to get more verification.

Mr. Grooms asked if she was talking about the new direction.

Vice Mayor Alderson stated yes.

Mr. Grooms stated she will come up here and get it.

Mayor White asked if she was talking about the Main Street program?

Commissioner Alderson stated yes.

Commissioner Johnston stated the strategic meeting they had Phillip did a great job. The organization of the whole day and all he had showing up and the reports we couldn't have a better staff. She is very aware that a lot of you could go anywhere you want, most all of you and we just appreciate you staying here and being part of Mount Pleasant and Phillip and Shiphrah did a great job.

Mayor White reiterated that Town Hall was one thing that came out of that. Another thing coming out of it is these two ladies sitting right back there don't know the work they have signed themselves up for. He is anxious to see. He thanked them. He reiterated we are working diligently and this is thanks to a big bunch of the staff on what we are doing water wise to become self-sufficient. This is going to be terribly important in not just this community but every community.

Commissioner Knowles stated don't let this be it she would like them to invite their friends. All those that came when the annexation fiasco was going on we need them back. They need to know what is going on. So, tell them don't stop now we are just getting started.

The meeting was adjourned.