

MINUTES

The White Bluff Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at White Bluff Town Hall. Present were Council members Stephanie Murrell, Connie Reed, Carl Kincaid, Scott Glover, Bryan Hill, and Jacob Puckett. Also present included Town Recorder Misty Rodgers, Town Attorney Andrew Mills, Projects Administrator and Public Works Director Jeff Martin, Fire Chief Eric Deal, Police Chief Chris Fulcher, Codes Administrator Derrick Long, Court Clerk Dixie Kerr and members of the public.

Mayor Stephanie Murrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge to the Flag was recited.

1574 Motion to approve minutes of the September 2, 2025, regular meeting:

Motion by Connie Reed, second by Jacob Puckett, carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Dennis Donaldson, Bombers Football, discussed Veterans Memorial Park and the ballfields.
- Johnnie Reed, previous Town of White Bluff Parks Director, discussed Veterans Memorial Park and the ballfields.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- None.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR:

- Mayor Stephanie Murrell discussed the following upcoming events:
 - Main St. Festival, Saturday, October 11, 2025, from noon until 6pm. in downtown White Bluff
 - Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 3pm-5pm at the White Bluff Community Center.
 - Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 13, 2025, beginning at 4:30pm. The theme for the parade is Santa's Workshop and Grand Marshalls will be Cotton and Cindy Dawson.

BUDGET AND FINANCE:

- Town Recorder Misty Rodgers provided the Council with a copy of the August 2025 financial reports and responded to Council questions.
- Consider a Resolution of the Town of White Bluff, Tennessee, authorizing the issuance of interest-bearing Nature Park Phase I Capital Outlay Notes, Series 2025, in an Amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 and providing for the payment of said notes. Town Attorney Andrew Mills reviewed the Resolution and answered Council questions;
#1575 Motion to approve Resolution of the Town of White Bluff, Tennessee, authorizing the issuance of interest-bearing Nature Park Phase I Capital Outlay Notes, Series 2025, in an Amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 and providing for the payment of said notes.
Motion by Carl Kincaid, second by Bryan Hill, carried 5-0.

CODES AND PERMITS:

- Codes Administrator Derrick Long reported that the White Bluff Codes Department issued eight (8) building permits, four (4) residential and four (4) commercial, during the month of September 2025 and responded to Council questions.
- Consider on second and final reading an Ordinance amending Town of White Bluff Municipal Code Title 12 *Building, Utility, Etc. Codes*; Chapter 1 *Codes Adopted by Reference*; Section 12-101 *Codes Adopted*; downgrading the 2021 Edition of the International Energy Conservation Code to the 2018 Edition with appropriate amendments. After review and discussion;
#1576 Motion to approve on second and final reading an Ordinance amending Town of White Bluff Municipal Code Title 12 Building, Utility, Etc. Codes; Chapter 1 Codes Adopted by Reference; Section 12-101 Codes Adopted; downgrading the 2021 Edition of the International Energy Conservation Code to the 2018 Edition with appropriate amendments.
Motion by Connie Reed, second by Jacob Puckett, carried 5-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Police Chief Chris Fulcher reported that the White Bluff Police Department responded to 392 calls during the month of September 2025 and responded to Council questions.
- Fire Chief Eric Deal reported that the White Bluff Fire Department responded to 88 calls during the month of September 2025 and responded to Council questions.
- Court Clerk Dixie Kerr reported that the White Bluff Municipal and General Sessions Court heard 74 cases during the month of September 2025 and responded to Council questions.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

- Consider Jackson St. culvert bids. Projects Administrator and Public Works Direction Jeff Martin reviewed the bids and responded to Council questions. The Town received two (2) bids to replace two (2) culverts on Jackson St. They were as follows:
 - TugSun Group for \$96,800.00
 - Underground Pipe and Construction for \$37,400.00After review and discussion;
#1577 Motion to approve Underground Pipe and Construction's bid of \$37,400.00 to replace two (2) culverts on Jackson St.
Motion by Connie Reed, second by Carl Kincaid, carried 5-0.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

- Consider an Agreement between the Town of White Bluff and Mr. Richard C. Bibb to reimburse the Town up to two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) plus interest for the development of the Bibb-White Bluff Nature Park Phase I. Town Attorney reviewed the agreement with the Council. After review and discussion;
#1578 Motion to approve an Agreement between the Town of White Bluff and Mr. Richard C. Bibb to reimburse the Town up to two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) plus interest for the development of the Bibb-White Bluff Nature Park Phase I.
Motion by Carl Kincaid, second by Bryan Hill, carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Discuss Municipal Parks and the Municipal-wide Parks and Recreation Master Plan.** Council member Connie Reed requested this item be added to the agenda during the past week's Town Council Work Session. During discussion, Council member Reed stated that she and previous Town of White Bluff Parks Director Johnnie Reed had previously met with the Mayor and discussed a "wish list" for Veterans Memorial Park. Council member Reed then asked the following questions;
 - Is the dog park moving and, if so, where and why?
 - In the current budget, the Town Council approved \$8,000.00 for a new storage building at Veterans Memorial Park. Did the Mayor authorize additional funds for this building after the budget was approved and, if so, why and why was the Council not notified of the increase?
 - Why is the T-ball field concession stand and restrooms being used for Bombers Football equipment storage and not being used for their intended purpose?
 - Is the Town to provide a tractor to be used for ballfield maintenance and, if so, why was the Council not notified?
 - Does the new temporary Parks person have keys to all Parks property and, if so, why? What happens if and when the temporary Parks person quits and does not return the keys or makes copies of the keys?
 - Referencing the recent letter sent by the GFWC Woman's Club regarding vandalism at Field of Dreams. What is the plan to address vandalism at the Field of Dreams playground now that there is no longer a Parks Director? Will police be asked to increase patrols and walkthroughs of the parks?
 - Council member Reed stated that, in her opinion, the Town of White Bluff parks system is in a state of chaos.
 - Council member Scott Glover also asked about trash pickup at the parks and the need for additional dumpsters at park property.

After review and lengthy discussion;

#1579 Motion to address these questions and concerns at the next Town Council Work Session on October 30, 2025.

Motion by Carl Kincaid, second by Bryan Hill, carried 5-0.

- **Consider proposed revisions to the current Parks Use Agreement and Concession Agreement.** Council member Carl Kincaid requested this item be added to the agenda during the past week's Town Council Work Session. During discussion, Council member Kincaid reviewed in detail the current Parks Use Agreement and Concession Agreement and suggested revisions. Highlighted concerns included:
 - Agreement holders should not be relied upon to manage Town properties, provide supplies and lock / unlock restrooms at park facilities.
 - Now that there is no longer a Parks Director, who should questions / concerns be directed to? Council member Glover suggested that the Parks Board should be better utilized.

After review and lengthy discussion;

#1580 Motion to address these issues at the next Town Council Work Session on October 30, 2025.

Motion by Carl Kincaid, second by Bryan Hill, carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

1581 Motion to adjourn at 8:46 p.m.:

Motion by Connie Reed, second by Scott Glover, carried 5-0.

Stephanie Munell
Mayor

Misty Rodgers
Recorder