

MINUTES

The White Bluff Town Council met in regular session Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 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, Police Chief Chris Fulcher, Fire Chief Eric Deal, Codes Administrator Derrick Long, Municipal Court Clerk Dixie Kerr, Parks Director Jackson Flair, Superior Disposal, LLC owner Zach Walker, Sweet Home Sanitation, LLC d/b/a Cumberland Disposal owner Aaron Lee 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.

#1710 Motion to approve minutes of the April 7, 2026, regular meeting:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Shanee Strickland, 608 Church St thanked the Council for working on her Church St concerns (speeding cars, lack of mowing / maintenance at old Church of God property).

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- None.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR:

- Saturday, May 16, 2026, is the Freedom 5K Walk / Run. Registration (online or day of) at the White Bluff Community Center beginning at 7am. 5K starts at 8am. Mayor Murrell thanked the event sponsors and encouraged everyone to come out.

BUDGET AND FINANCE:

- Town Recorder Misty Rodgers provided the Council with a copy of the March 2026 financial reports and responded to Council questions.
- Consider on first reading an Ordinance to Amend the fiscal year 2025-2026 Budget (current year). Town Recorder Misty Rodgers reviewed the proposed Ordinance. After review and discussion;
#1711 Motion to approve on first reading an Ordinance to Amend the fiscal year 2025-2026 Budget (current year).
 Motion by Carl Kincaid, second by Connie Reed, carried 5-0.
- Consider Resolution for a Capital Outlay Note in an amount not to exceed \$650,000.00 to fund the 2026 Paving Project. Town Recorder Misty Rodgers reviewed the resolution. After review and discussion;
#1712 Motion to approve a Resolution for a Capital Outlay Note in an amount not to exceed \$650,000.00 to fund the 2026 Paving Project.
 Motion by Scott Glover, second by Bryan Hill, carried 5-0.

CODES AND PERMITS

- Codes Administrator Derrick Long reported that the White Bluff Codes Department issued five (5) building permits – two (2) commercial and three (3) residential – during the month of April 2026 and answered Council questions.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Police Chief Chris Fulcher reported that the White Bluff Police Department responded to 293 calls during the month of April 2026 and responded to Council questions.
- Fire Chief Eric Deal reported that the White Bluff Fire Department responded to 82 calls during the month of April 2026 and responded to Council questions.
- Municipal and General Sessions Court Clerk Dixie Kerr reported that the White Bluff Municipal and General Sessions Court heard 41 cases during the month of April 2026.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

PARKS AND RECREATION:

- **Veterans Memorial Park update.** Mayor Stephanie Murrell provided an update on the smoldering mulch at Veterans Memorial Park.
- Parks Director Jackson Flair gave a report on parks activities for the month of April 2026 and responded to Council questions.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Councilmember Scott Glover reminded staff that the water fountain at the White Bluff Community Center needed to be repaired / replaced.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Consider Residential Trash Pick-up Bids.** Mayor Stephanie Murrell reviewed the bids with the Council. Bids received were as follows:

- Superior Disposal, LLC \$261,000.00
- Sweet Home Sanitation, LLC d/b/a Cumberland Disposal \$265,200.00

Bids were due to be turned in by and publicly opened at 2:00pm on Wednesday, April 29, 2026.

Mayor Murrell invited Mr. Zach Walker, owner of Superior Disposal, LLC, to address the Council and to answer questions. Topics discussed included the following:

- Proposed recycling program. Mr. Walker discussed how the recycling program is an opt-in program for an additional monthly cost to be paid directly by any interested residents.
- Cans. Superior Disposal's bid includes one (1) 96-gal can for every participating household in the Town of White Bluff at no additional cost to the residents. Mr. Walker stated that additional / replacement cans, depending on the reason(s) for the additional / replacement cans, may or may not be an extra expense to the residents. That would be decided on a case-by-case basis.
- Can location. Concern was expressed that properties that did not have a flat area at the end of the driveway and near the road to place cans for pickup may be passed over. Mr. Walker assured the Council that cans would not be bypassed.

- Tipping Fees. The current tipping fee formula was reviewed. The Town of White Bluff is allocated up to 1,640 tons of trash annually at a \$35/ton tipping fee. Any excess over the allotment will be charged at \$70/ton. The allotment is adjusted annually based on population. Mr. Walker repeatedly assured the Council that the Town would not pay more than \$35/ton for any tonnage over the allotted amount.
- Backdoor pickup. Concern was expressed regarding elderly and/or disabled residents that may not be able to get their trash to the end of the drive. Mr. Walker assured the Council that, with notice, they would provide backdoor pickup to elderly and/or disabled residents.

Mayor Murrell also invited Mr. Aaron Lee to address the Council and address any questions. Mr. Lee thanked the Council for the years of business and asked the Council to consider keeping Cumberland Disposal as the Town's trash provider. The Council thanked Mr. Lee for the years of service.

After review and lengthy discussion;

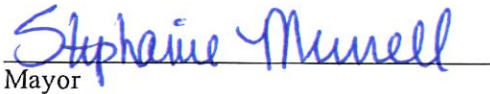
#1713 Motion to accept the bid of Superior Disposal, LLC (\$261,000.00) to provide residential trash pick-up for the residents of the Town of White Bluff.

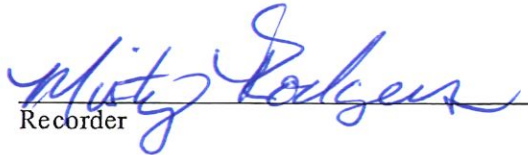
Motion by Carl Kincaid, second by Scott Glover, carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

#1714 Motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.:

Motion by Connie Reed, second by Carl Kincaid, carried 5-0.


Mayor


Recorder