

MINUTES

The White Bluff Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 2, 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 and members of the public.

Mayor Stephanie Murrell called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

The Pledge to the Flag was recited.

1563 Motion to approve minutes of the August 5, 2025, regular meeting:

Motion by Jacob Puckett, second by Carl Kincaid, carried 5-0.

1564 Motion to approve minutes of the August 28, 2025, special-called meeting:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Matt Crow, Wagner Way, discussed a water issue on Wagner Way.
- Hannah Vaughn, Wagner Way, discussed a water issue on Wagner Way.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A Public Hearing was conducted before second and final reading of an Ordinance of the Town of White Bluff, Tennessee Amending Budget Ordinance No. 495 for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025, and Ending June 30, 2026. **No one spoke for or against the measure.**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR:

- Mayor Stephanie Murrell swore in Police Officer Tim Birdsong.
- Diane Christianson and other members from the GFWC Woman's Club presented the Mayor with a check for \$400.00 for general maintenance at the Field of Dreams Playground. Club member Sandy Jones discussed an upcoming work weekend where club members planned to perform general maintenance duties at the Field of Dreams Playground. The proposed date for the volunteer work event is September 12-13, 2025. The GFWC Woman's Club played an active role in the construction of the playground over twenty years ago.

BUDGET AND FINANCE:

- Town Recorder Misty Rodgers provided the Council with a copy of the July 2025 financial reports and responded to Council questions.
- Consider on second and final reading an Ordinance of the Town of White Bluff, Tennessee Amending Budget Ordinance No. 495 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and Ending June 30, 2026. After review and discussion;
#1565 Motion to approve on second and final reading an Ordinance of the Town of White Bluff, Tennessee Amending Budget Ordinance No. 495 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and Ending June 30, 2026.

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

CODES AND PERMITS:

- Codes Administrator Derrick Long reported that the White Bluff Codes Department issued eight (8) building permits during the month of August 2025 and responded to Council questions.
- Consider on first 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;
#1566 Motion to approve on first 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:

- **Consider Municipal Judge Appointment.** Town Attorney Andrew Mills identified two (2) candidates meeting the requirements for Municipal Judge of White Bluff, Tennessee. The candidates were Mr. Andrew Renfro and Ms. Emily Brogdon-Lukes. Both candidates expressed interest in the position and were invited to the Council Work Session on August 28, 2025, to make statements to the Council regarding the Judge position. The Council was also provided contact information for each candidate to ask specific questions before the nomination process and appointment. During both the Work Session and the Regular Council meeting, Attorney Mills instructed the Council on the nomination process. After review and discussion;
#1567 Council member Carl Kincaid nominated both candidates – Emily Brogdon-Lukes and Andrew Renfro - for the position of White Bluff Municipal Judge. Town Recorder Misty Rodgers conducted a roll call vote with each Council member stating the name of their preferred Judicial candidate. Voting was as follows;
Reed, Kincaid and Glover naming Renfro; Puckett and Hill naming Brogdon-Lukes, Mr. Andrew Renfro is appointed White Bluff Municipal Judge.
- Police Chief Chris Fulcher reported that the White Bluff Police Department responded to 329 calls during the month of August 2025 and responded to Council questions.
- Fire Chief Eric Deal reported that the White Bluff Fire Department responded to 64 calls during the month of August 2025 and responded to Council questions.
- There was no Court Report presented during the Council meeting for August 2025. The Court Report will be provided in a few days.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

- Consider on second and final reading an Ordinance to Close a Portion of Old Hwy 70-2. After review and discussion;
#1568 Motion to approve on second and final reading an Ordinance to Close a Portion of Old Hwy 70-2.

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

- Consider on first reading an Ordinance establishing Seidov-Cobb Way (Maple Hills Development in the Greenfield Ridge Subdivision) as a one-way street. After review and lengthy discussion;

#1569 Motion to approve an Ordinance establishing Seidov-Cobb Way (Maple Hills Development in the Greenfield Ridge Subdivision) as a one-way street.

Motion by Connie Reed, second by Scott Glover, with roll call voting as follows: Reed voting yes; Kincaid, Puckett, Hill and Glover voting no, motion failed 1-4.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

- Consider a Resolution to retain Administrative and Engineering Services for the 2025 Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF) Grant – Bibb-White Bluff Nature Park Phase II. Projects Administrator Jeff Martin reviewed the RFQ process and recommended Kimley-Horn and Associates to provide Administrative and Engineering Services for the 2025 Local Parks and Recreation (LPRF) Grant – Bibb-White Bluff Nature Park Phase II. After review and discussion;

#1570 Motion to approve a Resolution retaining Kimley-Horn and Associates to perform Administrative and Engineering Services for the 2025 Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF) Grant – Bibb-White Bluff Nature Park Phase II.

Motion by Jacob Puckett, second by Carl Kincaid, carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Authorize Staff to develop and distribute Major Thoroughfare Plan Request for Qualifications (RFQ). After review and discussion;

#1571 Motion to authorize Staff to develop Major Thoroughfare Plan Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

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

Consider a Resolution to Adopt a Disbursements Policy for the Management and Control of Municipal Funds. Town Recorder Misty Rodgers explained to the Council that a Disbursements Policy was a prerequisite to obtaining Cybersecurity Insurance. After review and discussion;

#1572 Motion to approve a Resolution to Adopt a Disbursements Policy for the Management and Control of Municipal Funds.

Motion by Jacob Puckett, second by Scott Glover, carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

1573 Motion to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.:

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


Mayor


Recorder