

MINUTES

The White Bluff Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 4, 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 Roy Frizsell 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.

1488 Motion to approve minutes of the January 7, 2025, regular meeting:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mr. Michael McArdle, Diane Loop, addressed the Council regarding the rezoning of Map 095 Parcel 072.00 and Fire Department Tanker purchase.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- None.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR:

- Mayor Stephanie Murrell informed the Council and the Public of a full-time Job Posting for an Administrative Assistant at White Bluff Town Hall. Information can be obtained from the Town's website and Facebook page.

BUDGET AND FINANCE:

- Town Recorder Misty Rodgers provided the Council with a copy of the December 2024 financial reports and responded to Council questions.
- Mr. John Poole, the Town's longtime auditor, reviewed the Town's most recent audit and responded to questions from the Council. A copy of the most recent audit had been distributed to the Council at the February Work Session.

CODES AND PERMITS:

- Consider on first reading an Ordinance to Amend the Town of White Bluff Zoning Map by rezoning Map 095 Parcel 072.00 (current owner - US Trackwork, LLC), located on Hwy 70E, from R-1 (Low-density Residential) to R-3 (High-density Residential). After lengthy discussion;
#1498 Citing the unanimous negative recommendation to rezone from the Planning Commission as well as the Town Council's desire to see the Hwy 70 corridor develop predominantly as a commercial corridor; motion to deny an Ordinance to Amend the Town of White Bluff Zoning Map by rezoning Map 095 Parcel 072.00 (current owner - US Trackwork, LLC), located on Hwy 70E, from R-1 (Low-density Residential) to R-3 (High-density Residential).
Motion by Carl Kincaid, second by Connie Reed, carried 5-0.

- Consider on first reading an Ordinance to Amend Article IV: Supplementary Provisions Applying to Specific Districts, Section 4.070 Standards for Signs, Billboards, and Other Advertising Structures, of the White Bluff Zoning Ordinance, and Repealing any Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict Herewith. Town Attorney Andrew Mills reviewed the proposed amendment and answered Council questions. After lengthy discussion;
#1499 Motion to approve on first reading an Ordinance to Amend Article IV: Supplementary Provisions Applying to Specific Districts, Section 4.070 Standards for Signs, Billboards, and Other Advertising Structures, of the White Bluff Zoning Ordinance, and Repealing any Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict Herewith.

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

Citing an urgency to get the above Amendment ratified, the Council discussed the need for a special-called meeting. Attorney Mills reviewed the process for a special-called meeting (public notice requirements, only items on the published agenda can be taken up during a special-called meeting, etc.). After further discussion;

#1500 Motion to call for a Special-Called Town Council Meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 6:30pm at White Bluff Town Hall. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider on second and final reading an Ordinance to Amend Article IV: Supplementary Provisions Applying to Specific Districts, Section 4.070 Standards for Signs, Billboards, and Other Advertising Structures, of the White Bluff Zoning Ordinance, and Repealing any Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict Herewith. A public hearing will be conducted before second and final reading.

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

- Public Works Director Jeff Martin reported that the White Bluff Codes Department issued two (2) residential building permits, one (1) accessory structure permit, one (1) home addition permit and one (1) fence permit during the month of January 2025 and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Police Chief Chris Fulcher reported that the White Bluff Police Department responded to 434 calls during the month of January 2025 and responded to Council questions.
- Consider a Resolution declaring Town of White Bluff Police Department Vehicles surplus property. Chief Fulcher reviewed the Resolution listing the four (4) 2017 Ford XPL vehicles he was requesting to be declared surplus. Chief Fulcher asked the Council to consider adding any equipment removed from the vehicles to be declared surplus as well. After discussion;
#1501 Motion to approve a Resolution declaring Town of White Bluff Police Department Vehicles surplus property including any equipment removed from the vehicles.

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

- Fire Chief Eric Deal reported that the White Bluff Fire Department responded to 71 calls during the month of January 2025 and responded to Council questions. Council member Kincaid asked Chief Deal to continue to look for used ladder trucks for the Council to consider.
- Court Clerk Dixie Kerr reported via Judge Leonard Belmares that the White Bluff Municipal and General Sessions Court processed 104 cases during the month of January 2025.
- Judge Belmares discussed the need for alcohol monitors and GPS trackers for certain court offenses. He presented options to purchase devices or to rent. More discussion to continue.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

- Consider Street Lighting for a newly developed section of Taylor Town Rd. Poles numbers 160111, 136495, 136496, 136497 and 165942 recommended. After discussion;
#1502 Motion to approve Street Lighting for a newly developed section of Taylor Town Rd as recommended.
Motion by Connie Reed, second by Carl Kincaid, carried 5-0.
- Consider on second and final reading an Ordinance of the Town of White Bluff, Tennessee Increasing the Speed Limit along a certain portion of Hwy 47N from 30mph to 45mph. After discussion;
#1503 Motion to approve on second and final reading an Ordinance to increase the speed limit on Hwy 47N from 30mph to 45mph from Spann Street northward to the Town Limits.
Motion by Jacob Puckett, second by Scott Glover, carried 4-1 with Reed voting no.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

- Council member Reed suggested adding consideration of the Concession Facilities Bids to the February 20, 2025, Special Called Town Council Meeting. The Concession Facilities Bid Opening is scheduled for earlier in the day. After discussion;
#1504 Motion to add consideration of the Concession Facilities Bids to the February 20, 2025, Special Called Town Council Meeting.
Motion by Connie Reed, second by Carl Kincaid, carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Consider Resolution of the Town of White Bluff, Tennessee, Authorizing the Issuance of Interest-Bearing Fire Department Capital Outlay Notes, Series 2025, in an Amount not to exceed \$455,500.00, and Providing for the Payment of said notes. Attorney Mills reviewed the documents with the Council. After discussion;
Motion to Approve Resolution of the Town of White Bluff, Tennessee, Authorizing the Issuance of Interest-Bearing Fire Department Capital Outlay Notes, Series 2025, in an Amount not to exceed \$455,500.00, and Providing for the Payment of said notes.
Motion by Bryan Hill, second by Connie Reed, carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

1487 Motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.:

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



Mayor



Recorder