

MINUTES

The White Bluff Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 3, 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 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge to the Flag was recited.

1537 Motion to approve minutes of the May 6, 2025, regular meeting:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No one signed up to speak.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A Public Hearing was conducted before the second and final reading of an Ordinance amending the fiscal year 2024-2025 Town of White Bluff budget (current budget). No one spoke for or against the measure.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR:

- Mayor Stephanie Murrell recapped the previous weekend's summer reading kickoff program at the Jennie Woodworth Library. She also thanked Council members Bryan Hill and Carl Kincaid for assisting the library with the installation of new shelving.

BUDGET AND FINANCE:

- Town Recorder Misty Rodgers provided the Council with a copy of the April 2025 financial reports and responded to Council questions.

- Consider on second and final reading an Ordinance Amending the fiscal year 2024-2025 Town of White Bluff budget (current budget). Town Recorder Misty Rodgers reviewed the budget amendments and responded to questions. After review and discussion;

#1538 Motion to approve on second and final reading an Ordinance Amending the fiscal year 2024-2025 Town of White Bluff budget (current budget).

Motion by Connie Reed, second by Bryan Hill, carried 5-0.

- Consider on first reading an Ordinance establishing a Town of White Bluff Budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 (new budget). Mayor Stephanie Murrell reviewed a memo summarizing the proposed budget. To initiate discussion, Mayor Murrell requested a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading.

#1539 Motion to approve on first reading an Ordinance Establishing a fiscal year 2025-2026 Town of White Bluff budget (new budget) as presented.

Motion by Carl Kincaid, second by Jacob Puckett, additional lengthy discussion ensued.

- **#1540 Motion to increase the Police Department budget by \$20,000.00 to fund six (6) license plate readers (LPRs).** During discussion, it was suggested

that the amendment be funded by increasing the budgeted Sales Tax revenue.
After lengthy discussion;

Motion by Bryan Hill, second by Connie Reed, carried 4-1 with Council member Jacob Puckett voting no.

- **#1541 Motion to increase property tax by .024 (raising the current property tax rate of .60 to .624.** After lengthy discussion;

Motion by Carl Kincaid, second by Bryan Hill, motion failed 2-3 with roll call voting as follows: Reed, Puckett and Glover voting no; Kincaid and Hill voting yes.

- **#1542 Motion to increase Police Department salaries by \$10,000.00.** After lengthy discussion;

Motion by Bryan Hill, second by Carl Kincaid, carried 4-1 with roll call voting as follows: Reed, Kincaid, Hill and Glover voting yes; Puckett voting no.

No further amendments being proposed, the original motion #1539 above was amended and considered.

#1539 Motion to approve on first reading an Ordinance Establishing a fiscal year 2025-2026 Town of White Bluff budget (new budget) as presented and amended.

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

CODES AND PERMITS:

- Consider on first reading Rezoning of Map 095 Parcel 053.00 (previous 70@ Church project location) from R-3 PUD (High-density Residential Planned Unit Development) to C-2 (Highway Commercial). After discussion;

#1543 Motion to approve on first reading Rezoning of Map 095 Parcel 053.00 (previous 70@ Church project location) from R-3 PUD (High-density Residential Planned Unit Development) to C-2 (Highway Commercial).

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

- Codes Administrator Derrick Long reported that the White Bluff Codes Department issued seven (7) permits, five (5) residential and two (2) commercial, during the month of May 2025 and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Police Chief Chris Fulcher reported that the White Bluff Police Department responded to 423 calls during the month of May 2025 and responded to Council questions.
- Fire Chief Eric Deal reported that the White Bluff Fire Department responded to 68 calls during the month of May 2025 and responded to Council questions.
- Court Clerk Dixie Kerr reported via printed report that the White Bluff Municipal and General Sessions Court processed 93 cases during the month of May 2025.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

- Consider on second and final reading an Ordinance Establishing Jordan St. in White Bluff, Tennessee, as a One-Way Street. After review and discussion;

#1544 Motion to approve on second and final reading an Ordinance Establishing Jordan St. in White Bluff, Tennessee, as a One-Way Street with direction of travel being from the intersection of Hwy 70 / Old Charlotte Rd / Jordan St. northward toward Taylor Town Rd.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION:

- Consider bids for Phase 1 of the Town of White Bluff CDBG Sidewalk / Greenway Project (McDonald's to Hatley St.). The Town received the following bids for Phase 1 of the CDBG Sidewalk / Greenway Project:

o TugSun Group, Inc.	\$581,796.00
o Underground Pipe and Construction, LLC	\$909,000.00

After review and discussion;

#1545 Motion to accept the Tugsun Group, Inc. bid of \$581,796.00 for Phase 1 of the CDBG Sidewalk / Greenway Project.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- Consider Commerce Advisory Committee members. Mayor Stephanie Murrell invited a conversation regarding the proposed Commerce Advisory Committee. The Council discussed possible participants and meeting frequency. The Mayor will confirm the committee members and set up an initial meeting, possibly starting in July.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Consider on first reading an Ordinance to Establish an Updated Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan, Devise Rules and Regulations, and Provide for a Safety Director and the Implementation of such Program Plan. After review and discussion;

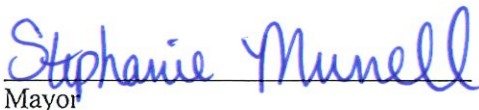
#1546 Motion to approve on first reading an Ordinance to Establish an Updated Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan, Devise Rules and Regulations, and Provide for a Safety Director and the Implementation of such Program Plan.

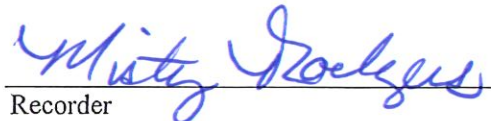
Motion by Connie Reed, second by Bryan Hill, carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

1547 Motion to adjourn at 9:35p.m.:

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


Mayor


Recorder