

MINUTES

The White Bluff Town Council met in regular session Tuesday, July 7, 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, Assistant Police Chief John Dorland, Fire Chief Eric Deal, Codes Administrator Derrick Long, Municipal Court Clerk Dixie Kerr, Parks Director Jackson Flair and members of the public.

Mayor Stephanie Murrell called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

The Pledge to the Flag was recited.

#1730 Motion to approve minutes of the June 2, 2026, regular meeting:

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

#1731 Motion to approve minutes of the June 22, 2026, special-called meeting:

Motion to approve by Bryan Hill, second by Jacob Puckett, carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A Public Hearing was conducted before second and final reading of an Ordinance to Amend the White Bluff Zoning Ordinance to define and add specific requirements for Data Centers and Data Center Accessory Uses, Amendments to the Definitions of Essential Services, Limited Manufacturing Activities, Business and Communication Services, and Data Centers, as well as Development Standards regarding the same. **No one spoke for or against the measure.**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR:

- Mayor Stephanie Murrell gave a recap of the July 4th Celebration and thanked everyone that participated and attended.
- Mayor Murrell mentioned the upcoming Friends of White Bluff Golf Tournament on Friday, July 31, 2026, and encouraged all golfers to participate.

BUDGET AND FINANCE:

- Town Recorder Misty Rodgers provided the Council with a copy of the May 2026 financial reports and responded to Council questions.

CODES AND PERMITS

- Consider on second and final reading an Ordinance to Amend the White Bluff Zoning Ordinance to define and add specific requirements for Data Centers and Data Center Accessory Uses, Amendments to the Definitions of Essential Services, Limited Manufacturing Activities, Business and Communication Services, and Data Centers, as well as Development Standards regarding the same. Town Attorney Andrew Mills reviewed the proposed Ordinance and answered Council questions. After review and discussion;

#1732 Motion to approve on second and final reading an Ordinance to Amend the White Bluff Zoning Ordinance to define and add specific requirements for Data Centers and Data Center Accessory Uses, Amendments to the Definitions of Essential Services, Limited Manufacturing Activities, Business and Communication Services, and Data Centers, as well as Development Standards regarding the same.

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

- Consider on first reading an Ordinance to Enact a Temporary Moratorium on the Submittal, Consideration, or Approval of Data Centers. Town Attorney Andrew Mills reviewed the proposed Ordinance and answered Council questions. After review and discussion;

#1733 Motion to approve on first reading an Ordinance to Enact a Temporary Moratorium on the Submittal, Consideration, or Approval of Data Centers.

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

- Consider of first reading an Ordinance Regulating Mobile Food Vendors. Town Attorney Andrew Mills reviewed the proposed Ordinance and answered Council questions. After review and lengthy discussion;

#1734 Motion to defer on first reading an Ordinance Regulating Mobile Food Vendors.

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

- Codes Administrator Derrick Long reported that the White Bluff Codes Department issued five (5) building permits during the month of June 2026 and answered Council questions.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Assistant Police Chief John Dorland reported that the White Bluff Police Department responded to 289 calls during the month of June 2026 and responded to Council questions.
- Fire Chief Eric Deal reported that the White Bluff Fire Department responded to 62 calls during the month of June 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 66 cases during the month of June 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 June 2026 and responded to Council questions.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Consider Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Grant for an Electric Vehicle for the Parks Department.** Mayor Stephanie Murrell reviewed the grant program details and recommended a grant-approved step van for the Parks Department. After review and lengthy discussion;

#1735 Motion to approve TDEC Grant and recommended step van for the Parks

Department.

Motion by Scott Glover, motion failed due to lack of a second.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Consider procedure to address Public Comments. After discussion;
#1736 Motion to approve up to thirty (30) minutes of Public Comment germane to the agenda at the beginning of each Town Council meeting and up to thirty (30) minutes of Public Comment germane to the jurisdiction at the end of each Town Council meeting.

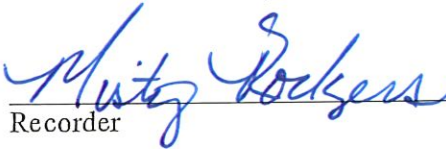
Motion by Bryan Hill, second by Carl Kincaid, motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

#1737 Motion to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.:

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

Mayor



Recorder