

MINUTES

The White Bluff Town Council met in special called session Monday, June 22, 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 and members of the public.

Mayor Stephanie Murrell called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

The Pledge to the Flag was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Janet McArdle, Diane Loop, commented on the budget and data centers.
- Sharon Glover, Coach Dr., commented on the budget.
- Mike McArdle, Diane Loop, commented on the budget.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A Public Hearing was conducted before the second and final reading of a Budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 including the General Fund, State Street Aid Fund and the Drug Fund. No one spoke for or against the measure.

BUDGET AND FINANCE:

- **Consider on second and final reading a Budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 including the General Fund, State Street Aid and Drug Fund. Town Recorder**

Town Recorder Misty Rodgers reviewed all budget amendments requested from the first reading and any revisions due to additional information received since the amended budget was passed on first reading. To initiate discussion, Mayor Stephanie Murrell requested a motion to approve the budget as presented on second and final reading.

#1725 Motion to approve on second and final reading a Budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 including General Fund, State Street Aid and Drug Fund as presented.

Motion by Carl Kincaid, second by Connie Reed, additional discussion ensued. Discussion topics included employee raises, employee longevity pay, the \$50K addition in the Street Department budget for pothole repair, and the proposed .01 (one cent) property tax decrease. After Council discussion, the Mayor issued a statement regarding the Town's employees. Topics included employee salaries and benefits, time off policy, inclement weather policy, take home vehicle policy, longevity pay and public vs. private employee pay / benefits. After all discussion;

- **#1726 Motion to revert back to the original version of the budget as presented by the Mayor at the beginning of the June 2, 2026, Town Council meeting;**

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

No further amendments being proposed, the original motion -- motion #1725 -- was considered.

#1725 Motion to approve on second and final reading a Budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 including General Fund, State Street Aid and Drug Fund as presented.

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

CODES AND PERMITS

- Consider on first 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. After lengthy discussion;
#1727 Motion to approve on first 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 Carl Kincaid, second by Bryan Hill, carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Consider a Resolution of the Town of White Bluff, Tennessee, Expressing Support for Participation in the Certified Tennessee Downtowns Program and Committing to Fulfill all Program Requirements.

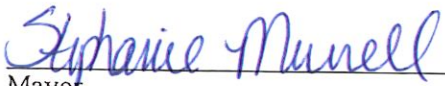
Projects Administrator Jeff Martin reviewed the proposed Resolution. After discussion;
#1728 Motion to approve a Resolution of the Town of White Bluff, Tennessee, Expressing Support for Participation in the Certified Tennessee Downtowns Program and Committing to Fulfill all Program Requirements.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

#1729 Motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.:

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



Mayor



Recorder