

MINUTES

The White Bluff Town Council met in regular session Tuesday, June 2, 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 7:02 p.m.

The Pledge to the Flag was recited.

#1715 Motion to approve minutes of the May 5, 2026, regular meeting:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mike McArdle, Diane Loop, discussed a moratorium on data centers.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- None.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR:

- Mayor Stephanie Murrell thanked everyone that participated in the Freedom 5K. She reported that the event raised approximately \$1,300.00 and the proceeds will benefit the all-inclusive, nature-based playground at the Bibb-White Bluff Nature Park.
- Mayor Murrell also reviewed the festivities planned for the Town's Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, July 4, 2026, at the White Bluff Community Center.

BUDGET AND FINANCE:

- Town Recorder Misty Rodgers provided the Council with a copy of the April 2026 financial reports and responded to Council questions.
- Consider on second and final reading an Ordinance to Amend the fiscal year 2025-2026 Budget (current year). Town Recorder Misty Rodgers reviewed the proposed Ordinance. After review and discussion;
#1716 Motion to approve on second and final reading an Ordinance to Amend the fiscal year 2025-2026 Budget (current year).
 Motion by Connie Reed, second by Bryan Hill, carried 5-0.

CODES AND PERMITS

- Codes Administrator Derrick Long reported that the White Bluff Codes Department issued nineteen (19) building permits during the month of May 2026 and answered Council questions.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Police Chief Chris Fulcher reported that the White Bluff Police Department responded to 325 calls during the month of May 2026 and responded to Council questions.

- Fire Chief Eric Deal reported that the White Bluff Fire Department responded to 69 calls during the month of May 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 34 cases during the month of May 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 May 2026 and responded to Council questions.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Consider a Resolution to Adopt Changes to the Municipal Charter as Adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee and Approved by the Governor.** Town Attorney Andrew Mills reviewed the Resolution. After review and discussion;
#1717 Motion to approve a Resolution to Adopt Changes to the Municipal Charter as Adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee and Approved by the Governor.
Motion by Carl Kincaid, second by Jacob Puckett, with roll call voting as follows; Kincaid, Puckett, Reed, Hill and Glover voting yes, carried 5-0.
- **Consider a Resolution to Set the Voting Procedure for Property Rights Voters.** Town Attorney Andrew Mills reviewed the Resolution and reminded the Council that Dickson County voters that live outside the town limits of the Town of White Bluff but own property in the Town of White Bluff can, upon passage of this Resolution, vote in White Bluff elections by absentee ballot only. Affected voters will need to register with the Dickson County Election Commission and will need to apply for an absentee ballot in order to vote. After review and discussion;
#1718 Motion to Approve Resolution to Set the Voting Procedure for Property Rights Voters.
Motion by Jacob Puckett, second by Carl Kincaid, carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Consider on first reading a Budget for fiscal year 206-2027 including General Fund, State Street Aid Fund and Drug Fund.** Mayor Stephanie Murrell reviewed a memorandum regarding the budget. Town Recorder Misty Rodgers reviewed budget details. Ensuing questions included employee raises and police vehicles. Town Attorney Andrew Mills reviewed the proper procedure to approve and amend the budget. To initiate discussion, Mayor Murrell requested a motion to approve the budget as presented.
#1719 Motion to approve on first reading a Budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 including General Fund, State Street Aid Fund and Drug Fund as presented.
Motion by Carl Kincaid, second by Bryan Hill, additional discussion ensued. After discussion;
 - **#1720 Motion to revise employee raises from 3% to 5%;**
Motion by Connie Reed, second by Bryan Hill, carried 5-0.

- o #1721 Motion to amend Street Department budget to add a line item for paving repair for \$50,000.00 to be used as needed.

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

using grant funds

- o #1722 Motion that no new vehicles purchased in this budget by Electric Vehicles (EVs) without prior Council approval.

Motion by Carl Kincaid, second by Jacob Puckett, carried 4-1 with Councilmember Glover voting no.

- o #1723 Motion to decrease property tax rate by one cent (.01).

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

No further amendments being proposed, the original motion – motion #1719 – was considered.

#1719 Motion to approve on first reading a Budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 including General Fund, State Street Aid Fund and Drug Fund as presented and as amended above.

Motion by Carl Kincaid, second by Bryan Hill with roll call voting as follows: Kincaid, Reed, Puckett, Glover and Hill voting yes; motion carried 5-0.

- Set a date for a Special-Called Town Council meeting to consider on second and final reading a Budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 including General Fund, State Street Aid Fund and Drug Fund as well as first reading consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the Town's Zoning Ordinance regarding Data Centers and other communications infrastructure regulations. After discussion;

#1724 Motion to set a Special-Called Meeting on Monday, June 22, 2026, at 7:00pm to consider on second and final reading a Budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 including General Fund, State Street Aid Fund and Drug Fund as well as first reading consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the Town's Zoning Ordinance regarding Data Centers and other communications infrastructure regulations.

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

- Councilmember Connie Reed updated the Council on 911 Services discussions being held at the County and the closure of the White Bluff branch of the Dickson County Health Department to be replaced by a White Bluff area Emergency Management Services operation.

ADJOURNMENT:

#1725 Motion to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.:

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

Mayor

Misty Rodgers

Recorder