

TOWN OF LOUISVILLE, TENNESSEE
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

April 14, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Present: Jill Pugh - Mayor, Daniel Franklin - Vice Mayor, Steven Kelley - Alderman, Lysia Vaught - Alderman, John Loope - Alderman

Absent: None.

Others Present: Rob Goddard - Town Attorney, Caleb Wheeler - Town Recorder, Hailey Russell - Administrative Assistant, Roger Bird - Town Engineer, & citizens

Mayor Pugh called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Franklin led the invocation

Mayor Pugh led the pledge of allegiance

Approval of the Minutes

Mayor Pugh presented the minutes from April 14, 2026, Public Hearing and Regular meeting.

MOTION by Alderman Loope to approve the Public Hearing minutes with changes from the April 14, 2026. Second by Alderman Kelley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

MOTION by Alderman Kelley to approve the regular minutes with changes from the April 14th, 2026. Second by Alderman Vaught. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Mayor's Report

Staff reports: Building & Codes, Streets, Administrative

Building & Codes Update:

Permits for March

- 4 Homes
- 2 Pools
- 1 Accessory Building
- 1 Alteration

Totaling \$11,286.00 8 permits total

Matt Roberts had purchased a framing package for a new home. His lot wouldn't provide septic percolation for 2 homes. He is currently looking to purchase a lot in the town.

The farm store's foundation and concrete pad are complete, and the Vet building will be ready for a final inspection in the next couple of months.

Streets Update:

Old Lowes Ferry Curve: The new chevron signs have been put up. The radar signs are in, and the Highway and Streets department is working on putting these up. There was no manual and so we had to get help to make sure the radar signs were programmed correctly.

Rankin Ferry Loop: Aldermen Loope commented on the buckling of the road. It needs to be concreted to correct the problem long term. This needs to be added to the budget for next year.

Poland Creek Campground: I requested five bids total and received back two bids. I'm working on a comparison to make sure the bids are apples to apples.

- Bid one: \$19,000
- Bid two: \$9,800

The lowest bid is the same contractor for Beal Park gate. This gate will be different because it will be a barrier and not have a timer. The gate would be operated by fobs that you would swipe to enter the campground. This would allow the town to keep a record of who is coming in and out.

Aldermen Loope asked if this gate had been approved? Mayor Pugh said the gate has not been given final approval. The lower quote would be recommended, and the contractor has sent a manual of the gate he is proposing. Aldermen Loop made a motion to approve the lower bid. Mayor Pugh stated that it was not on the agenda as an action item. The other contractor was FES who had put gate in at Toqua Campground. It is a two-arm gate, but our campground entrance has room for only one arm gate. Aldermen Franklin stated that if we are confident in the work of the contractor with lower bid, Mayor Pugh could approve since the bid is below \$10,000. Roger will confirm that the bids are comparable on the gate they would be installing.

Administrative:

Hailey Russell has taken a job with another town across the river. We will miss her greatly. She has been with us for three years now and has grown a ton and helped the board to grow a lot. We appreciate the three years she has worked with the Town and all she has accomplished in her job. She already has the School's Out Party in the Park planned and got the wheels rolling on the Fall Festival. Would you like to share anything, Haley, in your last official meeting with the Town? No, I will say that I designed the fall festival t-shirts, so when you see them, they are really cool. Mayor Pugh stated that we appreciate all that you have done for us and we're going to miss you and do not be a stranger. If you do not have a meeting on the night of the party, come to the festival and work if you can.

We have posted the job and received tons of applicants. We selected the most qualified and conducted interviews. There were quite a few applicants with extensive experience working with the municipality. We have hired Amy Callahan who will be starting Monday, April 20. She

worked for the City of Maryville for 10 years in human resources and in fundraising for United Way for several years, planning events for them.

We are having the rest of our security system installed tomorrow. Aldermen Vaught asked if the codes would change. Hailey stated that the new system will allow us to add, change and delete codes. You can also unlock front door with an app and the back door as well. Everyone will get new individual codes for the back door. Hailey can email your code to you tonight.

Any other questions from any of our boards and committees? None.

Responses to Public Comments/Input from Previous Meeting

Mayor Pugh asked for responses to public comments.

A few campers had been concerned about the gate. We've tried to improve the gate over the past few years, and this bid process is going to help make progress in improving the gate.

Public Input on Agenda Items (5-minute limit)

None.

Financial Report

Caleb Wheeler presented the financial report from March 2026.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Franklin to approve the March 2026 financial report. Second by Alderman Kelley. ROLL CALL VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

Old Business

- a. AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF THE TOWN OF LOUISVILLE, TENNESSE ADOPTING THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE.**

Mayor Pugh presented the ordinance adopting the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code which was passed on the first reading in the last meeting. It is to comply with the state code. Any comments or a motion to approve?

MOTION by Vice Mayor Franklin to approve the second reading of the ordinance to adopt the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code. Second by Alderman Vaught. ROLL CALL VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

- b. AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALERMAN OF THE TOWN OF LOUISVILLE, TNNESSEE, AMENDING THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE.**

Mayor Pugh presented the ordinance amending the 2018 international residential code which was passed on the first reading in the last meeting. This is once again brought to us by our building official to be in compliance with the state code. Do we have any comments or a motion to approve?

MOTION by Alderman Kelley to approve the second reading of the ordinance to amend the 2018 International Residential Code. Second by Vice Mayor Franklin. ROLL CALL VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

c. Consideration and possible approval to cancel the Agreement with TN Arsenal.

Mayor Pugh stated that the board apparently voted on adopting an agreement with Tennessee Arsenal and we kind of left them hanging out there. I know Vice Mayor Franklin was working a little bit on it and this is what we got at the meeting and what they had given to us. It didn't make it to our book, but I asked Hailey to print it just in case the details were not in my memory since it was last June. I think the ball kind of got dropped on this as we had some changes in the Recreation Advisory Board. But one of the things that has come to my attention is they want us to reconfigure the ball field. This is the drawing they took there. I don't know if that's possible on this land but that an extensive amount of investment by the Town, which with all the grants that we have now, I don't know that we are going to go down this road. I recollect that this was put together as an idea of how we could get more use out of the property, but they weren't recommending that we do it unless we could get grant money. If we were interested, they would try to help us get some grant money. I don't think it was a part of our agreement. I have been in contact with the gentleman in charge of the team, and he wants the town to commit to a five-year agreement to let them use the fields. I don't know if that is what the town really wants to commit a five-year commitment to the Arsenal Travel Team Organization. They asked us to install a \$7,000 batting cage. I don't think we want to set up as a training facility for travel ball teams that charge a lot of money to play for them. In the past, we have allowed a lot of teams to book a time slot each week for a month at a time. This commitment is limiting the other teams to limited time slots. I don't know what the board wants to do but I tend to think we need to be open to all teams to be able to sign up. But it is up to the board because we did make a motion. I want to make sure whether we want to go with this agreement or not. Aldermen Franklin said we are not ready for one. I would tell them, to go ahead and use the facilities like everybody else for now. First come, first serve and we will send it back to RAB to make a recommendation to this board. Hailey Russell explained how we book each week and by the month.

Mayor Pugh asked for a motion.

MOTION by Alderman Loope to keep the ballfield bookings the same and not pursue a contract. Second by Alderman Kelley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

d. Consideration and Possible approval of i9 Sports Use of Town Ballfields for 2026

Mayor Pugh stated that i9 came and presented last month and thought they might be a good fit for the Town. They provide a service to the community, advertise for people to sign up and is open to everyone. It is low cost. I spoke to several places they're currently operating in West

Knoxville and are highly recommended. They have a passion for young children, teaching and getting them out to play sports. The RAB thought this would provide a service to the children in our community. They use the field on Saturday morning only for seven weeks. It is up to the board if we want to allow them to use for one year or seven weeks. Alderman Kelley stated that we agreed to not accept the contract with one company, it's kind of unfair to turn around and accept a proposal contract with another company. It might work out. Alderman Franklin said that RAB recommended it. Mayor Pugh said they thought it was a good idea. We do not do the organization or advertising. Alderman Kelley stated that we can not go into an agreement, but they can do like everybody else and reserve the field.

Mayor Pugh asked for a motion?

MOTION by Alderman Kelley that i9 could use the field on first come first serve. Second by Mayor Pugh. VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

e. Discussion of the Engineering Study Completed on Old Lowes Ferry Road. Roger has already presented the engineering study and the board has talked about it extensively. In the last meeting, the board made the motion to take the stop signs down. Now the board needs to make a motion whether to move forward with the recommendation from the study.

MOTION by Vice-Mayor Franklin to approve the study and move forward with phase one and speed limit from 25 mph to 20 mph. Second by Alderman Kelley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

New Business

- a. Discussion and Possible approval of Proposals Submitted in Response to the RFP for Banking services.

Caleb Wheeler explained about the RFP and the results from the proposals. (see attached summary chart).

Mayor Pugh asked if there is a motion to go with Renaissance Bank?

MOTION by Alderman Kelley that to go with Renasant Bank pending some things we need to work out. Second by Vice-Mayor Daniel Franklin. VOTE: UNANIMOUS with one alderman abstaining.

- b. Discussion and Possible Approval of Covering 65% of the Cost of Repairs to the Bridge at Lackey Creek (see attached summary chart).

Mayor Pugh states that Roger has provided a summary chart of the bridge work provided by South Blount Utility. This would be the cost of repairing the bridge.

MOTION by Mayor Pugh to move forward with the bridge repair as proposed by South Blount Utility. Second by Alderman Loope. VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

Public Input Not on Agenda Items (5 Minute Limit)

Glenda Skurda thanked Hailey for bringing young blood to many of us over the past three years. She has done amazing things for our kids and has gone outside the box to organize events. I think she has been amazing.

Also, I want to say that this meeting has been very nice to sit through tonight because I would like the board to consider something. You said in your prayer about bringing honor to the Lord and talking to each other with kindness. We know what Matthew 18:15-16 says, and that hasn't happened in a while. We've sat here and watched all of you say terrible things about each other, fight, carry on, call our employees names, point fingers, and accuse our employees. I just wish the board would consider how to get that under control.

We had a lot of issues during Mayor Anderson's and Mayor Bickers' terms, but they took control and didn't let that happen. People can come and be upset and say what they need to say, but they can say it with kindness because there are a lot of people watching. We've got residents with signs out that say, "Stop the corruption." I've been approached myself and asked what corruption there is. We can stay home and turn on the news and watch politicians fight and call each other names. I just think you all need to stop when it's said.

There were many times — and Alderman Loope remembers — when we had arguments and disagreements, but they didn't let things go on like this. It can be stopped. Just as my mom always taught us, if you don't have anything good to say, then don't say it at all, or go to that person in private. Don't call them out here, and don't call them names.

Anyway, I just want to thank Hailey for what she's done. Thank you, Hailey.

Someone asked Mayor Pugh if they could speak even though they had not signed up. She told them that she or any board member would speak with them after the meeting.

Adjournment

MOTION by Alderman Kelley to adjourn the meeting. Second by Vice Mayor Franklin. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSES.** The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Jill Pugh, Mayor

Caleb Wheeler, Recorder

Town of Louisville - Proposals for Banking Services

(Listed in Alphabetical Order by Category)

Full Bids Received			
Bank	Interest Rates	Bank Service Fees	Other Comments
1 First Horizon	2.50%	Fees for all Services	No info on Credit Card Fees. Use Fiserv
2 Home Federal Bank	0.10%	Fees for all Services	3% for 6 months on Money Market. Offers CC Rewards
3 Renasant Bank*	2.65%/2.9%/3%	All Fees Waived	Offers QuickBooks Integration. Positive Pay Services-Daily
*- 2.65% Fixed Rate (3 yrs) or 2.9% Floating Rate, 3% ICS Sweep Available (\$500,000 max for Interest-Bearing). Estimated Monthly Fees Waived over \$550. Estimated One Time Fees Waived over \$1,000			
*-Use Elan for Credit Cards - 1% Credit Card Rewards with a \$99 Annual Fee or No Rewards and No Fee.			
*-Use Bankcard for Merchant Card Services - 3 Types of Merchant Cards Services Ranging from 0%-3%. (Need to Decide Who Pays Fees)			
4 Simmons Bank**	1.5%/3.65%	Fees for All Services	Use Elvon for Merchant Cards/ 1% Reward on Visa Credit Cards
**- 1.5% ECR credit on first \$350,000, 3.65% after \$350,000			

Partial Bids Received			
Bank	Banking Services	Merchant Card Services	Purchase Card Services
5 CBBC Bank***	Yes	Yes	No
*** - 3% Rate, Services Charges were Waived but Other Fees Apply, Offers QuickBooks Integration. 3 Types of Bankcard Merchant Services Fees			
6 SmartBank	Yes	No	No

Emailed Bids with No Response	
Bank	
7 First Century Bank	
8 Peoples Bank of East Tennessee	
9 Pinnacle Bank	
10 Regions Bank	
11 TNBANK	
12 Truist Bank	
13 United Community Bank	
14 US Bank	



South Blount County Utility District 320 Partnership
Parkway Maryville, TN 37801

Project: Miser Station Bridge Estimate

Estimate Date: 3/26/26

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	SUBTOTAL
Mobilization, Engineering, Erosion Prevention, and					
1	Misc.	1	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
2	Engineered - Road Closure Plan	1	EA	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
3	Road Closure Singage	Rental			\$1,500.00
4	Stone - Rip Rap	88	Ton	\$49.86	\$4,387.68
5	Stone - 57	66	Ton	\$44.86	\$2,960.76
6	Concrete	10	Yd	\$220.00	\$2,200.00
7	Labor	8	Hr	\$425.00	\$3,400.00
8	Asphalt (8' x 22' Cut)				\$6,200.00
9	Compactor	Rental			\$450.00
					\$26,098.44