

**TOWN OF LOUISVILLE, TENNESSEE**  
**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**

**Public Hearing**

February 10, 2026

5:45 p.m.

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

**Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Caleb Wheeler - Town Recorder, Rob Goddard – Town Attorney, Roger Bird - Town Engineer, Darren Stinnett – Building Official Don & Julie Tefeteller - Town Accountants, & 20 citizens

Mayor Pugh called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

**Public Input on Agenda Items (5 Minute Limit)**

Anna Gibson addressed the Board regarding the revised Code of Ethics and broader concerns about Town governance.

Ms. Gibson stated she strongly opposes the provision stating that an ethics complaint may only be submitted by an official or employee potentially affected by the chapter. She asserted that this language conflicts with the Tennessee Comprehensive Ethics Reform Act of 2016, which she stated references citizens multiple times and emphasizes accountability, transparency, and public confidence in government. She cited language indicating that nothing in the Act prohibits a private citizen from filing a sworn complaint and argued that the Town’s revisions improperly restrict that right.

Ms. Gibson stated she reviewed ethics codes from other municipalities in Blount County and observed that they generally use the MTAS model code verbatim, with some cities referencing general penalty clauses. She stated Louisville’s code does not clearly reference penalties and argued that the absence of defined penalties creates gaps in enforcement.

Ms. Gibson then expressed her view that corruption and illegal activity have occurred within the Town since May. She referenced what she described as an illegal permit, alleged illegal pay raises, destruction of public records, and failure to fulfill public records requests. She questioned what penalties, if any, were imposed in those situations. She also raised concerns about how “severity” of ethics violations is determined and suggested that clearer standards and consequences should be outlined in the code.

Ms. Gibson further alleged instances of voting manipulation, retaliation, and misrepresentation related to development matters, including Planning Commission appointments, agenda naming

conventions, repeated placement of items on agendas, and redaction of public comments. She cited specific examples involving development proposals, public comment policies, stop sign discussions, vendor selections, and social media policy votes.

Ms. Gibson stated she believes retaliation has occurred against certain board members and citizens and asserted that the Town has failed to address such concerns. She argued that Board members should have a duty to report known violations and that the code should address not only personal benefit but also harm to others resulting from official actions.

Ms. Gibson concluded by stating she believes there is significant corruption within the Town and that the proposed code revisions do not resolve the issues she identified. She stated that transparency, rather than confidentiality, is necessary to prevent corruption and restore public trust.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF LOUISVILLE, TENNESSEE AUTHORIZING THE BLOUNT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO ENFORCE SPECIFIC ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF LOUISVILLE**

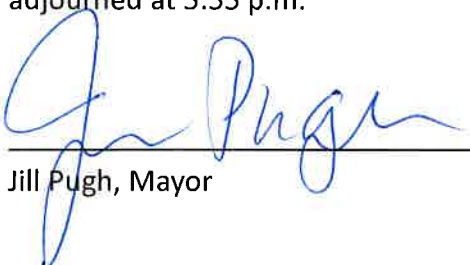
Mayor Pugh presented the ordinance to the board. There were not comments or questions from the Board.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF LOUISVILLE, TENNESSEE, ADOPTING A REVISED CODE OF ETHICS; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2023-06; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Mayor Pugh presented the ordinance to the board. There were not comments or questions from the Board.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION** by Alderman Kelley to adjourn the meeting. Second by Alderman Vaught. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

  
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Jill Pugh, Mayor

  
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Caleb Wheeler, Recorder