

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the G. Thomas Love Boardroom at the Greeneville Energy Building with Mayor C. Calvin Doty presiding.

Present were Council Members Matt Hensley, Ginny Kidwell, Tim Ward, and Cathy Osborne, Interim City Manager. Council Member Tim Teague was absent.

At this time, Mayor Doty's comments are as follows: 1) Thank you to Christina Potts, Marketing and Media Specialist, Cathy Osborne, Interim City Manager, and other Town staff for the hard work for our Juneteenth and Fourth of July celebrations. Also, thank you to Eric Price, Assistant Fire Chief, for the wonderful fireworks display on July 4th following the parade; 2) Recently a partnership agreement was signed between the Park Service and Greene County to complete improvements at Horse Creek; 3) Met with a group yesterday, including state and local elected officials, to hear about faith in our country and in Tennessee, referencing House Joint Resolution HJR51, "A Resolution to seek Almighty God's hand of ever-present mercy and healing on Tennessee", which was passed in the spring of 2025; 4) Lyrics on the Lawn is occurring once again this Thursday, as well as each remaining Thursday in July; 5) Wednesday evening beginning at 5:30 p.m., the Declaration of Independence will be read in front of the Greene County Courthouse; 6) Erin Evans, Library Director, updated the Council on summer events including the Summer Reading Program which is held during the month of June each year and is funded through various grants. This year's theme was dinosaurs, which included activities such as a fossil dig, scavenger hunt, seed bomb planting, as well as a visit from the paleontologist from the Gray Fossil Museum and an archeologist from the Cherokee National Forest Agency. In addition, there were actors and actresses from the local play entitled "1776" who provided some history of the Declaration of Independence and allowed the participants to sign a copy of the Declaration of Independence. The annual book sale resulted in approximately \$32,000 additional revenue for the Library to supplement the budget, with over forty-five (45) volunteers assisting in the event. Finally, an open house was held at the T. Elmer Cox Genealogical Library organized by employee Christopher Gose featuring the history behind the founding of Greene County and the Revolutionary War soldiers who fought on King's Mountain and helped to settle in Greene County; and 8) Over one hundred (100) sailors both past and present from the USS Greeneville submarine were in town over the Fourth of July holiday weekend, participating in activities in the area, assisting at the Roby Center, and contributed to other community projects in Greeneville.

At this time, public comment is as follows: Mr. Tracy Solomon, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Tevet, spoke about issues regarding the Greeneville Municipal Airport, such as the loss of private investment, concerns about Airport Authority board members, and his recent application to the Airport Authority, in which the process raised concerns about fairness. Mr. Solomon requested the City Council require the Airport Authority to produce governing documents, written conflict disclosures, and the selection of and hiring process for the Airport Manager, as well as to hire a private reviewer of such documents.

Motion by Council Member Kidwell, seconded by Council Member Hensley to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting held on June 16, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Ward, seconded by Council Member Hensley to approve the consent agenda including the following item: Consideration to approve a Resolution for the Town of Greeneville to apply, accept, administer, and amend the FY 2027 Statewide School Resource Officer (SRO) Program grant for the Greeneville Police Department. Cathy Osborne, Interim City Manager, addressed the Council, stating the total grant award is \$525,000, which is \$75,000 for seven (7) SRO's currently employed by the Police Department, with no local match required. Motion passed unanimously.

At this time, Cathy Osborne, Interim City Manager, announced that Mr. Josh Pierce was recently named Police Chief for the Greeneville Police Department. Chief Pierce has served in the Police Department with the Town of Greeneville for nearly eighteen (18) years. Chief Pierce then announced that Mr. Eddie Key would now serve as the Assistant Police Chief effective July 12, 2026. Assistant Chief Key has served in the Police Department with the Town of Greeneville for fifteen (15) years.

Motion by Council Member Kidwell, seconded by Council Member Hensley to approve the bid proposal for construction of Phase I Sidewalk Improvements to Bernard Avenue. Andy Broyles, Development Services Director, addressed the Council, stating the five (5) bids were received and reviewed by himself and Scott Keith, Public Works Director. Per the grant guidelines, the lowest bidder must be accepted, and the proposal cannot be negotiated. Mr. Broyles stated the low bidder is Complete Construction Management in the amount of \$343,446.00. He also stated he has fully vetted the work and reputation of the company by visiting work sites in neighboring areas. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Ward, seconded by Council Member Hensley to approve a Resolution to increase garbage rates for the Municipal Solid Waste Fund. Scott Keith, Public Works Director, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Ward, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to approve a Resolution to increase tipping fees for Class I commercial/residential waste at the Greeneville-Greene County Landfill. Scott Keith, Public Works Director, and Tony Morrisson, Landfill Manager, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Ward, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to approve the purchase of equipment to transport Class III demolition waste procured and paid for by the Demolition Landfill fund, not to exceed \$700,000. Tony Morrisson, Landfill Manager, addressed the Council stating the following items of equipment are anticipated for purchase: Grapple truck - \$360,000, Trailers - \$220,000, 60-yard containers - \$30,400, and Day Cab - \$70,000. This purchase will require a budget amendment. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Ward, seconded by Council Member Hensley to approve the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Administrative Services Agreement. Patsy Fuller, Human Resources Director, addressed the Council. This is an annual agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hensley, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to accept a donation in the amount of \$30,160.00 from the Greene County Tennis Association to fully fund the resurfacing of three (3) courts at the Sports Complex on Hal Henard Road. Cathy Osborne, Interim City Manager, addressed the Council stating this project was in addition to the reconstruction project of the other three (3) courts at the Sports Complex. David Bailey and Nikki Pierce, members of the Greene County Tennis Association, also addressed the Council stating the funds were generated through fundraising activities, private donations, and grants. Mr. Bailey also stated their board approved the donation of funds for this project to the Town at the June 23, 2026 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Kidwell, seconded by Council Member Hensley to approve the proposal from Baseline to resurface three (3) courts at the Sports Complex on Hal Henard Road in the amount of \$30,160.00. Cathy Osborne, Interim City Manager, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Ward, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to approve the recommendation to appoint Mr. Chuck Whitfield to the Greeneville Energy Authority for a five-year term. Dwayne Wells, Chief Executive Officer of the Greeneville Energy Authority, addressed the Council stating this was a unanimous nomination after applicant interviews with Greeneville Energy Authority Board Members. Motion passed as follows: Council Member Ward and Council Member Kidwell voted aye. Council Member Hensley voted nay.

At this time, discussion was held regarding two (2) vacant seats on the Industrial Development Board, which consists of seven (7) city appointees, seven (7) county appointees, and mayors from the Town of Greeneville and Greene County. Cathy Osborne, Interim City Manager, indicated that a total of nine (9) applications were received with one applicant ineligible to serve as a city appointee and another applicant withdrew his/her name from consideration.

Motion by Council Member Kidwell, seconded by Council Member Ward to recommend Brian Click for reappointment to the Industrial Development Board for a six-year term. Motion passed unanimously.

At this time, the following applicants for the Industrial Development Board seat were present to address the Council: 1) Mr. Courtney Kent Hutcherson; 2) Mr. Jeff Idell; 3) Mr. Dallas Blair, III; and 4) Mr. Joe Fillers. Mr. Donald Myers and Ms. Maggie Misterly were not present.

Motion by Council Member Hensley, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to appoint Mr. Jeff Idell to the Industrial Development Board for a six-year term. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Ward, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to approve the appointment of Mr. Jason Horne as the school representative on the Greeneville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Ward, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Calvin Doty, Mayor

Attest:

Lora A. Young, Recorder