

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Tuesday May 6, 2025, 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 Teague, Tim Ward, and Todd Smith, City Manager.

At this time, Mayor Doty's comments are as follows: 1) Ron Metcalf, reporter with WGRV, was presented recently in Nashville the Excellence in Media Award from the Emergency Management Association of Tennessee for his efforts to keep the public informed with daily briefings during the events of Hurricane Helene in the fall of 2024; 2) The Iris Festival begins with events next week, with the full festival events downtown beginning on Saturday, May 17th; 3) Two joint proclamations of Greene County and the Town of Greeneville were signed recently. Those include: Proclamation to recognize the week of May 11-17, 2025 to be National Skilled Nursing Care Week, and Proclamation to recognize the week of May 18-24, 2025 to be Emergency Medical Services Week.

At this time, Patsy Fuller offered recognition of two retirements and three Police Department Officer of the Year awards. The employee recognitions are as follows: 1) Gina Holt, Sergeant School Resource Officer (SRO) with nineteen (19) years of service to the Town and Highland Elementary School; 2) Paul Laughlin, Senior Building Inspector with nine (9) years of service to the Town; 3) Alison Brooks selected Patrol Officer of the Year; 4) Derrick Moore selected School Resource Officer of the Year; and 5) Eric Davis selected Detective of the Year.

No one registered for public comment regarding an item on today's agenda.

Motion by Council Member Kidwell, seconded by Council Member Ward to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

At this time, Eric Carroll, CEO Greeneville Community Hospital provided an update to the City Council stating: 1) The Unicoi County Hospital that was destroyed during the hurricane has been replaced with an advanced urgent care center; 2) Family birth center has been renovated; 3) Patient rooms have been updated with new flooring and equipment; 4) Phase 1 of the Emergency Room Expansion has been completed; 5) Lobby upgrades have been completed; 6) Addition of a surgical waiting room; 7) and Established the Ballard Health Academy where High School students can earn a Practical Nurse License prior to graduation. A total of two hundred and five (205) students signed up for the program, with fifty-five from Greeneville City Schools.

At this time, Scott Niswonger, Depot Street property owner, addressed the City Council requesting the Town provide \$10,000 of the \$40,000 cost estimate to remedy lighting issues on the block of Depot Street between Main Street and Irish Street where the current lighting is too bright as it affects the new residential lofts and condominiums constructed on that area of West Depot Street. The request from Mr. Niswonger is to change the LED lights from 4,000 lumens to 3,000 lumens and to provide shields on the lampposts to deflect the light from the residential units. Todd Smith, City Manager, stated the Town would need a formal budget amendment to include the \$10,000 funding toward this request and consideration should be given to the other residents

of the Town, as well as public safety and aesthetics of the entire downtown streetscape project. Mr. Smith further stated that no action could be taken at today's meeting.

At this time, Scott Niswonger, also requested that the ten (10) foot easement that extends from the parking lot to the store fronts on the same section of Depot Street be handicap accessible and accessible to existing and new retail store owners. Mr. Niswonger also stated the drawings are available from Dave Wright, Architect. Todd Smith, City Manager, stated this would need to be considered in the next budget.

At this time, Todd Smith, City Manager, presented the 2025 first quarter performance measures, with most of the department beginning tracking in January. The goals of the performance measure program are to identify key operational functions by each department, measure effectiveness in the delivery of services, and identify and correct any deficiencies that would improve the delivery of services. Some of the measures are as follows: 1) Police: percentage of criminal cases cleared and reduction of crash data from quarter to quarter; 2) Roby Adult Center: number of educational, physical, and therapeutic programs and the rate of increase of new members; 3) Public Relations: increase the number of social media followers and resolution of public notice complaints; 4) Public Works: Cost to resurface a mile of city streets and response time to pothole repair; 5) Building and Planning: total value of building permits and time from inspection request to completion; 6) Fire: time between dispatch and beginning of response and cost of operations per fire apparatus; 7) Human Resources: annual employee turnover rate and time from job posting to job offer; 8) Finance: days from release of sealed bids to award and debt per capita; and 9) Parks and Recreation: total participants as city versus county residency.

Motion by Council Member Teague, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to approve an agreement for the division and transfer of assets at the Greene Center for Technology and the McNeese Building, and the acceptance of a warranty deed. Todd Smith, City Manager, addressed the Council, stating the net transfer of funds to the Greene County School System would be \$1,000,000 for the purchase. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hensley, seconded by Council Member Teague to approve an interlocal agreement between the Greeneville City Schools and the Town of Greeneville for the purchase of the Greene Technology Center property. Todd Smith, City Manager, addressed the Council, stating the Greeneville City Schools have committed to allocate \$191,487 of the Local Option Sales Tax revenue to pay for the principal and interest on the capital outlay note to be issued for this purchase. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Ward, seconded by Council Member Teague to approve a Resolution to issue a capital outlay note in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the purchase of the Greene Technology Center property as outlined in the interlocal agreement and existing property documents. Todd Smith, City Manager, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Teague, seconded by Council Member Ward to approve an interlocal agreement pertaining to the Greeneville Municipal Airport Authority. Todd Smith, City Manager, addressed the Council. The agreement proposes a separation from the Town of Greeneville by the Airport Authority to operate as a separate government entity. The agreement also clearly defines the employer to employee relationship of the Greeneville Municipal Airport

Authority and the adoption of a separate Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System plan and health insurance plan for Airport Employees who were previously included in the Town's benefit plans. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Ward, seconded by Council Member Hensley to approve an interlocal agreement with the Third Judicial District Drug Task Force. Steve Spano, Police Chief, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Kidwell, seconded by Council Member Hensley to defer consideration of a policy for filling vacant and expired seats on Town Boards and Commissions. Todd Smith, City Manager, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

At this time, Scott Keith, Assistant Public Works Director, presented a road maintenance and resurfacing update. The following information was provided: 1) A pavement condition study has been completed, indicating 80% of the road surface in the Town limits have surface defects and the overall rating of the pavement condition is fair. The cost to repair or restore all the streets in Greeneville is approximately \$23.6 million; 2) Resurfacing plans include Main Street, which is TDOT (Tennessee Department of Transportation) handling the paving, the STBG (Surface Transportation Block Grant) project for Church Street, Old Shiloh, and Erwin Highway is a revised TDOT grant contract, and contracted paving on West Vann Road; and 3) Purchase of an asphalt patch truck has increased efficiency in the Public Works Department with almost no wasted material.

Motion by Council Member Hensley, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to approve a bid for grinding services at the Greeneville/Greene County Landfill in the amount of \$16.50 per ton with a cap of \$75,000 total spent. Scott Keith, Assistant Public Works Director, addressed the Council, stating these funds would grind approximately 4,500 tons of brush. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Teague, seconded by Council Member Hensley to approve the purchase of a 2025 John Deere Gator XUV 845M for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$22,661.86. Scott Keith, Assistant Public Works Director, addressed the Council. This is not a budgeted item, and a budget amendment will be forthcoming. The purchase will be made through a state contract vendor. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Ward, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to approve the purchase of a cardiac monitor for the Greeneville Fire Department in the amount of \$24,749.60. Alan Shipley, Fire Chief, addressed the City Council. This is a budgeted item. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Teague, seconded by Council Member Hensley to approve a Resolution to apply, accept, administer, and amend a grant by Norfolk Southern Safety First grant. Cathy Osborne, Assistant City Manager, addressed the Council. This is the second year applying for this grant, which awards a maximum of \$15,000 with no local match. The Fire Department will be using these funds for swift water equipment and ropes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Ward, seconded by Council Member Teague to approve the renewal of the agenda software (Granicus) effective July 1, 2025 in the amount of \$10,295.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hensley, seconded by Council Member Ward to approve a Special Event Sign request for the Smokey Mountain Super Truck and Tractor pull at the Greene County Fairgrounds on June 20th and 21st. Bert Seay, Building Department Director, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

At this time, Scott Niswonger addressed the City Council and offered to pay for the entire cost of the lighting improvements on Depot Street, stating that if the Town can provide \$10,000 toward the project it would be acceptable.

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

Tim Teague, Vice Mayor

Attest:

Lora A. Young, Recorder