

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Tuesday August 5, 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 Ginny Kidwell, Matt Hensley, Tim Teague, Tim Ward, and Todd Smith, City Manager.

At this time, Mayor Doty's comments are as follows: This Friday and Saturday is the August 8th Celebration. Christina Potts, Marketing and Media Specialist, read a joint proclamation from Greene County and the Town of Greeneville, which acknowledges August 8th as Freedom Day.

Four individuals have requested to make public comment on item 8.7 – Consideration to establish a working committee to develop a future plan for the George Clem building. Those comments are included with the corresponding agenda item.

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

At this time, both the Greeneville High School baseball team and track team were recognized for their achievement as State Champions. Andy Collins, Greeneville High School baseball coach, and Larry Blalock, Greeneville High School track team coach, along with players, were in attendance. Each of the players received a Town of Greeneville Challenge Coin presented by Mayor Doty.

At this time, Todd Smith, City Manager and Butch Patterson, Parks and Recreation Director, announced the Greeneville Parks and Recreation Department received the award for Excellence in Parks and Recreation at the recent Tennessee Municipal League Conference for the beach volleyball project. The Parks and Recreation Department was presented at the award plaque at the recent conference in Chattanooga, TN.

Motion by Council Member Teague, second by Council Member Hensley to approve a Special Event application to close portions of Depot Street and Irish Street for Depot Nights to be held on September 19, 2025. Cathy Osborne, Assistant City Manager, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hensley, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to approve a Special Event application to close portions of Depot Street and Irish Street for Wheels of Warriors on September 6, 2025. Cathy Osborne, Assistant City Manager, and Jackie Sauceman, event organizer, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Ginny Kidwell made the motion to approve a Resolution establishing a policy for temporarily closing public streets for public purposes, including a permit with a daily fee depending on the number of hours required for closure. Todd Smith, City Manager, addressed the Council stating this is not for special events but for closures such as construction. Discussion was held regarding concerns about daily fees versus one-time fees. At this time, Council Member Kidwell withdrew her motion.

Motion by Council Member Teague, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to approve the Resolution establishing a policy for temporarily closing public streets for public purposes including a permit with a one-time fee for closures instead of daily fees. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Teague, seconded by Council Member Ward to approve a facilities use agreement between the Town of Greeneville, Greeneville City Schools Board of Education, Greene County Board of Education, and the Tennessee College of Applied Technology of Morristown, removing the Greene County Schools. Todd Smith, City Manager, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

At this time, Todd Smith, City Manager, led the discussion for the City Council to determine the best use for the George Clem building, as well as the possibility of a committee providing recommendations and feedback for possible future usage of the building. Mr. Smith further stated that Head Start would remain in the building. Public comments were as follows: 1) Joan Bowers – discussed making the building a community-based facility, which would open up opportunities for individuals in that community, and to make this building a historical property; 2) Sharon Bowers – pointed out this was more than a building and a symbol of history, stating the historical context of the building be preserved. Also, stated she would like residents of the George Clem community become a part of the future of the facility; 3) Chance Gillespie – discussed the history of the building, suggesting further research on the by-laws of the building as it relates to future use; and 4) Angela Campbell – requested retaining the history of the building and preferred one or more member of the George Clem Multicultural Alliance participate on any visioning committee for the facility. Mayor Doty invited those in attendance to serve on the committee, as well as others who are willing to participate.

Motion by Council Member Ward, seconded by Council Member Teague to consider approval to increase landfill rates effective September 1, 2025, as follows: Class 1 municipal residential solid waste \$60 to \$65 per ton; Class III/IV Demolition materials from \$40 to \$50 per ton; and Brush/wood waste from \$20 to \$30 per ton. Minimum fees will remain the same. Tony Morrison, Landfill Manager, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Teague, seconded by Council Member Hensley to approve the purchase of two (2) new 2025 Dodge Durango SUVs (with the pursuit package AWD) for the Greeneville Police Department. Kevin Gass, Police Captain, addressed the Council. This is a budgeted item in the total amount of \$79,394. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Ward, seconded by Council Member Hensley to re-appoint five (5) members to the Roby Fitzgerald Adult Center Advisory Committee for two-year terms as follows: Hazel Bible, Hope Broyles, DJ Dalton, Velma LeRoche, and Regina Phillips. Cathy Osborne, Assistant City Manager, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Ward, seconded by Council Member Teague to approve the appointment to fill a vacant school representative seat on the Greeneville Parks and Recreation Board – Johnny Painter. Cathy Osborne, Assistant City Manager, addressed the Council. Mr. Starnes, Greeneville City Schools Superintendent, approved the recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Board for this appointment. Motion passed unanimously.

Motino by Council Member Teague, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to approve the re-appointment of two (2) members to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a four-year term: Tim Armstrong and Don Hamilton. Cathy Osborne, Assistant City Manager, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hensley, seconded by Council Member Ward to approve a Special Event sign request for the 2025 GM Truck Show After Party to be held on Saturday, August 16, 2025. Bert Seay, Building Department Director, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hensley, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to approve a Special Event sign request for Depot Nights to be held on Saturday, September 19, 2025. Bert Seay, Building Department Director, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Kidwell, seconded by Council Member Ward to approve a Special Event sign request for The Fall Festival of Nations held at Notre Dame Church on Saturday, September 20, 2025. Bert Seay, Building Department Director, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

At this time, Mayor Doty and Todd Smith, City Manager, called for a ten-minute recess to allow the boardroom to be cleared in preparation for a closed Executive Session regarding a Legal Update.

Motion by Council Member Hensley, seconded by Council Member Ward to close the Executive Session.

Motion by Council Member Teague seconded by Council Member Kidwell to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Calvin Doty, Mayor

Attest:

Lora A. Young, Recorder

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