

Regular Meeting

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 6, 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 Teague, Tim Ward, and Interim City Manager Cathy Osborne.

At this time, Mayor Doty's comments are as follows: 1) Nicole Rader, Roby Center Director, stated the process to remove the bats from the Roby building is nearly completed. Roger's Wildlife is the vendor completing the project, which should be finished by the end of the week. Roger's Wildlife stated they will be monitoring the Roby in the coming months to make sure the bats have not returned; 2) Christina Potts, Marketing and Media Specialist, spoke about recent Town events over the holidays, including the treat bag distribution by the Greeneville Fire Department where over one thousand (1,000) bags were given on Christmas Eve morning. Midnight on Main, which is the New Year's Eve celebration downtown with fireworks and a ball drop was also a success; 3) Butch Patterson, Parks and Recreation Director, spoke about the Ladies Classic Basketball Tournament and Christmas in the Park. Ladies Classic Tournament was held the week after Christmas, with approximately three hundred eight (308) hotel rooms occupied in Greeneville. Social media interest in the tournament surpassed prior years. Christmas in the Park was held December 6th through December 30th, with thirteen thousand (13,000) cars recorded in the park to view the lights, which equates to approximately forty thousand (40,000) individuals for the event this year; 4) Mayor Doty stated that construction has started on a section of the Depot Street sidewalks with repairs being made. Town employees will be inspecting the repairs once completed; 5) Mayor Doty indicated he had spoken with Pete Auger, Management Consultant with the Municipal Technical Advisory Service and consultant in charge of the new city manager search for the Town of Greeneville. Mr. Auger stated that seven (7) resumes had been received thus far for the vacant city manager position. Resumes will be accepted through January 31, 2026; and 6) Andy Broyles, Development Services Director, provided an update on the construction at the pocket park downtown stating the project should be complete within the next two weeks and that landscaping will be delayed until the spring.

No one requested public comment on this agenda.

Motion by Council Member Ward, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting held on Tuesday, December 16, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Teague, seconded by Council Member Ward to approve a Resolution to adopt a revised fund balance policy for the Town of Greeneville. Lora Young, Finance Director, addressed the Council stating the current fund balance guidance of 25% to 35% is no longer attainable due to the slowdown of revenue growth and diminishing excess cash available to apply to the existing unassigned fund balance (otherwise known as the "Rainy Day Fund"). The new fund balance policy reduces the range between 20% and 30%, with no more than 6% of the annual operating budget each year allocated to capital equipment or projects. Mrs.

Young also noted that the Comptroller’s office requires a minimum of 15% of the annual operating budget for the unassigned fund balance. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hensley, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to approve a Resolution to adopt a tool policy for the Greeneville Fire and Public Works Departments. Cathy Osborne, Interim City Manager, and Alan Shipley, Fire Chief, addressed the Council. Mrs. Osborne stated that there are four (4) mechanics currently employed by the Town with one (1) in the Fire Department and three (3) in the Public Works Department. She also stated that having mechanics on staff significantly reduces down time on vehicles and equipment. The total cost of the stipend will be less than \$3,000 annually and is distributed in the amount of \$25 per pay period as taxable income to the employee. Mr. Shipley stated that the Fire Department has saved nearly \$25,000 in the six (6) months of having a mechanic on staff to repair fire apparatus. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hensley, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to accept an RFQ for design services for Old Harmony Cemetery. Christina Potts, Marketing and Media Specialist, addressed the Council, stating that two (2) requests for qualifications were received and Ross Fowler is the vendor chosen for the project. She also noted that the Greene County Heritage Trust is partnering with the Town of Greeneville on this project. The Town will also be applying for Tennessee 250 grant funds. Motion passed unanimously.

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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