

# UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

## Regular Meeting

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 3, 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, Tim Teague, Tim Ward, and Interim City Manager Cathy Osborne. Council Member Ginny Kidwell was absent.

At this time, Mayor Doty's comments are as follows: 1) Thank you to Mr. Danny Ricker, Chaplain, for your service to our community in such a giving way; 2) Greeneville had a snow event last weekend with around eleven (11) inches accumulating over a twenty-four-hour period; 3) Thank you to our Public Works Department employees for their hard work clearing the streets and roadways for our citizens; 3) John Loven, Summers-Taylor, spoke regarding the brick pavers on Depot Street and suggested the Town reach out the manufacturer for instructions when clearing snow and/or ice; 4) Council Member Ward requested a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Terry Rednour, the Town of Greeneville Auxiliary Police Chief, who passed away last week; and 5) Recognition of several members of the Adult Leadership cohort in attendance at today's meeting.

For public comment, Mr. Scott Niswonger addressed the Council. First, Mr. Niswonger thanked the public works staff and others for an excellent job cleaning the streets after the snow event. Second, he asked Pete Auger, MTAS Management Consultant, to clarify the balance between the comments made by the community influencers and the metrics used to evaluate the candidates for the City Manager position. Mr. Auger responded he would address that comment during his time with the Council later in the meeting. Finally, Mr. Niswonger stated he believes it is critically important that the Roby Center, in particular, be restored for use and will significantly support the project to renovate the Roby Auditorium financially, as well as desires to be involved in the project.

Motion by Council Member Hensley, seconded by Council Member Ward to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting held on Tuesday, January 20, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hensley, seconded by Council Member Ward to add the final resume that was submitted for the vacant City Manager position prior to January 31, 2026. The applicant's submission was not included in the agenda packet for this meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

At this time, Pete Auger, MTAS (Municipal Technical Advisory Service) Management Consultant, addressed the Council outlining his methodology of scoring the candidates for the City Manager position. Mr. Auger stated that there was a total of seventeen (17) individuals that had submitted his/her resume' and/or cover letter. Mr. Auger also stated that when establishing the sixteen (16) metrics to compare to the submissions they were all similar, with no outliers or differing qualities in the next person to serve in the role of City Manager. Furthermore, those metrics were developed based on feedback from the City Council, Town of Greeneville department directors, and community members. Mr. Auger also stated that his evaluation of the recipients was listed in order of receipt, with each metric color coded in green, yellow, or red. The green boxes indicated that candidate referred to the metric on his/her submission. Yellow boxes indicate

that person may have mentioned he/she has been exposed to or had minimal experience with the metric. And, red boxes indicate that person expressed no exposure or experience with the corresponding metric. Mr. Auger made it clear that all of the decisions throughout this process are the decision of the City Council. After further discussion, Ms. Osborne was asked to provide City Council with those candidates that scored highest based on Mr. Auger's assessment. City Council reached a consensus that each council member would individually review applicants, compare resumes' and/or cover letters to the sixteen (16) metrics, and return a list to Mr. Auger for compilation of candidates to interview. No formal action was taken.

Motion by Council Member Teague, seconded by Council Member Ward to approve an Ordinance on second and final reading to amend the fiscal year 2026 budget. Lora Young, Finance Director, addressed the Council. A public hearing was held with no one speaking for or against the Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Ward, seconded by Council Member Hensley to approve the purchase of a cardiac monitor for the Greeneville Fire Department in the amount of \$24,141.47. Eric Price, Assistant Fire Chief, addressed the Council stating this item was included in the budget amendment for fiscal year 2026 and is needed to replace outdated monitors. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Teague, seconded by Council Member Hensley to approve the ad hoc committee to move forward with formal planning for the Roby Auditorium with A. Dave Wright as the design architect chosen to develop preliminary drawings and a project cost estimate. Dave Wright, Architect, addressed the Council stating his work would be done with no fees assigned for his work during this preliminary and investigatory phase of the proposed project to renovate the Roby Auditorium. Cathy Osborne, Interim City Manager, stated that state law related to the request for qualification process referenced in TCA § 12-4-107, section 1, item d which reads as follows: "A city, county, or utility district having a satisfactory existing working relationship for architectural or engineering services may expand the scope of the services; provided they are within the technical competency of the existing firm, without exercising this option". Based on this particular section in the Tennessee code annotated as it relates to contracts for professional services, City Council agreed to assign A. Dave Wright as the architect for this phase of the project. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Teague, seconded by Council Member Ward to approve an agreement with the Upper East Tennessee Human Development Agency (UETHDA) allowing Head Start to utilize a portion of the George Clem Facility for operation and programming. Cathy Osborne, Interim City Manager, and Josh Ruff, Operations Manager for the Head Start program with UETHDA, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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C. Calvin Doty, Mayor

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Lora A. Young, Recorder