

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 21, 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 Cathy Osborne, Interim City Manager.

At this time, Mayor Doty's comments are as follows: 1) Council Member Tim Ward, Board member of the Greeneville-Greene County Boys & Girls Club, announced the Boys and Girls Club had their grand opening this past weekend in the new facility, which consists of approximately 27,000 square feet doubling the area as their previous location. Capacity at the new facility is nearly 350 children, which are fed three meals per day during the summer months and enjoy a variety of programming. This new facility was made possible by significant financial gifts and funding from organizations such as The Bachman Foundation and the Niswonger Foundation, as well as State of Tennessee grant opportunities, resulting in no outstanding debt on the new facility. As a member of the Board, Mr. Ward thanked everyone who made this possible; 2) Rachel Redmon, Art teacher at Greeneville High School, addressed the council regarding the vandalism of the mural on the corner of Church Street and Bernard Avenue. Four of the ten students who participated in the original mural painting came forward the same evening the vandalism was discovered to restore the mural. Thank you to the Greeneville Police Department for discovering the perpetrator; 3) Josh Pierce, Chief of Police, addressed the Council stating the SRO camp hosted by the Police Department last week was successful. The camp was held Monday through Thursday for 4th-6th graders who have exhibited excellent behavior during the school year. There were approximately 100 children in attendance during the week, which included activities such as archery, shooting, canoeing. Participants also enjoyed a day at Morristown Landing for swimming and other activities, as well as demonstrations by the Greeneville Police and Fire Departments. Special thank you to all of our community partners for making this camp successful for four consecutive years; 4) Patsy Fuller, Human Resources Director, presented Mr. Stacey Hobbs a plaque in recognition of his retirement after 22 years with the Town of Greeneville Police Department, serving as a detective in recent years. Mayor Doty presented Mr. Hobbs with a challenge coin to honor his retirement; and 5) This coming Saturday, July 25, 2026, there will be a special event in Franklin, Tennessee to recognize Mr. Bobby Rader with WGRV at the Induction Ceremony of the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame. Mr. Rader stated he was honored to represent what he does, as well as what Greene County and the Town of Greeneville does for him.

At this time, public comment is as follows: Dr. Matthew Drinnon, Director of the Greenville City Schools, addressed the City Council regarding the most recent adopted property tax levy by Greene County for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. In the new property tax levy, Greene County reallocated thirteen (13) pennies from the appropriation for General Purpose Schools, which includes both Greene County and Greeneville City Schools, to the following areas within the tax levy: Ten (10) pennies to the General Fund and three (3) pennies to County General Purpose School Capital Projects. Dr. Drinnon indicated there were no anticipated budgetary challenges for this fiscal year with plans in place to cover any anticipated shortfall. However, this

could prove to develop a maintenance of effort issue for the next fiscal year budget, depending on enrollment activity. The reallocation of the thirteen (13) pennies represents approximately \$960,000 in the Greeneville City Schools portion of the levy appropriation.

Motion by Council Member Kidwell, seconded by Council Member Ward to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting held on July 7, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Ward, seconded by Council Member Hensley to approve the consent agenda, which includes the following items as reviewed by Interim City Manager Cathy Osborne: 1) Consideration to approve a special event application to close a portion of West Depot Street for the Greeneville High School Pep Rally to be held on August 20, 2026; 2) Consideration to approve a special event sing application for the Eastside Baptist Church Classic Car Show to be held on October 3, 2026; 3) Consideration to approve a Resolution for the Roby Adult Center to Apply, Accept, Administer, and Amend a grant for the 2026 State of Tennessee Senior Center Grant in the amount up to \$50,000 with no local match required; and 4) Consideration to approve the new pay plan update agreement in the amount of \$11,450, which is a budgeted item in Fiscal Year 2027. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hensley, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to approve an Ordinance on first reading to rezone five (5) properties identified as Greene County tax map 098D, Group D, Parcels 011.00, 029.00, 026.00, 027.00, and 025.00 from M-2 (High Impact Use Industrial) to R-3 (Medium Density) Residential. Justin Schooley, Town Planner, addressed the Council stating the Planning Commission has approved the rezoning of the parcels, and no citizen concerns have been voiced. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Teague, seconded by Council Member Hensley to approve and allow the Interim City Manager to execute and deliver a new joint venture agreement pertaining to the Greeneville-Greene County Solid Waste Transfer Station, Active Class III Landfill, and inactive Class I and Class IV Landfills. Cathy Osborne, Interim City Manager, and Scott Keith, Public Works Director, addressed the Council, stating discussion on the new joint-venture agreement with the County began in April 2026, with final agreement occurring after a four-hour session on Friday, July 17th. Mrs. Osborne stated the following key changes are included in the new agreement: 1) Section #1 – Date changed for modification or termination of the agreement from April 30th to April 1st each year; 2) Section #5 – Scale house will no longer be closed for lunch; 3) Section #10 – Utilities for the overall operations of the Transfer Station, the Demolition Landfill, as well as the two (2) inactive landfills, will be shared equally by the Town and the County. Mr. Keith addressed the other key change in the new agreement regarding the cost increase from \$65.00 per ton to \$90.00 per ton effective January 1, 2027. Mr. Keith stated the increase will only affect commercial/business customers and is a pass-through revenue to the County, thus having no effect on the current budget for the Municipal Solid Waste fund. He further stated this does not address incremental rate increases needed to cover operational costs of this service. Mrs. Osborne stated the County approved the agreement at their meeting on Monday, July 20, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Ward, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to approve a quote to refresh the traffic signal at the intersection of Andrew Johnson Highway and the Erwin

Highway in the amount of \$34, 843.38. Scott Keith, Public Works Director, addressed the Council. This is a budgeted item. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Kidwell, seconded by Council Member Ward to approve a quote for traffic signal safety upgrades at the intersection of Andrew Johnson Highway and the Greeneville Commons Shopping Center in the amount of \$34,184.68. Scott Keith, Public Works Director, addressed the Council. This is a budgeted item. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Teague, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to approve the bid proposal from Elevated Safety for ropes rescue equipment for the Greeneville Fire Department in the amount of \$19,191.96. Alan Shipley, Fire Chief, addressed the Council stating six (6) bids were received. The bid from Elevated Safety was the lowest bid and was recommended by the Equipment Committee in the Fire Department. This equipment is funded through proceeds from the Rescue Squad Grant. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Teague, seconded by Council Member Ward to approve a Resolution authorizing the Town of Greeneville to participate in the Public Entity Partners Safety Partners Matching Grant Program in the amount of \$3,000 with a \$3,000 match. Cathy Osborne, Interim City Manager, addressed the Council. This is an annual grant the Town applies for and typically is awarded. The grant funds, if awarded, would be allocated to the Public Works Department for forestry safety items such as chainsaws and helmets. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Ward, Council Member Hensley to approve a Resolution authorizing the Town of Greeneville to participate in the Public Entity Partners Property Conservation Matching Grant Program in the amount of \$4,000 with a \$4,000 match. Cathy Osborne, Interim City Manager, addressed the Council stating department directors were evaluating their needs for this particular grant. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Teague, seconded by Council Member Ward to approve the recommendation for two (2) appointments to the Greeneville Housing Authority Board. Nick Law, Executive Director of the Greeneville Housing Authority, addressed the Board indicating there were five (5) total applicants for the vacant seats on the Board. The Housing Authority Board held a special called meeting on July 23, 2026, and recommended the re-appointment of Mr. Don Hamilton and Ms. Janice Bradley to the Greeneville Housing Authority Board for a five-year term. 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