

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Tuesday April 1, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the G. Thomas Love Boardroom at the Greeneville Energy Authority 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) Bert Seay, Building Department Director, introduced Matt Roberson who is the new building inspector for the Town; 2) Welcomed the Porsche Club to Greeneville this weekend; 3) a Proclamation was read by Christina Potts, Marketing and Media Specialist, designating April as Adrenal Awareness Month. Meg Zinky, Interactive Media Designer for the National Adrenal Diseases Foundation, addressed the Council; 4) Congratulations to Jack Lampe, Greeneville High School student, has been accepted to the Airforce Academy next year; 5) Ja'Kobi Gillespie, Greeneville High School basketball player, had the opportunity to play in the NCAA Elite 8 College basketball game for the University of Maryland; and 6) Alan Shipley, Fire Chief, announced the promotion of Eric Price who will serve as the Assistant Chief for the Greeneville Fire Department upon the retirement of the current Assistant Chief John Craft.

One citizen signed in for public comments on today's agenda, which will be heard during consideration of item 8.3 – Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Amendment Ordinance on first reading.

Motion by Council Member Hensley, seconded by Council Member Ward to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

At this time, the 2024-2025 Town of Greeneville Youth Commission were in attendance to present their completed projects. Cathy Osborne, Assistant City Manager addressed the Council, stating that this is the third (3rd) year of the program. The Commission students stated their favorite part of the program is job-shadowing, where they have an opportunity to interact with various Town departments. Also, the Commission completed a service project by cleaning graves at the Andrew Johnson National Cemetery. For their presentations, the Commission was divided into two teams. The first team's presentation was titled "Civic Engagement in the Next Generation, where they met with eighth (8th) grade students to explain why civic engagement was important and to expose them to how they could participate in their community. This team was able to reach approximately fifty (50) students, with twenty-two (22) expressing an interest in getting involved in the community. The second team's presentation was titled "PEACH: Promoting Exploration and Chasing Horizons by Book Buddies," where they focused on increasing participation in the local library to middle and high school students. This team reached out to the Greeneville-Greene County Library for cooperation and inspiration. The team created a scavenger hunt which involved hints and riddles around the library, exposing the participants to various programs and resources the local library offered to people of all ages. The goal of this event was fifteen (15) participants, and the event drew thirty-six (36) participants.

Motion by Council Member Teague, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to accept a proposal of services from LDA Engineering for preliminary design for expansion of the Class III

Landfill. Tony Morrison, Landfill Manager, and Reuben Robertson, Principal Civil Engineer with LDA Engineering, addressed the Council. The current landfill is approaching its useful life within the next three (3) years and will likely require expansion. Twenty (20) acres on the north side of the current landfill are available to accommodate the additional space needed. The cost of the design phase is \$155,000 and will require a budget amendment for the Landfill Fund. The project will likely span at least two (2) years. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Teague, seconded by Council Member Ward to approve an Ordinance on first reading to amend the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. Lora Young, Finance Director, addressed the City Council. Included in the budget amendment are the following items: 1) Increases in revenues, primarily related to grants awarded during the year; and 2) Increases in expenditures, related to additional construction costs and local match on the TDOT resurfacing grant, additional police weapon and equipment purchases, unbudgeted capital projects, increased insurance costs, and an operating transfer to the Greeneville Municipal Airport Authority. Public comment was requested by Mr. William Smead, airport user and spokesperson for the Airport Support Group, in regard to the proposed additional funding for the airport. Mr. Smead expressed his concerns about the current financial position of the airport and requested the Town of Greeneville City Council and City Manager accept the responsibility of the airport to better manage the revenues, such as land leases, and to minimize overspending. Mayor Doty requested a five-year plan from the airport for revenues, expenses, and capital projects, including projections on financial growth. Council Member Hensley requested a conceptual look at the Town of Greeneville taking over the airport. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hensley, seconded by Council Member Kidwell to approve the conceptual plan for Eagle's Rest Pocket Park. Dave Wright, Architect, and Jann Mirkov, Executive Director of Main Street Greeneville, addressed the Council, noting the construction drawings are complete and the project is ready for bid. Todd Smith, City Manager, addressed the Council stating that the Town has \$50,000 in the FY 2025 budget for the project, and Main Street Greeneville also has \$50,000 in grant funding designated for this project. Mr. Smith also indicated he would return to the Council with a cost for the project and a recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Ward, seconded by Council Member Teague to approve the appointment of Mr. Scott Bullington to the Greeneville Parks and Recreation Board for a four-year term. Butch Patterson, Parks and Recreation Director, addressed the Council stating the advisory board has recommended Mr. Bullington and thanked each person that applied to serve on the board. Aly Collins, application for the appointment, addressed the Council. Motion passed as follows: Council Member Kidwell, Council Member Teague, and Council Member Ward voted aye. Council Member Hensley voted nay.

Motion by Council Member Kidwell, seconded by Council Member Hensley to approve a Special Event Sign Request for Kids Fishing Day to be held on May 23, 2025, at Dillard's Pond, Upper Paint Creek. The free fishing day is sponsored by Trout Unlimited. Bert Seay, Building Department Director, addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Hensley, seconded by Council Member Ward to adjourn.
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Attest:

C. Calvin Doty, Mayor

Lora A. Young, Recorder

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