

Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 2, 2026

The City Council of Jefferson City, Tennessee, met in regular session on Monday, February 2, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., at City Hall, 112 City Center Drive, with Mayor Mitch Cain presiding.

The opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Cain.

Roll Call by the City Recorder was as follows:

Mayor Cain	Present
Vice Mayor Bunch	Present
Councilwoman Combs	Present
Councilman Melton	Absent
Councilwoman Purkey	Present

Also, present were James Gallup, City Manager; Robert Burts, City Attorney; and Bettina Chandler, City Recorder.

Upon motion of Vice Mayor Bunch, seconded by Councilwoman Purkey, the City Council minutes of January 5, 2026, were unanimously approved as written.

Upon request from Mayor Cain for citizen comments, Randall Crossing, a resident of Jefferson City and a landlord of 711 Summit Street, Jefferson City, Tennessee, spoke about his tenant, Mike Nichols, not having water at his residence. Mr. Nichols stated that he has lived at his residence for seven to eight years but now he cannot shower, brush his teeth, wash dishes, flush his commode, or wash clothes. Mr. Crossing stated he lives across the street on Lakewood Drive and has water and good water pressure. Leslie Johnson of 1307 Shenoa Drive, Jefferson City, Tennessee, stated that she has lived at her residence for nine years and has never had a problem but is now having low pressure or no water. She feels more houses and businesses in Jefferson City are causing problems.

In communications from the mayor, he announced the following: December local sales tax collections are steady and on budget; the city's manager's evaluation is due by February 9th and asked Council to get those to the city recorder no later than the 9th; there is a Parks and Recreation survey on the city's website and he encouraged citizens to take the survey; trash/recycling pickup will move one day forward due to the weather; and he thanked Street, Police, and Fire employees for all they did during the past two weekends due to the bad weather.

The following reports were presented to City Council: Building/Codes/Planning Department Monthly Report, Fire Department Monthly Report, Parks and Recreation Monthly Report, Police Department Monthly Report, Public Works/Utilities Monthly Report, and the City Manager's Monthly Report.

Kevin Bolden, Parks and Recreation Director, said he has visitors in town from the playground vendor and construction for the new playground at Roy Harmon Park will start soon.

James Gallup, City Manager, announced the following: the city hosted a public hearing for the upcoming 2026 CDBG Grant on behalf of E.T.D.D., with sidewalk improvements being a main topic; he coordinated with McGill Associates for development of a phased plan for a sports complex; he coordinated with J.C.

Soil & Water Conservation District and J.C.P.L. for Arbor/Earth Day celebration; Downtown Improvement Grant virtual Meeting is February 9th; administrative offices will be closed on February 16th in observance of President's Day; the Chamber of Commerce 44th annual meeting and banquet is February 19th; the Fiscal Year 2027 Strategic Budget Planning Summit is February 25th; the Joint Economic Development Board Meeting is February 27th; the February calendar and newsletter for the Jefferson City Public Library is attached to the agenda; and the February calendar for the Senior Citizens Center is attached to the agenda.

Mr. Gallup addressed the current water issue stating the Water Plant is having issues with the filtration membranes not providing the output expected, with water production going from 5.3 million gallons per day to 4.3 million gallons per day. This is contributing to low water tank levels which is causing low water pressure. He stated the membranes have been acting funky since December and the experts from Viola, our supplier, have been in town looking at the membranes and doing lab tests but have not yet figured out the issue and are looking at doing an autopsy on the membranes to figure out the issue. He also stated Jefferson City's team is working hard to find a solution both short term and long term.

Mayor Cain appointed Mark Ritter to the Jefferson City Housing Authority for a five-year term.

Upon motion of Vice Mayor Bunch, seconded by Councilwoman Combs, Don Miller was unanimously appointed to the Jefferson Memorial Hospital City/County Oversight Board by Mayoral appointment with Council confirmation for a three-year term.

Upon motion of Vice Mayor Bunch, seconded by Councilwoman Purkey, Change Order 7 (reducing the contract by \$1,165.00 to utilize zip board design in lieu of fluid applied membrane air barrier) for Fire Station 2, was unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Combs, seconded by Councilwoman Purkey, Ordinance 2026-01, an ordinance amending the operating budget for the FY 2025-26, was unanimously adopted on second reading.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Mitch Cain, Mayor

Bettina Chandler, City Recorder