

Minutes of Regular Meeting
August 3, 2026

The City Council of Jefferson City, Tennessee, met in regular session on Monday, August 3, 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 Mitch Cain	Present
Vice Mayor Kevin Bunch	Present
Councilwoman Aileen Combs	Present
Councilman Rocky Melton	Present
Councilwoman Sheala Purkey	Present

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

Upon motion of Councilman Melton, seconded by Vice Mayor Bunch, the Regular Meeting minutes of July 6, 2026, were unanimously approved as written.

Upon motion of Councilman Melton, seconded by Councilwoman Combs, the Beer Board minutes of July 6, 2026, and the Beer Board minutes of July 21, 2026, were unanimously approved as written.

Upon request from Mayor Cain for citizen comments, there were none.

In communications from the mayor, he read a Proclamation inducting Charles “Pop” Wright into the Jefferson City Sports Hall of Fame and presented the proclamation to the family of Mr. Wright. The mayor also reported the following: local sales tax for the FYE 2026 exceeded budget by \$136,056.80; he read a letter he received this week recognizing Jefferson City Parks and Recreation staff, volunteers, and Kevin Bolden for their dedication to the T-ball program and the positive impact they have in making the program a successful and enjoyable experience for the community’s young players; there is a free end of the summer event tonight at Mossy Creek Mini Golf from 5-9 p.m.; National Night Out is August 4 from 6-8 p.m. at the City Center; Downtown Movie Night is August 7 with the featured film being “Zootopia”; Representative Andrew Farmer will attend the August 18th work session; Senator Jessie Seal will attend the September 8th regular council meeting; the September regular council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 8th due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 7th. The mayor expressed his appreciation to Street and Public Works employees for repairing potholes on Highway 11E, noting that the maintenance of Highway 11E is the responsibility of the State of Tennessee. He also thanked the Police and Fire Department personnel who responded to the recent swift water rescue during the flooding caused by heavy rainfall.

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.

James Gallup, City Manager, announced the following: Mossy Creek Mini Golf city sponsored Back-to-School event is tonight from 5-9 p.m.; National Night Out is August 4th from 6-8 p.m. at the City Center; the Citizen's Police Academy begins August 6th and concludes October 8th and consists of 10 sessions held each Thursday; Downtown summer Movie Night is August 7th at 8 p.m. with the featured film being "Zootopia"; City administrative offices will be closed September 7th in observation of Labor Day; City Council regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 8th at 5 p.m. due to the Labor Day Holiday on September 7th; and the August calendar and newsletter for the Jefferson City Public Library, the August calendar and schedule of events for the Jefferson Senior Center, and the Certified Population Report from the Tennessee Department of Economic & Community Development are attached to the City Manager's report.

Upon motion of Vice Mayor Bunch, seconded by Councilwoman Purkey, the request to waive the bid process to purchase five (5) Kenwood portable radios for the Fire Department in the amount of \$27,400.77 from LandAir Communications using the Tennessee Statewide Contract, was unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Councilman Melton, seconded by Councilwoman Combs, the request to approve Change Order # 13 (increases the contract by \$5,424.91 to add brick to wing walls and structural support), and Change Order # 14 (increases contract by \$12,830.00 to change height of parapet walls) for a total contract increase of \$18,254.91 and a new contract sum of \$5,194,319.84, was unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Councilman Melton, seconded by Vice Mayor Bunch, the request to waive the bid process and use a local company (RT Services LLC) to purchase of two (2) HVAC units for the Community Center in the amount of 47,500.00, was unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Councilman Melton, seconded by Councilwoman Combs, the request to waive the bid process to purchase a 2026 Chevy Silverado 1500 for a meter reader in the amount of \$42,470.00 from Allen Jay Fleet on the Tennessee Statewide Contract (SWC209), was unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Purkey, seconded by Councilwoman Combs, the request to waive the bid process and purchase 2026 Chevy 3500 service truck for the Street Department in the amount of \$88,436.34 from Carl Black Auto Group using the Tennessee Statewide Contract (SWC209), was unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Combs, seconded by Councilman Melton, the request to waive the bid process and purchase Case 580SN 4WD backhoe for the Street Department in the amount of \$152,662.56 from Contractor's Machinery using the Sourcewell quote, was unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Councilman Melton, seconded by Councilwoman Purkey, the request to waive the bid process to purchase an IWORQ Asset and Data Tracking Program for the Street Department in the

amount of \$27,700.00 from IWORQ Systems (who is the sole provider of this program), was unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Combs, seconded by Councilwoman Purkey, the request to waive the bid process and purchase a Kubota 4x4 Mowing Tractor (\$64,125.36) with a side mower attachment (51,407.01) for the Street Department in the total amount of \$115,532.37 from Plateau Truck and Tractor using the Sourcewell quote, was unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Councilman Melton, seconded by Vice Mayor Bunch, the request to waive the bid process and purchase 2026 Switch-N-Go single axle dump truck in the amount of \$144,185.09 from Joe Johnson Equipment per the Sourcewell quote, was unanimously approved.

Upon Motion of Councilwoman Purkey, seconded by Councilwoman Combs, the request to waive the bid process to purchase equipment and authorize installation of emergency equipment for three (3) patrol units for the Police Department in the amount of approximately \$45,000.00 from Dana Safety Equipment using Tennessee Statewide Contract (SWC202), was unanimously approved.

Councilman Melton made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Purkey, to approve Ordinance 2026-08, an ordinance amending Title 8, Section 3-111, to limit the number of liquor stores within the city limits of Jefferson City. Vice Mayor Bunch requested a roll call vote. The vote was as follows:

Vice Mayor Bunch	No
Councilwoman Combs	No
Councilman Melton	Yes
Councilwoman Purkey	Yes
Mayor Cain	No

Ordinance 2026-08 failed on first reading by a vote of 3-2.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Mitch Cain, Mayor

Bettina Chandler, City Recorder