

Minutes of Regular Meeting
September 8, 2026

The City Council of Jefferson City, Tennessee, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 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	Absent
Councilman Rocky Melton	Absent
Councilwoman Sheala 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 Regular Meeting minutes of August 3, 2026, were unanimously approved as written.

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

In communications from the mayor, he announced that Councilwoman Combs was not present due to a death in her family and Councilman Melton was not present due to medical treatments. He also announced that July local sales tax increased 3.41% and that Senator Jesse Seal who was listed on the agenda as a special guest could not attend the meeting.

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: Downtown Business and Property Owner Forum is September 15th at 6:30 p.m. at Mad Ox; Mr. Gallup will be attending the TN City Management Fall Conference in Gatlinburg September 16th – 18th; Downtown Mossy Creek Movie Night is September 18th at 8:00 p.m. with "Ratatouille" being the featured movie; the Tennessee Municipal League District 2 Meeting is September 30th in Morristown; the governor's Conference is September 30th – October 2nd in Chattanooga; the Corn and Bacon Festival is October 3rd; the Inaugural Tennessee Restaurant Week with Tennessee Main Street is October 5th – 11th; the Jefferson City Housing Authority will receive a check from Tennessee Housing Development Agency tomorrow at 2:00 p.m., and council is invited to attend the presentation at the Housing Authority on Ellis Street; the city did not receive the LPRF Grant this year which frees up the match commitment of \$601,250, and this will help pay for a \$190,868 property refund due to a local industry; and the September calendar and newsletter for the Jefferson City Public Library and the September calendar and schedule of events for the Jefferson Senior Center are attached to the City Manager's report.

Mayor Cain announced that he will be out of town September 11th – 18th, and he will miss the September 15th City Council Work Session.

Upon motion of Vice Mayor Bunch, seconded by Councilwoman Purkey, the request to waive the bid process to purchase a 3/4 Ton Pick-Up Truck for Building Maintenance in the amount of \$58,762.68 from Allen Jay Fleet Sales on the Tennessee Statewide Contract (SWC 209), was unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Purkey, seconded by Vice Mayor Bunch, the request to authorize the Police Department to apply for the 2026 Jefferson Healthcare Foundation Grant, a no-match grant in the amount of \$50,000, was unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Vice Mayor Bunch, seconded by Councilwoman Purkey, the request by Carson Newman University to extend the current Jefferson City Police Services Agreement until December 31, 2026, was unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Vice Mayor Bunch, seconded by Councilwoman Purkey, Ordinance 2026-09, an ordinance amending the city's water and sewer rates, fee, and charges; adopting a five-year water and sewer rate plan; repealing conflicting ordinances or parts thereof; and establishing an effective date, was unanimously adopted on first reading.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Mitch Cain, Mayor

Bettina Chandler, City Recorder