

Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 5, 2026

The City Council of Jefferson City, Tennessee, met in regular session on Monday, January 5, 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	Present
Councilwoman 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 Councilwoman Combs, the City Council minutes of December 1, 2025, were unanimously approved as written.

Upon request from Mayor Cain for citizen comments, Kristina Orchekowski of 917 Erica Drive, Talbott, Tennessee, asked the city to review the entrance to Greene Meadows Subdivision at Lucille and Andrew Johnson Highway. She stated it is a dangerous intersection, especially turning left into the subdivision because there is no turning lane.

In communications from the mayor, he announced that the Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet will be February 19th; council has received the debt service schedule information for Fire Station 2; and November 2025 local sales tax numbers are right on budget. He also gave City Council several dates for the FY 2026-2027 budget planning, with February 25th being the all-day meeting for the Strategic Budget Planning Summit and asked City Council to consider a Special Called Meeting on April 27th at 5:00 p.m. for the first reading of the FY 2026-2027 budget.

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: there will be a public hearing for the CDBG application at 5:30 p.m. on January 7th; the next P.A.R.A.D.E. meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on January 12th; administrative offices will be closed on January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. holiday; the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet will be on February 19th; the City Attorney has recorded the Moser family's 32-acre donation with the county; effective January 1, 2026, Waste Connections, the city's garbage and recycling provider, will be charging a 1.82% CPI rate increase which will increase rates to \$9.66 for trash per home and \$8.40 for recycling per home (totaling \$18.06 per home); the January calendar and newsletter for the Jefferson City Public Library is attached to the agenda; and the January calendar for the Senior Citizens Center is attached to the agenda.

Mayor Cain asked for an update on the county's ability to accept new items at the Jefferson County landfill and what the cost to Jefferson City citizens has been. Porter Massengill, Public Works Director, said that it is his understanding that the county is still 12-18 months away from being permitted and that he would update City Council on the cost to the citizens at the next work session.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Purkey, seconded by Vice Mayor Bunch, Sherman Hannah, Bryan Miller, and Mindy Williams were unanimously reappointed to the P.A.R.A.D.E. Committee for a two-year term.

Upon motion of Vice Mayor Bunch, seconded by Councilman Melton, Jeff Chitwood was unanimously reappointed to the Regional Planning Commission by Mayoral appointment with Council confirmation for a five-year term. There is still one vacancy to fill.

Upon motion of Councilman Melton, seconded Councilwoman Combs, Ken Morton and Ray Cain were unanimously reappointed to the Adjustment and Appeals Board by Mayoral appointment with Council confirmation for a three-year term.

Upon motion of Councilman Melton, seconded by Councilwoman Combs, Angie France and Spencer Gatlin were unanimously reappointed to the Beautification Board and Tree Committee by Council appointment for a three-year term.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Purkey, seconded by Councilman Melton, an Interlocal Agreement between Jefferson County & City for the Mossy Creek WVA Rehab Project, was unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Councilman Melton, seconded by Councilwoman Purkey, Change Order 4 (increasing the contract by \$10,500 for a dumpster enclosure and providing an additional 35 days for the construction project) and Change Order 6 (increasing the contract by \$4,733.63 for additional masonry reinforcement and providing for an additional 3 days for the construction project), were unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Councilman Melton, seconded by Councilwoman Combs, Ordinance 2025-07, an ordinance amending the Jefferson City Municipal Code to Provide that the Utility Shall Not Be Obligated to Make Adjustments of Any Bills Not Contested Within Sixty (60) Days from the Billing Date, was unanimously adopted on second reading.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Combs, seconded by Councilman Melton, Ordinance 2025-08, an ordinance lowering the speed limit along Cora Road within the city limits of Jefferson City, was unanimously adopted on second reading.

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 first reading.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Purkey, seconded by Councilman Melton, Resolution 2026-01, a resolution authorizing the city manager and staff to explore a partnership with Carson-Newman

University's Office of Intercollegiate Recreational Sports for the establishment of an archery facility on public property, was unanimously adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Mitch Cain, Mayor

Bettina Chandler, City Recorder