

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
June 2, 2025

The City Council of Jefferson City, Tennessee, met in regular session on Monday, June 2, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., at City Hall, 112 City Center Drive, Jefferson City, 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, and Bettina Chandler, City Recorder.

Upon motion of Vice Mayor Bunch, seconded by Councilwoman Combs, the City Council minutes of May 6, 2025, were unanimously approved as written.

Upon motion of Vice Mayor Bunch, seconded by Councilwoman Purkey, the Beer Board minutes of May 6, 2025, were unanimously approved as written.

Upon motion of Vice Mayor Bunch, seconded by Councilwoman Combs, the Beer Board minutes of May 20, 2025, were unanimously approved as written.

Upon request from Mayor Cain for citizen comments, Melinda Williams of 1415 Leon Drive, requested city council to consider live streaming council meetings and posting links and agendas on social media and also stated she is not in favor of a property tax increase; Sherman Hannah of 1907 Woodlawn Avenue, spoke against an expense raise for city council; Marcus Reed of 902 Lakewood Drive, spoke against an expense raise for city council, encouraged city council to vote for the property tax relief match, complained about grass and pool mosquito infestation at 906 Lakewood Drive, and thanked city council for their service; Mendi Rose of 800 East Rhoten Street, spoke about low water pressure and continuous water leaks on her street and asked city council to help with getting the water line permanently fixed.

A public hearing was held for Ordinance 2025-03, an ordinance to levy a tax on all taxable property within the corporate limits of Jefferson City. There were no comments.

A public hearing was held for Ordinance 2025-04, an ordinance adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2025. There were no comments.

In communications from the mayor, Mayor Cain announced April 2025 local sales tax collections increased 4.08%.

Frank McDaniel presented the five-year capital outlay report to city council.

The following reports were presented to the 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: Parks and Recreation's summer movie program begins June 14th; there is a special called city council meeting on June 17th after the regular work session; city offices will be closed in observation of Juneteenth on June 19th; planning is ongoing with Mossy Creek Foundation for the Independence Day Parade on July 4th; the Bassmaster College Series National Championship at Cherokee Lake will be July 10th – July 12th; Jefferson City outdoor pool is now open with more space, picnic tables, and concessions; the Float the Mossy event hosted by Mossy Creek Outdoor Collective was a success with more than 60 paddlers attending; Jefferson City Public Library June calendar and newsletter and the Senior Citizen's June calendar are attached to the city manager's report.

Upon motion of Vice Mayor Bunch, seconded by Councilwoman Purkey, the amendment to the contract for construction of Fire Station No. 2 decreasing the total amount from \$5,202,800.00 to \$5,159,185.00 (decrease of \$43,615.00), was unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Vice Mayor Bunch, seconded by Councilwoman Combs, Ordinance 2025-03, an ordinance to levy a tax on all taxable property within the corporate limits of Jefferson City, was unanimously adopted on second reading.

Councilwoman Combs made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Purkey, to adopt Ordinance 2025-04, an ordinance adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. The city recorder asked city council for the employee step raises to be effective July 5th instead of July 1st. There were no objections. Vice Mayor Bunch made a motion, seconded by Mayor Cain, to rescind the 30% council expense increase which was passed on first reading. This motion failed due to a tie vote. Before the vote for the original motion was taken, Vice Mayor Bunch stated that he would vote no to adopt Ordinance 2025-04 because he thinks that a 30% council expense increase is ridiculous and he does not support it. The original motion was adopted with a 3 to 1 vote.

Upon motion of Vice Mayor Bunch, seconded by Councilwoman Purkey, Resolution 2025-15, a resolution authorizing the City of Jefferson City to commit additional funding in the amount of \$870,700.00 on ARC Project TN-2025 for Water Tank Construction, was unanimously adopted.

Upon motion of Vice Mayor Bunch, seconded by Councilwoman Purkey, Resolution 2025-16, a resolution authorizing the building official to proceed with the annexation request from Mossy Creek Farms, LLC, was unanimously adopted.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Purkey, seconded by Councilwoman Combs, Resolution 2025-17, a resolution rejecting all recent bids for janitorial services and creating a Building Maintenance position, was unanimously adopted.

Upon motion of Vice Mayor Bunch, seconded by Councilwoman Purkey, Resolution 2025-18, a resolution authorizing the City of Jefferson City to enter into a contract for mowing and maintenance services with Full Service Property Management, was unanimously adopted.

Upon motion of Vice Mayor Bunch, seconded by Councilwoman Combs, Resolution 2025-19, a resolution authorizing the City of Jefferson City to match the property tax relief offered by the State of Tennessee, was adopted. The vote was as follows:

Vice Mayor Bunch	Yes
Councilwoman Combs	Abstain
Councilwoman Purkey	Yes
Mayor Cain	Yes

Upon motion of Vice Mayor Bunch, seconded by Councilwoman Purkey, Resolution 2025-20, an ordinance authorizing the Parks and Recreation Department to apply for a Recreation Planning Grant from Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, was unanimously adopted.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Purkey, seconded by Councilwoman Combs, Resolution 2025-21, a resolution regarding an agreement between the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation and the City of Jefferson City for maintenance of state highways through municipalities, was unanimously adopted.

Upon motion of Vice Mayor Bunch, seconded by Councilwoman Purkey, Ordinance 2025-05, an ordinance amending the operating budget for the FY 2024-2025, was unanimously adopted on first reading.

Upon motion of Vice Mayor Bunch, seconded by Councilwoman Combs, Ordinance 2025-06, an ordinance amending the operating budget for the committed fund balance, was unanimously adopted on first reading.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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Mitch Cain, Mayor

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Bettina Chandler, City Recorder