

Minutes of Regular Meeting
July 6, 2026

The City Council of Jefferson City, Tennessee, met in regular session on Monday, July 6, 2026, at 5:06 p.m., following the special called Beer Board Meeting, 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 Councilwoman Combs, the Regular Meeting minutes of June 1, 2026, and the Special Meeting minutes from June 16, 2026, were unanimously approved as written.

Upon request from Mayor Cain for citizen comments, Jimmy Summers, 807 Windstone Drive, expressed concerns regarding the proposed prohibition of U-turns at the intersection of Highway 11E and Chucky Pike. He stated that he frequently uses U-turns at this location to access nearby businesses and believes it is the safest location to do so.

Jeff Brown, owner of Brown Insurance Company located near Meadow Springs and Broadway Blvd., expressed concerns about prohibiting U-turns at Chucky Pike and Clinchview. He stated that the restriction could cause motorists to make U-turns in front of his business, where, according to the traffic study, there have already been a higher number of accidents.

Shelia Parlier, 1245 Clinchview Circle, stated that she has had trouble entering and exiting the neighborhood for the past 31 years. She said she does not believe the proposed U-turn restrictions provide a convenient solution and suggested that a dedicated turn lane extending through the median to the water treatment plant would be a better alternative. Ms. Parlier encouraged the Council to consider other options.

Councilman Melton stated that he believes prohibiting U-turns at Chucky Pike and Clinchview may create confusion for motorists attempting to access businesses on the opposite side of the roadway.

In communications from the mayor, he stated that it was wonderful to see the community come together to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday and expressed his appreciation to the Parks and Recreation Department for its hard work organizing the festivities. The mayor also reported that May local sales tax collections decreased by 0.57% compared to the same period last year. He noted that overall sales tax revenues remain healthy for the fiscal year.

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: ORNL Bank groundbreaking event is scheduled for July 9th at 11:00 a.m.; Downtown Summer Movie Nights will be July 17th at 8:00 p.m. with "Captain America" being the featured film; the finance department will transition to Citisen Portal for credit card processing; potholes on 11E are still scheduled for maintenance by the state and on the schedule to be resurfaced in 2027; and the July calendar and newsletter for the Jefferson City Public Library, the July calendar and schedule of events for the Jefferson Senior Center, and the MTAS Summary of Public Acts 2026 are attached to the city manager's report.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Purkey, seconded by Councilwoman Combs, Michelle Templin was unanimously appointed to the Jefferson Healthcare Foundation Board by Council appointment for a three-year term.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Purkey, seconded by Councilman Melton, David Hensley, Wayne Hinkle, and Don Miller were unanimously appointed to the Industrial Development Board by Council appointment for a six-year term.

Upon motion of Councilman Melton, seconded by Vice Mayor Bunch, a request in the amount of approximately \$26,000.00, to add IT and Low Voltage Wiring for Fire Station 2, was unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Combs, seconded by Councilwoman Purkey, the request to approve Change Order # 9 (increases the contract by \$1,356.17 to add an electric strike at door 122), Change Order # 10 (increases contract by \$972.37 to add a CFS Header for LVL at Mezzanine), and Change Order # 12 (increases contract by \$652.83 to add a shear brace to CMU) for a total contract increase of \$2,981.37 and a new contract sum of \$5,176,064.93, was unanimously approved. Change Order # 11 was not approved, as the project architect did not recommend approval of the contractor's request.

Upon motion of Councilman Melton, seconded by Vice Mayor Bunch, the request to waive the bid process to purchase of three (3) patrol vehicles and one (1) CID SUV for the Police Department in the amount of \$174,406.00 from Blue Sky Automotive, Inc.-Carville Dodge of TN on the TN state-wide contract SWC 209/Contract # 88761, was unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Councilman Melton, seconded by Councilwoman Purkey, the request to waive the bid process and use a local company (MB & R Contractor's) that we have a positive work history with and has a background knowledge of our system, to clean sedimentation basins at the Water Plant in the amount of \$69,540.00, was unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Combs, seconded by Councilwoman Purkey, the request to waive the bid process and purchase a Brush Hawg boom truck for the Sanitation Department in the amount of \$224,000.00 from Joe Johnson Equipment using a quote through North Carolina Sheriff's Association, a purchasing cooperative, per NCSA Contract 26-10-0422R-Item #1374, was unanimously approved.

Vice Mayor Bunch made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-07, an ordinance prohibiting U-turns at the median of Highway 11-E at the intersection of Clinchview Circle and Chucky Pike, which was seconded by Mayor Cain. Council members discussed the proposed ordinance, including potential impacts on traffic flow, business access, and public safety. Following the discussion, Vice Mayor Bunch requested a roll call vote. The vote was as follows:

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

Ordinance 2026-07 was adopted on second reading by a vote of 3-1, with one abstention.

Upon motion of Vice Mayor Bunch, seconded by Councilman Melton, Resolution 2026-15, a resolution authorizing an extension of the mowing and maintenance of city properties with Full-Service Property Management for the FY 2026-2027, was unanimously adopted.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Combs, seconded by Vice Mayor Bunch, Resolution 2026-16, a resolution authorizing participation in the Certified Tennessee Downtowns Program and committing to meet program requirements, was unanimously adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Mitch Cain, Mayor

Bettina Chandler, City Recorder