

Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 6, 2025

The City Council of Jefferson City, Tennessee, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 6, 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	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 April 7, 2025, were unanimously approved as written.

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

In communications from the mayor, Mayor Cain announced the following: today is National Teacher's Day; last week was National Firefighter's Week; and March 2025 local sales tax collections are slightly down.

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: RFB for Janitorial Services deadline for submittal is May 14th at 2:00 p.m.; RFB for Mowing & Maintenance of city properties is May 14th at 4:00 p.m.; Peace Officer's Memorial Day is May 15th. The city will hold a ceremony on May 12th at 3:30 p.m.; City Administrative Offices will be closed on May 26th in observance of Memorial Day; Jefferson City Public Library May calendar and newsletter and April statistics are attached to council's packets; and the Senior Citizen's May calendar has been handed out to council.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Combs, seconded by Councilman Melton, Keith Repass was unanimously reappointed as the City Judge for a two-year term.

David Rosser was appointed to the Historic Zoning Commission for a five-year term by Mayoral appointment.

Upon motion of Vice Mayor Bunch, seconded by Councilman Melton, the purchase of emergency lighting package in the amount of \$10,609.64 from Dana Safety Supply, Inc., for the Command Vehicle for the Fire Department, was unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Vice Mayor Bunch, seconded by Councilwoman Purkey, the replacement of fence surrounding the pool at Roy Harmon Park in the amount of \$49,000, was unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Vice Mayor Bunch, seconded by Councilwoman Combs, the bid for Auditing and Compliance Services for FY 2024-2025 in the amount of \$40,700 from Brown, Jake & McDaniel was unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Combs, seconded by Councilwoman Purkey, Ordinance 2025-02, an ordinance amending Section 13-105 of the City Code regarding overgrown and dirty lots, was unanimously adopted on second reading.

Upon motion of Vice Mayor Bunch, seconded by Councilwoman Combs, Resolution 2025-13, a resolution granting permission for off-duty Jefferson City Police Officers to work with the University of Tennessee Police Department, was unanimously adopted.

Upon motion of Councilman Melton, seconded by Councilwoman Combs, Resolution 2025-14, a resolution authorizing an increase of \$500 in the monthly expense amounts for City Councilmembers, was brought up for discussion. Vice Mayor Bunch stated he is opposed to the increase and super uncomfortable with it due to the employees proposed step increase of 2.5% versus the council's increase of 50% and the mayor's increase of 41.67%. Councilman Melton stated the increase is negotiable and he would be glad to negotiate down. Councilwoman Combs recommended to amend the increase from \$500 to \$300. Upon further discussion, Vice Mayor Bunch stated he is still opposed to any increase. Councilwoman Purkey stated that she didn't take the council position for pay and she attends everything she can and doesn't miss many events. She further stated that she asked some of the taxpayers how they felt about the raise after they read the article in the newspaper, and they responded that she should get a raise. Upon motion of Councilwoman Combs, seconded by Councilman Melton, a vote was taken to amend Resolution 2025-14 to change the expense increase from \$500 to \$300. The vote was as follows:

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

A second vote was taken to vote on Resolution 2025-14 as amended. Resolution 2025-14 was adopted as amended. The vote was as follows:

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

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

Upon motion of Councilwoman Combs, seconded by Councilman Melton, Ordinance 2025-04, an ordinance adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, was unanimously adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Mitch Cain, Mayor

Bettina Chandler, City Recorder