



## **BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN WORK SESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, May 11, 2026 at 2:00 PM**

**City Hall, 415 Broad Street, Montgomery - Watterson Boardroom**

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### **Board of Mayor and Aldermen**

Mayor Paul W. Montgomery, Presiding

Vice Mayor Darrell Duncan

Alderman Morris Baker

Alderman Betsy Cooper

Alderman Colette George

Alderman Gary Mayes

Alderman James Phillips

**I. CALL TO ORDER** 2:07 pm by Mayor Paul Montgomery.

**II. ROLL CALL** by City Recorder Travis Bishop.

### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **1. FY27 General Fund**

City Manager Chris McCartt gave a brief overview of the budget process and timeline as well as a summary of today's agenda.

City Recorder Travis Bishop provided details on the financial health of the city, starting with the most recent Bond Rating highlights from February and the Consumer Price Index. He provided further details regarding the fund balance. Mr. Bishop highlighted debt, roll off and revenues compared to expenditures historically in the general fund as well as forecasted figures. He commented on known budget pressures for the coming fiscal year.

Mr. McCartt then discussed the strategic plan and how it is reflected in the budget process. He listed the budget requests including personnel positions and other items. He did confirm the budget is balanced with no tax increase at \$114 million and the property tax rate for Sullivan County remains the same as last year. Hawkins County is in a reassessment year and will need to have a new tax rate certified. He discussed new technology that will impact future budgets including body worn cameras for the police department as well as the upcoming paving schedule. Mr. McCartt stressed the need to develop a 5-to-10-year capital improvement plan outside of the normal budget process to encourage long-term sustainability.

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*(Break from 3:41 to 3:51)*

City Recorder Bishop gave an overall view of the financial health of the water and sewer funds. He pointed out the steps that have been taken over the past couple of years have increased the cash flow for these funds. He also talked about specific metrics regarding operating expenses and income. Mr. Bishop listed known pressures for the FY27 budget.

Deputy City Manager McReynolds then presented the budget for all the utilities. He provided details on the capital improvement projects for water, sewer and stormwater. He reviewed the current rate plan as well as the proposed rates for FY27 and the impact it will have on customers monthly bills.

**IV. ADJOURN**

Seeing no other business for consideration, Mayor Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

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ANGELA MARSHALL  
Deputy City Recorder

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PAUL W. MONTGOMERY  
Mayor