



City Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM

The Tom Hardin Room – 100 Public Square, Mount Pleasant, TN

1. Call to Order

Mayor White called the meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance / Invocation

Vice Mayor Alderson led the pledge of allegiance. Commissioner Johnston gave the invocation.

3. Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Bill White

Vice Mayor Willie Alderson

Commissioner Mike Davis

Commissioner Pam Johnston

ABSENT

Commissioner Loree Knowles

4. Approval / Correction of Minutes from Prior Meetings

Mayor White asked for approval of the minutes for the Study Session Meeting on October 16, 2025, and the Regular Meeting on October 21, 2025.

Motion made by Commissioner Johnston to approve the Study Session Minutes on October 16, 2025, and the Regular Meeting on October 21, 2025, as presented. Seconded by Vice Mayor Alderson. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston

A. Study Session - October 16, 2025

B. Regular Session - October 21, 2025

5. Awards/Presentations/Appointments

A. Proclamation for Mount Pleasant High School Level 5.

Mayor White presented a proclamation to Mount Pleasant High School for achieving Level 5 consecutive for the last four years. They are the only school in Maury County to achieve this for four consecutive years. Mr. Eric Hughes, staff and students were present to accept the proclamation. Mr. Hughes highlighted how they accomplished this and the hard work put in by the staff and students for the Commissioners.

6. Completion / Review of Unfinished Business from prior meeting

A. Ordinance 2025-1136 - (Public Hearing/Final Reading) - An Ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the City of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee as set forth in Title 12, Chapter 1 regarding an update to current codes.

Mrs. Jones stated the purpose of this ordinance is to adopt the International Building Codes for 2024 and its federal different codes. We went over them all last time. It is the International Fuel

Gas Code, International Mechanical Code, International Plumbing Code, International Property Maintenance Code, International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, International Energy Conservation Code and International Residential Code it also makes a couple modifications to each of those. There is one change from first reading and that is the added International Existing Building Code for 2024 as part of this update as well. We had referenced it in the modification section but not in where we were actually adopting the 2024 version.

Mayor White asked Phillip if he had anything to add.

Mr. Grooms stated no.

Mayor White asked if there were any questions for Kori. There were none.

Mayor White asked if anyone else would like to speak on this, it is a public hearing. There were no comments.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Alderson to accept Ordinance 2025-1136 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Johnston.

Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- B. Ordinance 2025-1137 - (Public Hearing/Final Reading) - An Ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the City of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee as set forth in Title 7, Chapter 2 regarding an update to current Fire Codes.

Mrs. Jones stated the purpose of this ordinance is to update the International Fire Codes to the 2024 version. There is no change from first reading.

Mayor White stated this is a public hearing and asked if anyone cared to speak. There were no comments.

Motion made by Commissioner Johnston to accept Ordinance 2025-1137 as presented. Seconded by Vice Mayor Alderson.

Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- C. Ordinance 2025-1138 - (Public Hearing/Final Reading) - An Ordinance to amend Title 19, Chapter 3 of the Mount Pleasant Municipal Code relating to Gas.

Mrs. Jones stated this is updating the gas ordinance. There are several changes that they went over on first reading. She went over those changes again. She stated they are highlighted in their packets.

Commissioners discussed. For more details refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

Mayor White stated this is a public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak?

There were no comments.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Alderson to accept Ordinance 2025-1138 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston. All were in favor. Motion passed.

7. Monthly report from Mayor

Mayor White stated he and Phillip did not expect to see the landscape crew here yesterday morning quite as early as they were. It is nice to see that going on. He stated that Xxentria is getting ready to hang walls. Project Mustang is moving at a rapid pace. There is a stack of dirt out there right now he can't believe. Same over at the TSC site. There is a lot going on. It is good to

see.

8. Monthly Financial / Budget report

Mrs. Cox stated she sent them the financials on Friday, but she emailed them an updated copy of the capital projects with some notes. She stated this was more of a summary of just totals. She highlighted and discussed this and her financial reports with them.

Motion made by Commissioner Davis to accept the monthly financial reports as presented. Seconded by Vice Mayor Alderson.

Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston. All were in favor. Motion passed.

9. Monthly report from City Manager

Mr. Grooms stated the Mayor mentioned about the downtown and the landscaping. There are a couple of items left on the punch list an addition to the final electrical inspection with the lights and the fountain. Moving on the water department has ordered some hydrant locks. Over the last several months we have suspected people stealing and have caught people stealing in the outsources of town on our hydrants. There have been some police reports made. Dale has got one here. We are not putting them on every hydrant but in areas that are low lit, and people are just taking our water. They have notified all the fire departments in the area, and they know how to take it off.

Dale stated water theft is a concern, but a major concern is cross-connections. He explained this for the Commission.

Commissioners discussed. For more details refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

Mr. Grooms wanted to notify them that they sold some computer equipment. When Michael put it on Gov Deals it did bring in like \$102. He just wanted to notify them that they did surplus some old computer desktops. The money will go back into the general fund. He reminded them Saturday November 29th, Main Street is putting on the tree lighting. Also, December 8th at 6pm is the annual Christmas parade. The public hearing is December 8th at 7pm. Lastly the employee spotlight is Brent Cockrell. He is a captain within the fire department. He has been there 14 years. He read a quote from it "He's the go-to problem solver for Mt. Pleasant. From repairing police cruisers, and garbage trucks to even keeping the splash pad running for local families, Brent's fingerprints are on nearly every corner of our community. He's been spotted fixing plumbing at city hall and helping install security cameras, proving there's no task too big or too small."

10. Special reports from other City Departments or Committees if applicable

A. Wastewater Liaison Report - Barge Design Monthly Report

Mr. Grooms stated the consent order will close out this month he got a copy of that today. He then highlighted what they are still working on.

Mayor White stated just for everybody's information. When they had the grand opening of the new sewer plant it has been early 2000 that this community has been under some type of consent order with Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. We are going to be out from under them. At one time you could not build another house in this community. So, that is huge.

B. Mount Pleasant Gas System Report

Mr. Grooms stated they had the ordinance earlier and they have two more things on the agenda related to gas.

11. New Business

(Comments from citizens may or may not be included, dependent on the issues.)

A. Resolution 2025-53 - A Resolution to apply for an EDA Grant.

Mr. Grooms stated this is giving us the authority to apply for \$6.5 million. EDA Federal is a \$4 million grant and with those matching funds we are going to apply for a Tennessee ECD Grant to help with those matches. You are giving us the authority to apply for the \$4 million EDA grant.

Commissioners discussed. For more details refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Johnston to accept Resolution 2025-53 as presented. Seconded by Vice Mayor Alderson.

Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston. All were in favor. Motin passed.

B. EDA Grant Gas Engineering Services CEC.

Mr. Grooms stated as part of that grant we had to do a request for a proposal to recommend engineering services for that. We chose Civil Engineering Consultants who are already doing our gas and our model. He stated there is no vote on it, this is just an action item.

Mrs. Jones stated it is just an action item. They don't have the documents yet. We do need a motion on it there is just no resolution. We are awarding it to CEC.

Commissioners discussed. For more details refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Alderson that the EDA Gas Grant Engineering Services be awarded to CEC. Seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Grooms stated just to clarify there is no contract this is just for the proposal.

C. Approval of Canaan Road Paving Bid.

Mr. Grooms stated he put in front of them the bid sheet from the lowest bid. He read the 4 bids out loud and everything that is in that base bid for them. He is requesting from them to go back to the subgrade and go ahead and approve 100 square yards that is 125 so that is \$12,500 so to approve this bid not to exceed without coming back in front of them of \$189,414.60. Which is still cheaper than the other three bids without the sub grading.

Commissioners discussed. For more details refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Davis in favor of Nickell Contracting for \$176,914.60 to award the bid and it has to come back to Phillip to give the okay not to exceed \$189,000.00 for subbase if needed. Seconded by Commissioner Johnston.

Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston. All were in favor. Motion passed.

D. Approval of CCF Community Center Bid.

Mr. Grooms stated we did receive 4 total bids. We are not going with the lowest and we do have a letter from an architect why, because there was a compliance issue with how they set it out there. What we are wanting you to approve is Paul Varney Construction. The base price was \$1,559,640. He highlighted and explained the alternates for them. The total bid from Paul Varney is \$1,857,640 and we still have contingency within that if there are any change orders. They were the second and best compliant bid package.

Mayor White stated that Landmark Tile donated the tile.

Commissioners discussed. For more details refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Alderson that Paul Varney get the bid for the Community Center of \$1,857,640. Seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston. All were in favor. Motion passed.

E. Approval of ARPA Change Order Request.

Mr. Grooms stated Dale is here to explain if he needs to. There are two lines items. We need to do driveway cuts on all the residential, so the change is 4 driveways and their sealing on the back. That is \$32,000 total. The second part of the change order is the flowable fill to take that asbestos pipe and they have to pour concrete in it. The total change order is \$67,100 that is still an 80/20 ARPA so 20% of that would be our match. We do have contingencies left if there are some more to come.

Dale Brown stated this is a very clean job. He thinks they will be done a lot faster than we anticipated. We are pressure testing this week for Magnolia. Once that is done and once it passes all that portion will probably be tied in quickly.

Commissioners discussed. For more details refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Johnston to approve the change order request for ARPA as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Alderson.

Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston. All were in favor. Motion passed.

12. General comments from citizens (May be limited in time and/or number of comments.)

No citizens signed up to speak. There was no citizen comments made.

13. Board / Staff Comments / Adjournment

Commissioner Davis stated last Monday there was somebody downtown doing some construction work, on one of their businesses, which that is a good thing, but they were taking the junk and just slinging it out there in the street. Somebody called him and he made a phone call, and we are thankful to have employees like we have. David Smith said he had not left town and he went by there to look at what he was talking about. He took care of that himself he got out and got it off the street and put it right in front of their door. He appreciated that because the next day was a holiday and people would have come through and seen all of that. He doesn't know how they got by without having a truck or dumpster there. He appreciated David for what he did. Another thing regarding the date for the public meeting he apologized to everybody that might be affected by that because it was put back to 7:00 pm and he hopes it doesn't put a burden on anybody. He doesn't know how the parking will be they may be a little past 7:00 pm. He just wanted to apologize. He didn't realize when they said the 8th that it was the night of the Christmas parade.

Mayor White stated now that the road construction is complete the route is going to be a lot shorter than it has been being.

Mr. Jack Burgett discussed the parade route for them.

Commissioners discussed. For more details refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

Commissioner Johnston stated Brent who was recognized in the newsletter she had not really met him before, but she commended him for being so helpful. Again, just a great staff.

Motion made by Commissioner Johnston to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Vice Mayor Alderson.

Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston. All were in favor. Motion passed.