



City Commission Meeting Study Session Minutes

Thursday, May 15, 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. Roll Call

PRESENT:

Mayor Bill White, Vice Mayor Willie Alderson, Commissioner Mike Davis, Commissioner Pam Johnston & Commissioner Loree Knowles.

3. Awards/Presentations/Appointments

A. Proclamation - National Police Officers Memorial Day

Mayor White stated we are going to do this Tuesday night. We are going to add another one to it that they came up with next week which is Public Works Week.

4. Completion / Review of Unfinished Business from prior meeting

A. Ordinance 2025-1132 - (Public Hearing/Final Reading) - An Ordinance of the City of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee amending Title 8 of the Mount Pleasant Municipal Code by increasing the number of Beer Permit Licenses.

Chief Hay stated we are increasing On Premises from 10 to 15, Off Premises from 15 to 25, and On/Off premises from 3 to 6. We are establishing a downtown area as well.

Commissioners discussed. No action taken. For more details refer to the audio/video recording attached to the agenda.

5. Monthly Financial / Budget report

Mayor White stated they would get down to this in Ordinances a. and b. again in a minute. Shiphrah had sent a bullet point out to them to touch on some of it. He asked Shiphrah if she had anything to add.

Mrs. Cox stated not to the financials they will talk more on Tuesday when she presents the budget amendment, they will pretty much go over the financials all over again.

Commissioners discussed. No action taken. For more details refer to the audio/video recording attached to the agenda.

6. Monthly report from City Manager

Mr. Grooms stated he would have a full report on Tuesday.

Commissioners discussed. No action taken. For more details refer to the audio/video recording attached to the agenda.

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

A. Wastewater Liaison Report - Barge Design Monthly Report

Mr. Grooms stated he will have a full report on Tuesday. He thinks about 30 to 60 days out from total completion on wastewater.

Commissioners discussed. No action taken. For more details refer to the audio/video recording attached to the agenda.

B. Mount Pleasant Gas System Report

Mr. Grooms stated he will have more discussion on gas Tuesday night there is a resolution that will be presented.

Commissioners discussed. No action taken. For more details refer to the audio/video recording attached to the agenda.

8. New Business

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

- A. Ordinance 2025-1133 - (First Reading) - An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2024-1125 said ordinance appropriating the revenues and expenses of operating and maintaining the departmental functions of the City of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025; providing an effective date.

Mayor White stated this is the last budget amendment for this fiscal year.

Mrs. Cox discussed with them the budget amendments.

Commissioners discussed. No action taken. For more details refer to the audio/video recording attached to the agenda.

- B. Ordinance 2025-1134 - (First Reading) - An Ordinance of the City of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee adopting the Annual Budget and Tax Rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

Mayor White stated this is the first reading on the fiscal year budget.

Mrs. Cox stated she sent detailed notes to them on this. She then discussed the highlights for them.

Commissioners discussed. No action taken. For more details refer to the audio/video recording attached to the agenda.

- C. Ordinance 2025-1135 - (First Reading) - Commissioners Pay

Mayor White asked Mrs. Jones if there was something they need to get cleaned up.

Mrs. Jones stated she did not know much about this ordinance. It was requested a few months ago to increase the Commissioner's pay. This would not go into effect for any of them right now, they would basically be putting the increase into effect for the next elected body.

Commissioners discussed. No action taken. For more details refer to the audio/video recording attached to the agenda.

- D. Resolution 2025-19 - Resolution of the Commission of the City of Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee to approve the issuance of tax-exempt revenue bonds or other tax-exempt debt by the Health and Education Facilities Board of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee for the benefit of Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Mayor White stated they have someone here to speak on it. This is to purchase a new helicopter. We are fortunate to have that right here in Mount Pleasant, Tennessee.

A representative was present from Vanderbilt Life Flight and stated they are replacing a helicopter that they already have that is in service, so this will just be a new helicopter that they will continue to provide this service to injured people who need immediate care and get

them where they need to be. Approval of this allows them to finance this and gives them a great way so they can continue to deliver their mission to provide this care.

Commissioners discussed. No action taken. For more details refer to the audio/video recording attached to the agenda.

- E. Resolution 2025-20 - A Resolution to approve a professional proposal with TriStar Energy Solutions for rate study & valuation of the natural gas utility

Mayor White stated this goes back to the increase that they will be proposing and the overall evaluation of this operation.

Mrs. Jones stated the purpose of this resolution is to engage TriStar Energy Solutions to perform a gas rate study that he is talking about and also a valuation of the gas system. The cost of the rate study is \$15,000; the cost of the valuation is \$3,750. This should take approximately 3 months to complete. This is just a proposal that they submitted, and we will be approving it.

Commissioners discussed. No action taken. For more details refer to the audio/video recording attached to the agenda.

- F. Resolution 2025-21 - A Resolution to adopt amended restrictions for Howard Field.

Mayor White stated this in relationship to the new library that the County budget office approved in the first reading \$5.5 million. Kori worked with Daniel Murphy pretty close on it.

Mrs. Jones stated what has happened since the last meeting here, there is a restricted covenant on Howard Field property that only allows the property to be used as recreational use. As you heard last month the County wants to use that property for a new library, but where it is not really clear is whether a library is a recreational use. There are arguments both ways, but the bottom line is the County is going to have to borrow money to do this. The property is actually more than one parcel. The parcel that the library wants has a restricted covenant for recreational use that was put on it by the County and then put on it by us. What we are doing by this resolution is they are not removing the restrictions we are adding to it to say to amend the restrictive covenant to allow the property to be used for recreational uses and as a library and for other associated library uses. It would clear up on this parcel that you could use it for recreational and for a library in case anybody was ever going to question that. The actual amendment to the restriction will be included in your packet tomorrow and the County will be considering a similar resolution this month. It has already passed the budget. Once it passes both governmental bodies, we will present you an MOU probably next month. Which is what we talked about last month that would actually allow for this property swap. They want to build the new library on Howard Field.

Commissioners discussed. No action taken. For more details refer to the audio/video recording attached to the agenda.

- G. Resolution 2025-22 - Land Donation (Bannister)

Mayor White stated this is from a tax bill that they are giving us this property.

Mrs. Jones stated yes, this property is adjacent to Arrow Mines Park. It is landlocked and J&N Bannister Living Trust contacted us and want to donate it. We don't see any problem with this we could just add it to Arrow Mines Park. It is accepting a donation. We actually accepted a donation also adjacent to Arrow Mines Park a couple of years ago.

Commissioners discussed. No action taken. For more details refer to the audio/video recording attached to the agenda.

- H. Resolution 2025-23 - TWRA in support of State Park Arrow Mines.

Mayor White stated StarLink has the property now. He showed a map of this to the Commission on the screen and highlighted the important improvements to it for them. TWRA is proposing a first-class sporting area. He spent a couple hours with the Governor a couple of weeks ago and it is roughly a \$115 million dollar project. This is a lot of property.

Commissioner asked for the benefit of Mount Pleasant does this need to be put in the City limits.

Mayor White stated it does not.

Mrs. Jones stated the purpose of this resolution is to show support and exploration and proposed creation of Arrow Mines State Park, it also says you would consider contributing funds. She knows the Mayor has more on that, but they are not asking you for part of that \$115 million.

Commissioners discussed. No action taken. For more details refer to the audio/video recording attached to the agenda.

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

There were no citizen comments.

10. Board / Staff Comments / Adjournment

Commissioner Knowles reminded them she will not be attending the Tuesday night meeting in person.

Mrs. Alderson thanked the staff for all they do.

Mayor White made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Johnston.