



City Commission Meeting Study Session Minutes

Thursday, March 13, 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

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

3. Awards/Presentations/Appointments

A. Proclamation for Thelma Rush

Mayor White stated the Senior Citizens Center requested a proclamation for Mrs. Thelma Rush for her 99th birthday.

B. Mayor's Appointments - Communication Committee

Mayor White stated he has some of their appointees.

C. Mayor's Appointment - Mount Pleasant Power System

Mayor White stated the Mount Pleasant Power System appointee will be Hendley Edwards. He is a good one.

4. Completion / Review of Unfinished Business from prior meeting

There is no unfinished business.

5. Monthly Financial / Budget report

Mayor White stated Mrs. Cox will discuss this at the regular meeting Tuesday night.

6. Monthly report from City Manager

Mr. Grooms stated he missed adding the rezoning from the Planning Commission meeting so that will be on the agenda. It is the John King property rezoning of one acre to High Commercial that was residential for a commercial development there. The second thing he has is we get a lot of good news sometimes, but we got a donation from the Boys and Girls Club to put a canopy structure around the splash pad. They got a grant, and they are donating it to us. It is professionally installed.

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

A. Wastewater Liaison Report - Barge Design Monthly Report

Mr. Grooms stated they would talk more about the wastewater change order and he has more for Tuesday night.

B. Mount Pleasant Gas System Report

Mr. Grooms stated there will be a gas report in their packets. We had an inspection, and it came back good.

8. New Business

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

- A. Resolution 2025-4 - A Resolution of the City of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee to authorize the City to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. related to Zone Meters.

Mayor White stated this resolution is going to be pulled.

Mr. Grooms stated hopefully it will be on the April agenda.

- B. Resolution 2025-9 - A Resolution revising the Employee Compensation Plan for the City of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee.

Mr. Grooms stated the Employee Comp Plan will be in their packets with the bullet points. He put it on the screen for them to view and discuss.

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

- C. Resolution 2025-10 - A Resolution repealing and replacing the City of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee, Employee Handbook.

Mr. Grooms stated they will have the Employee Handbook in their packets and the bullet points with the suggested changes by the Handbook Committee. He discussed the bullet points with them.

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

- D. Resolution 2025-11 - Resolution authorizing the retirement of Police K9 Gunner and transfer of ownership.

Mrs. Jones stated the purpose of this resolution is to retire Police Dog Gunner from police duty and also transfer him to his former handler Sergeant Michael Brian Gray. The City purchased Gunner in 2015 and he served as a drug detection and police patrol dog. The police department believes that he is ready for retirement. Sergeant Gray has requested to keep him. The purpose of this resolution would be to retire Gunner and to give him to Sergeant Gray and then the City will enter into a contract with Sergeant Gray that basically he will now own the dog, and he will be responsible and will assume all liability and responsibility for Gunner and also, he will indemnify the City for any future liability.

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

- E. Resolution 2025-12 - Change Order WWTP

Mrs. Jones stated during the construction the manufacturer of IMLR said that the MBR are only good for approximately six years, and they will be expensive to replace so we recommend that we upgrade the MBR now. This will be an additional basin.

Mrs. Jones discussed this with them in more detail.

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

- F. Resolution 2025-13 - Updating Borrowing Residential Meter Replacement.

Mrs. Cox stated we are supposed to have all the bids from the bank today. We will resend the one we did last month. The Comptroller's Office had some issues with the terms. The original resolution they presented last month already said it was contingent upon the Comptroller's Office approval. They will reference that resolution in this resolution tomorrow and send them the new agenda and put in the new bank that has the lowest rate.

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

G. Audit Services Bid

Mrs. Cox stated she received three bids and two of them were pretty close. She will have all that for them on Tuesday.

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

Mayor White asked if staff had any comments?

Commissioner Alderson asked Phillip if he had an update on East Merchant Street?

Mr. Grooms stated he talked to Ted about it, and he is checking prices for the piping. We are also having issues down at the railroad as well so he is going to look at that and we may be able to take care of both of them at one time.

Commissioner Alderson ask Phillip about Arrow Mines?

Mr. Grooms stated we have received two bids, that is the good news. The bad news is we were scared it was too close and so we ran it out another two weeks so it will be on the April agenda. The bid opening is March 26th. We could have opened them the other day, but we didn't think we could get bids that quick, but we got two.

Mrs. Cox stated she received one bid but there have been more inquiries this time than last time. We put some clarification language out there too. She thinks the way the engineer had put some of the gauges and things on certain metal roofing and all they weren't the standard that everybody uses so we went ahead and put our language out there when we did the rebid. That might have been the reason why because it is hard to get that material easily.

Mr. Davis stated he appreciated our Police Department, he was out doing yard work and saw several cars get pulled over. He appreciates them slowing people down out there. People might not like a ticket, but he gets scared out there on the side of the road cutting grass.

Mayor White stated downtown is coming along. They had a meeting last Thursday and Larry the guy with Adams told him there want be a piece of equipment sitting on the ground at the end of May. Phillip updated them on the bridge, and it may all come together at the same time.

Mr. Grooms stated as he said in the State of the City they are setting the beams this month and the next step was to pour the decking. It cures for fourteen days. He asked them what the expected completion date is. He stated late spring.

Mayor White stated he had a greeting card from Seksisu from the holidays. It was sent from somewhere in Japan and he just got it. Japan must be having the same problems we are.

Mayor White made a motion to adjourn. All seconded the motion.