



City Commission Meeting Study Session Minutes

Thursday, February 12, 2026 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.

Those in attendance were Mayor Bill White, Vice Mayor Willie Alderson, Commissioner Mike Davis, Commissioner Pam Johnston, and Commissioner Loree Knowles.

2. Awards/Presentations/Appointments

A. Oath of Office for Police Officer Carson McDougal

B. Proclamation for Teresa Davis

Mayor White mentioned a proclamation for Teresa Davis. Mayor White stated Teresa had been with the City of Mount Pleasant for 46 years and has made the decision to retire. He said Teresa had been an asset for 46 years.

C. Presentation Airport Authority

Mayor White stated there would be a presentation for the Airport Authority from Greg Martin. Mr. Martin approached the podium and said he was the Columbia appointee for the Mt. Pleasant Regional Airport Authority. Greg stated he was there to lift up Justin Robinette who served on the Airport Authority for many years and brought a lot to the table. Mr. Robinette decided it was time to move on to other things.

Greg Martin discussed in more detail with the Commissioners.

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

D. Presentation Main Street

Mayor White asked Caroline Rash to come up for the Main Street presentation.

Caroline Rash discussed some of the details of Main Street Organization.

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

E. Presentation Mount Pleasant Power System

Mayor White asked Al with the Mount Pleasant Power System to come up to speak.

Al Kersteins, the general manager of the Mount Pleasant Power System, spoke briefly about the 5-year capital expenditure plan that is to build a new substation on the south end of the system. He discussed this in further detail with the commissioners.

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

F. Presentation Volunteer Workday Proposal

Mayor White called Katie Martin up to discuss the Volunteer Workday Proposal.

Katie went into detail at the Strategic Planning Session and wanted to discuss more. She discussed the litter in the city and on the sides of the road and wants to get a group together to clean up the city.

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

G. Presentation Barge WWTP final change order

Mayor White mentioned the presentation for the Barge WWTP final change order. Phillip Grooms stated Matthew was not there but may be at the Tuesday meeting if he needed to be there. The Commissioners were good with Matthew not coming since they know what is going on with the change order.

H. Airport Board Appointment

3. Completion / Review of Unfinished Business from prior meeting

A. Ordinance 2026-1139 - (Public Hearing/Final Reading) - An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2025-1134 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, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026; providing an effective date.

Mayor White said this would be a public hearing and final reading for the final amendment for the operating budget for July of 2025-June of 2026.

Phillip spoke of 2 appointments that needed to be added. He added in the Communications Committee that Angie was coming off of the board and Merilee was recommended to replace Angie. He also added that the Housing Authority being added to the agenda. Roy Bullock was resigning and a recommendation for Brandy Pinkerton was to be added to replace him.

Mayor White stated he received the letter from the Housing Authority making that statement.

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

4. Monthly report from Mayor

Mayor White stated he may not have anything to add at this time.

5. Monthly Financial / Budget report

Mrs. Cox stated she will have the report on Tuesday.

6. Monthly report from City Manager

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

A. Wastewater Liaison Report - Barge Design Monthly Report

Mayor White asked did anyone have anything for the Wastewater Report and Mr. Grooms said he would cover everything at the end of the agenda.

B. Mount Pleasant Gas System Report

Mayor White asked did anyone have anything for the Gas System and Mr. Grooms said he would cover everything at the end of the agenda.

8. New Business

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

A. Resolution 2026-7 Collier Engineering Polk Lane paving project

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Mr. Grooms stated that A and C are kind of related.

A. A proposal from Collier Engineering was presented. The proposal is for them to come in and bid the documents and it is for 1.5 miles. Mr. Grooms stated this is good money spent.

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

B. Resolution 2026-8 - Extend Interfund Loan - Related to Downtown Project

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Mrs. Cox stated she contacted the Controller's Office and there would be a Resolution on the agenda. She stated we borrowed \$1.50 million from the general fund in July of 2025 and the downtown project could be cash flowed. She also stated that \$600,000.00 had been returned due to reimbursements that finally came in at the end of 2025. As reimbursements come in, they will be applied accordingly. Mrs. Cox is asking for an extension to June to give enough time to repay from reimbursements.

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

C. Resolution 2026-9 Collier Engineering - Paving Projects On-Call Agreement

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Mr. Grooms stated this was only the on-call agreement.

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

D. Resolution 2026-10 Reimbursement Power Company Bond Issue

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Al Kersteins spoke well on the topic and the commissioners had no questions.

E. 2024/2025 Audit Approval

Mayor White stated the audit approval would be presented in the Tuesday night meeting and it would take a while.

F. Change Order - CDBG Meter Replacement Engineering Agreement Launderette Meter Replacement

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Mr. Grooms stated F and G go together. They are trying to close out one grant in order to apply for another. The engineering agreement is for the change order of the service line that goes under Main Street and needs replaced which will cost \$11,000.00. The construction part of that is \$88,000.00. They are wanting to look into that further. There are some contingencies.

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

G. Change Order - CDBG Meter Replacement Construction Agreement Launderette Meter Replacement

Please refer to comments made in F above.

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

H. Change order: WWTP close-out

Mayor White asked were there any questions on the Waste Water Treatment Plant close out. Mr. Grooms said this is the final close out and a decrease of \$231,000.00.

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

I. Change order Barge contract amendment related to WWTP

The amendment for \$28,500.00 was discussed.

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

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

Mayor White asked were there any comments from citizens.

Katie Martin added that on Monday that there was an overwhelming ammonia smell. She is concerned about the town and the pollution in the air. She also was wanting to know if those industries had a way of telling what exactly happened and why the smells were in the air. She wanted to know what all can be done to get that information out there so the community can have answers and citizens no longer speculate.

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

10. Board / Staff Comments / Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mayor White made a motion to adjourn.