



City Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 6:00 PM

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

1. Call to Order

Mayor White calls the meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance / Invocation

Vice Mayor Alderson leads the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Johnston leads the Invocation.

3. Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Bill White

Vice Mayor Willie Alderson

Commissioner Mike Davis

Commissioner Pam Johnston

Commissioner Loree Knowles

4. Approval / Correction of Minutes from Prior Meetings

Mayor White asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Study Session Minutes dated March 12, 2026 and the Regular Meeting Minutes dated March 17, 2026.

Motion made by Commissioner Johnston, Seconded by Vice Mayor Alderson.

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

Motion carries.

A. STUDY SESSION - MARCH 12, 2026

B. REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 17, 2026

5. Awards/Presentations/Appointments

6. Completion / Review of Unfinished Business from prior meeting

Phillip Grooms states there are none.

7. Monthly report from Mayor

Mayor White states he did not really have anything to discuss and asked Lorrie Knowles to speak on the Juneteenth event. She discusses the event and invites everyone to attend.

8. Monthly Financial / Budget report

A. FINANCIALS MARCH 2026

Chasity Wells presents the financial information.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Davis, Seconded by Vice Mayor Alderson.
Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Knowles

Motion carries.

9. Monthly report from City Manager

Phillip Grooms stated the Community Clean Up Day was successful and had a good turn-out. He also speaks on the score boards being completed and the Canaan Road project being done and the City is waiting on the bill to come in. Michael Haywood has the new cameras installed at the Water Department. Phillip Grooms says that the last thing he has is Brandon Roberts is the employee spotlight for the State of the City.

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

A. WASTEWATER LIAISON REPORT

No report at this time.

B. MOUNT PLEASANT GAS SYSTEM REPORT- EMERGENCY REPAIR GAS REGULATORS

Mr. Grooms discussed the EDA gas application grant application being in and now we are waiting. He also mentions the repairs done at the gate stations, regulators, and piping.

11. New Business

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

A. ORDINANCE 2026-1140- AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE MOUNT PLEASANT MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO SEWER USE BY REPEALING CHAPTER 2 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACING TITLE 18, CHAPTER 2 WITH A NEW CHAPTER PERTAINING TO SEWER USE

Mayor White reads the Ordinance and Kori explains this is the sewer use or pretreatment ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to set forth uniform requirements for the disposal of wastewater in the service area of the City of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee wastewater treatment system. This ordinance will be approved by TDEC. Once it is approved by the State of Tennessee, it is responsible for the enforcement of all Federal, State, and Local Pretreatment regulations. It has been reviewed and revised by Barge and TDEC. It has also been preliminarily approved by TDEC. We will seek final approval after the ordinance passes and is in final form. The changes from the last version of this ordinance are highlighted and/or redlined on the draft that will be included in your packet. The most material changes are to remove the actual listed number limits from Tables A and B in the ordinance, post them on a tab on our website, cite where they are located, remove numeric plant protections and cite how limits can be obtained for review instead. This ordinance also approves the Enforcement Response Plan (ERP) that Barge created for the City. This plan describes violations and indicates a range of appropriate enforcement options. It outlines which responses are appropriate and identifies the personnel who must initiate those responses. It also outlines the effective timeframes for taking such actions. It streamlines the enforcement of all pretreatment regulations and promotes fair and consistent enforcement.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Knowles, Seconded by Vice Mayor Alderson.
Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Knowles

Motion carries.

B. ORDINANCE 2026-1142 STORMWATER (1ST READING)- AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A STORMWATER UTILITY FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT

Mayor White reads the Ordinance and Kori explains that the purpose of this ordinance is to create a storm water utility within the incorporated city limits. A stormwater utility provides for the collection, treatment, storage and disposal of stormwater and provides benefits and services to all property within the incorporated city limits. Such benefits include, but are not limited to: the provision of adequate systems of collection, conveyance, detention, treatment and release of stormwater; the reduction of hazards to property and life resulting from stormwater runoff; improvements in general health and welfare through reduction of undesirable stormwater conditions; and improvements to the water quality in the stormwater and surface water system and its receiving waters of the state all of which are managed by the Stormwater Administrator. In order to pay for the management, operating, maintaining, and improving the utility, the ordinance will also establish a graduated storm water user's fee which will be assessed and collected from each user of the storm water utility provided by the City. The base rate/detached single family residential property = tiered rate based on parcel size is less than 10,000 sq ft would be \$3.50 per month, 10,000 sq ft to 15,000 sq ft would be \$5.25 per month, and more than 15,000 sq ft would be \$7.00 per month. The fee for other developed property = impervious square footage X 1 ERU (equivalent residential unit= 5781 sq ft for Mount Pleasant) The table is set forth in the ordinance.

J.J. Thornton explains in further detail how the fee table was established.

Commissioners and Phillip Grooms discussed and decided to defer this Ordinance for 30 days. For more details, please refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

Mayor White asked for citizen comments. Lee Bourque and Katie Martin spoke.

Motion made by Commissioner Knowles, Seconded by Vice Mayor Alderson.

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

Motion carries.

C. ORDINANCE 2026-1143 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT (1ST READING)- AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A STORMWATER MANGEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT

Mayor White reads the Ordinance and Kori explains that the purpose of this ordinance is to grant the City the authority to exercise management and general regulation over stormwater. It follows a state law process to grant this authority. This is not something that the City has to do because the City does not have a MS4 permit, but it gives the city control over standards for stormwater control which benefits the public health. This is a proactive step for Mount Pleasant. This ordinance is separate and distinct from the Stormwater Utility Ordinance. It will support the stormwater utility, but it will also help with all new construction, regardless of whether the utility is established, by developing regulations and standards for management of stormwater on all new projects. There are fines and fees that could be assessed for violation of this ordinance; these fees would be used towards the stormwater utility. This ordinance does not require the 30-day notice, so if this passes 1st reading, you can have the 2nd reading in May, as usual.

J.J Thornton goes into further detail.

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

Motion made by Vice Mayor Alderson, Seconded by Commissioner Johnston.

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

Motion carries.

D. 2015 PROPERTY TAX WRITE OFFS

Mayor White stated Kori provided a copy of the write offs. No names were provided and Kori said a motion was needed to write off the \$3,126.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Johnston, Seconded by Vice Mayor Alderson.
Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Knowles

Motion carries.

E. POLK LANE BID

Phillip Grooms said the bid was in the package. Collier Engineering sent an official letter recommending the low bid of \$363,137.00 to Rogers Group.

Mayor White let the audience know the bid was \$125,000.00 less than the next bid.

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

Motion made by Vice Mayor Alderson, Seconded by Commissioner Knowles.
Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Knowles
Voting Abstaining: Commissioner Davis

Motion carries.

F. TDEC ARPA CLOSE OUT & CHANGE ORDER #3

Mayor White reads the agenda item and Phillip Grooms describes the project and the final change order.

Motion made by Commissioner Johnston, Seconded by Commissioner Davis.
Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Knowles

Motion carries.

Item G was added to the agenda being the National Opioid Settlement. The commissioners took a vote to add this agenda item onto the agenda.

Kori explains the settlement and small check the City of Mount Pleasant will be receiving.

Commissioner Davis makes a motion to add item G to the agenda as told per our attorney. Commissioner Knowles seconds the motion.

Vice Mayor Alderson makes a motion to approve item G on the agenda. Commissioner Knowles seconds. Voting Yea: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Alderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Knowles

Motion carries.

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

Mayor White asked Katie Martin to come speak.

Katie speaks on the Charter of Mount Pleasant and ways to make it simpler for citizens.

James Gray speaks about his towing company and another towing company that may not be paying city taxes.

For more details, please refer to the audio/visual recording attached to the agenda.

13. Board / Staff Comments / Adjournment

Commissioner Johnston speaks on how excited she is that the Boys & Girls Club is partnering with Connection Church in July to do Vacation Bible School during the day. She wanted to get the information out now for everyone to have.

Commissioner Knowles discusses she has received phone calls about the blasting and the cracks on the houses. She has photos and the state fire marshal's responses. The citizens cannot get any help on their homes because they do not have earthquake insurance.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Alderson, Seconded by Commissioner Johnston.

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