

City Meeting Of July 21, 2026

Mayor Shaw called the meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman to order at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 21, 2026. The meeting was held at City Hall.

Invocation

Bro Dan Russell offered invocation. Mayor Shaw led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Shaw, Alderman Gregory, Vice Mayor Gilmore, Kelly Rider, City Recorder, Attorney Russell Freeman

Absent: Alderman Martin, Alderman Senft

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of June 9, 2026, 6:30 p.m. meeting were presented for approval or corrections.

Motion made by: Vice Mayor Gilmore

Second: Alderman Gregory

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Citizens Comments

John Neely

Anna Gregory

Commissioners & Department Reports

Finance and Administration:

Mayor Shaw stated we will begin audit soon.

Public Works and Streets:

No Report.

Parks and Recreation:

Vice Mayor Gilmore reported the 250th Independence Day Celebration on July 3rd went very well. There was a 2 ½ hour rain delay. He stated it was a Fantastic Fireworks Show.

Vice Mayor Gilmore reported the city will participate in Experience Robertson County and it will be held at Pioneer Park on September 12, 2026. We will be showing off all the new improvements to include new restrooms, basketball court and hopefully pickleball court and shuffle ball court.

Vice Mayor Gilmore reported Smoke on the Ridge will be end of September and Morgan on the Rim will be at the end of October.

Planning and Zoning and Codes Administration:

No Report.

Community and Economic Development:

No Report.

Utilities:

Mayor Shaw reported that the gas department completed nineteen 811 locate tickets, 12 service orders, covering maintenance, troubleshooting, customer service calls, performed multiple service disconnects and reconnects to meet customer and operational needs, conducted the weekly odorization test to verify proper odorant levels throughout the Natural Gas System, and performed daily inspections of the gate station to ensure safe and reliable operation.

Mayor Shaw reported that the sewer department completed nineteen 811 locate tickets, completed 15 service orders, conducted, carried out multiple service disconnects and reconnects within the system and checked sewer building daily at Lake Rd and Hwy 41 and repaired sewer leak at Strudwick Drive.

Fire and Police:

Alderman Gregory reported a total of 19 calls this month. There were 11 calls inside the city limits, 8 calls outside city limits and 2 mutual aid calls.

Business Reports:

City Recorder:

No Report.

Attorney Freeman:

Attorney Freeman reported we have not received a response from the letter that was sent to L & G Construction on the Shedden Road Project and what the city is willing to do to resolve the final payment. He believed it had been about 29 days since the letter was sent.

Mayor Comments:

Mayor Shaw thanked everyone who volunteered and assisted with the 250th Independence Day Celebration on July 3rd.

Old Business:

No Old Business

New Business:

Recognize Ken Parson

Alderman Gregory made the motion to defer the recognizing to Ken Parsons. Vice Mayor Gilmore seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Recognize all military and emergency service members

Alderman Gregory stated the city would like to recognize all our military and emergency service members. Alderman Gregory asked Stephanie Senft to assist with presenting commemorative coins to all that have served. Coins were presented to Gil Collins, John Neely, Tony Reasoner, and Cecil Smith.

Report from Robertson County Sheriff

Alderman Gregory gave the report from Robertson County Sheriff's office. Alderman Gregory reported the data collected comes from Robertson County Central Dispatch, and represents the average response time in Ridgetop, TN by Robertson County Sheriff's Office. The data reflects the dates January 1st, 2025-December 31, 2025, of calls for service and does not include officer-initiated calls (traffic stops, community policing, and serving warrants). This data is for average response times for all calls for service and not differentiated between emergency and non-emergency calls for service. Calls for service are prioritized; therefore, and emergency calls for service would have a faster time than a non-emergency call for service. Average time dispatch 2:05, Average time dispatch/Enroute 1:35, Average time Enroute/Arrive 6:51 and Average time Disp/Arrive 8:26.

The Robertson County Sheriff's Office had a 95% clearance rate for all crimes reported in 2025. This is a 1% increase from 2024. There was 2,641 total incidents dispatched by the Robertson County Emergency Communications Center. This represents an increase from 2298 in 2024. The Robertson County Sheriff's Office responded to 638 law enforcement calls for service in 2025. This is a 24% increase from 2024. The Robertson County Sheriff's Office made 37 arrests in Ridgetop City Limits in 2025. In 2024, the Robertson County Sheriff's Office made 34 arrests. The Robertson County Sheriff's Office conducted 886 stops in 2025 in Ridgetop City Limits. This is an increase of 18% from 2024. There were 48 crashes in 2025 in Ridgetop City Limits. This is a decrease from 51 reported in 2024. Deputies had 958 calls for community policing in 2025 in Ridgetop City Limits. This represents a massive continued increase every year and increase of 94.72% from 492 in 2024.

Consideration of approval of Robertson County Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) 2027-2028

Vice Mayor Gilmore made the motion to defer consideration of approval of Roberson County Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) 2027-2028. Mayor Shaw seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Actuarial Valuation Report from Tennessee Consolidated Retirement Systems (TCRS)

Alderman Gregory made the motion to accept the actuarial valuation study for the buy all years of service plan with COLA at the rate of \$595,032.

Mayor Shaw seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Resignation of Joseph Dean

Mayor Shaw announced Joseph Dean has submitted his resignation. Mayor Shaw stated he believes if offered \$2.50 more per hour the city could retain his employment.

Vice Mayor Gilmore made the motion to offer Joseph Dean \$2.50 more per hour to retain his employment. Alderman Gregory seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Bid approval of Sewer Chemical Vendor

Mayor Shaw read the Elite bid results.

Alderman Gregory made the motion to accept the Elite Septic Tank and Grease Trap Service, Inc. Vice Mayor Gilmore seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Discuss Gas Rate Increase

Mayor Shaw reported the city is looking at a rate increase of 10% as well as an increase to the monthly base rate to increase from \$10 to \$15.

Discuss Charter Changes

Attorney Freeman stated there are some conflicts with charter and code that need some updating. Attorney Freeman explained a few of the conflicts. He explained the procedure for updating the charter and stated the board would need to prepare the changes to be sent.

Information on grants for Tornado Warning Alarms

Mayor Shaw made a motion to defer the information on grants for Tornado Warning Alarms to next month. Alderman Gregory seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Resolution 26-06, A Resolution to provide administrative services for the Public Parks and Recreation Grant for the 2026 Recreational Trails Program Funds (Trailhead) (LPRF)

Alderman Gregory made the motion to approve Resolution 26-06, A Resolution to provide administrative services for the Public Parks and Recreation Grant for the 2026 Recreational Trails Program Funds (Trailhead) (LPRF). Alderman Gilmore seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Resolution 26-07, A Resolution to provide engineering services for the Public Parks and Recreation Grant for the 2026 Recreational Trails Program Funds (Trailhead) (LPRF)

Alderman Gilmore made the motion to accept Resolution 26-07, A Resolution to provide engineering services for the Public Parks and Recreation Grant for the 2026 Recreational Trails Program Funds (Trailhead) (LPRF) Alderman Gregory seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Resolution 26-08, A Resolution amending Job Descriptions for Firefighters and Volunteer Firefighters

Alderman Gregory made the motion to accept Resolution 26-08, A Resolution amending Job Descriptions for Firefighters and Volunteer Firefighters. Alderman Gilmore seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Appoint Zoning Appeals Board Member

Alderman Gregory made the motion to re-appoint John Bryant and appoint Tony Reasoner to Zoning Appeals Board. Alderman Gilmore seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, Alderman Gilmore moved for adjournment. Alderman Gregory seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Mayor Tim Shaw

Kelly Rider, City Recorder