

Mt. Juliet, Tennessee

*2425 North Mt. Juliet Rd
Mt. Juliet, TN 37122*



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, March 9, 2026

6:30 PM

Commission Chambers

Board of Commissioners

Public Hearing 6:15 PM

Citizens Comments limited to three (3) minutes per person - Ordinance 2023-15

Mayor Maness opened the Public Hearing. With there being no public comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

Public Hearing Notice - 3-9-2026

[1619](#)

Attachments: [Public Hearing Notice - 3-9-2026](#)

1. Call to Order & Declare a Quorum Present

Present: Commissioner Art Giles, Vice Mayor/Commissioner Bill Trivett, Mayor James Maness, Commissioner Jennifer Milele, and Commissioner Scott Hefner

2. Set Agenda

Mayor Maness set the agenda, moving Items 9G, 9I, 9J, and 9K to the Consent Agenda without objection.

3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Giles led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.A. Meeting Minutes to be Approved - Work Session - 2-23-2026

[1621](#)

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes to be Approved - Work Session - 2-23-2026](#)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor/Commissioner Trivett, seconded by Commissioner Milele, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Bill Trivett

SECONDER: Jennifer Milele

Aye: Commissioner Giles, Vice Mayor/Commissioner Trivett, Mayor Maness, Commissioner Milele, and Commissioner Hefner

4.B. Meeting Minutes to be Approved - 2-23-2026

[1620](#)

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes to be Approved - 2-23-2026](#)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor/Commissioner Trivett, seconded by Commissioner Milele, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Bill Trivett

SECONDER: Jennifer Milele

Aye: Commissioner Giles, Vice Mayor/Commissioner Trivett, Mayor Maness, Commissioner Milele, and Commissioner Hefner

5. Citizens Comments

Citizens Comment Limited to three (3) minutes per person - Ordinance 2008-24

Mayor Maness called for citizen comments. With there being none, the citizen comment period was closed.

6. Commissioner Reports & Comments

Commissioner Giles expressed appreciation for the opening of the City's newest fire station, noting that the Grand Opening of Fire Station 3, on Old Lebanon Dirt Road, was a wonderful event for the community and a testament to the City's continued investment in public safety. He also gave a shout-out to Milele Academy, sharing that he attended a performance the Intensity Dance Competition and congratulated Milele Academy on winning the state competition.

Vice Mayor/Commissioner Trivett thanked everyone who attended the Grand Opening of Fire Station 3, stating that it is truly an honor for the community to have such a beautiful and well-equipped facility serving the residents of Mt. Juliet. He reminded everyone of the importance of supporting local businesses and encouraged residents to continue to shop local, noting that doing so helps strengthen the community. Vice Mayor Trivett also thanked those attending and watching the meeting. He commended the Police Department for their proactive efforts, noting how encouraging it is to see public comments recognizing their hard work and dedication. He concluded by reminding residents to remain safe and attentive while driving, especially with additional children out of school during spring break.

Commissioner Hefner shared that he was filled with pride after attending the Grand Opening of Fire Station 3 and expressed appreciation to everyone involved in the planning, design, and construction of the facility, recognizing the many individuals who contributed to bringing the project to completion. He encouraged residents to remain weather aware as the region moves further into spring storm season. Commissioner Hefner also wished his wife, Cheri, and City Manager Kenny Martin a happy birthday. He reflected on the significance of March 3rd, noting that the date will never be remembered the same following the deadly tornado that impacted the community, and asked residents to continue keeping those affected in their thoughts. He concluded by asking the community to keep the nation's service members in their thoughts and prayers as they continue to serve and protect the country.

Commissioner Milele encouraged residents to participate in the Walk Across Wilson initiative and highlighted several important upcoming election dates, encouraging everyone to stay engaged in the democratic process. She noted that the County Primary Election will take place on May 5, 2026, with the last day to register to vote being April 6, 2026. She also shared that the Federal and State Primary Election and County General Election will be held on August 6, 2026, followed by the November General and City Elections on November 3, 2026. Commissioner Milele encouraged residents to register, stay informed, and exercise their right to vote. She also echoed the pride expressed by others regarding the Grand Opening of Fire Station 3 and shared a story from the ceremony about the charred wood design feature in the kitchen area of the station, which serves as a meaningful tribute and unique design element within the facility.

Mayor Maness recognized Scout Troop 1325 and thanked them for attending the meeting. He noted that the scouts were present to earn their Communications and Community badges and commended them for taking an interest in learning about local government. Mayor Maness stated that he is proud of the Mt. Juliet community and echoed the sentiments shared regarding the successful Grand Opening of Fire Station 3.

7. City Manager's Report

City Manager Kenny Martin thanked each of the Commissioners for their continued service and dedication to the community. In recognition of their leadership and support of public safety initiatives, he presented each Commissioner with a commemorative hatchet engraved to mark the opening of Fire Station 3. City Manager Martin encouraged them to take a moment to reflect on and take pride in the many positive contributions they have made to the community. He also wished Cheri Hefner a happy birthday and reminded residents of the importance of supporting local businesses by continuing to shop local. City Manager Martin additionally recognized Mrs. Queener and her husband, Henry Queener, for their deep involvement in the community, noting that Mr. Queener recently passed away. He honored Henry Queener as a veteran and a true patriot and asked that the community keep the Queener family in their thoughts.

8. Unfinished Business Consent Agenda Items:

- 8.A.** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 BUDGET ORDINANCE 2025-35 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL/DISPOSAL AND DEBRIS MONITORING SERVICES FROM THE JANUARY ICE STORM [1618](#)

Sponsors: James Maness, Mayor

Attachments: [Ordinance](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Milele, seconded by Vice Mayor/Commissioner Trivett, that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jennifer Milele

SECONDER: Bill Trivett

Aye: Commissioner Giles, Vice Mayor/Commissioner Trivett, Mayor Maness, Commissioner Milele, and Commissioner Hefner
Enactment No: 2026-27

- 8.B.** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 BUDGET ORDINANCE 2025-35 TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS FOR THE MT JULIET FIRE DEPARTMENT [1611](#)

Sponsors: Kenneth Martin, City Manager,

Attachments: [Ordinance](#)
[Contract - EMS Grant](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Milele, seconded by Vice Mayor/Commissioner Trivett, that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jennifer Milele

SECONDER: Bill Trivett

Aye: Commissioner Giles, Vice Mayor/Commissioner Trivett, Mayor Maness, Commissioner Milele, and Commissioner Hefner
Enactment No: 2026-28

- 9.G.** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PRELIMINARY MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE GOLDEN BEAR PLACE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, ORDINANCE 2024-04, LOCATED AT MAP 078, PARCEL 17.01 IN THE CITY OF MT. JULIET [1588](#)

Sponsors: Planning Commission Positive Recommendation

Attachments: [Ordinance](#)
[Exhibit A - Map](#)
[Staff Report](#)

This item was added to the Consent Agenda during Item 2. Set Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Milele, seconded by Vice Mayor/Commissioner Trivett, to approve the Ordinance for second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

RESULT: APPROVED FOR SECOND READING

MOVER: Jennifer Milele

SECONDER: Bill Trivett

Aye: Commissioner Giles, Vice Mayor/Commissioner Trivett, Mayor Maness, Commissioner Milele, and Commissioner Hefner

- 9.I. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 BUDGET [1626](#)
ORDINANCE 2025-35 TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM POLICE
DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL BUDGET TO OPERATING BUDGET

Sponsors: Kenneth Martin, City Manager,

Attachments: [Ordinance](#)
[Executive Summary](#)

This item was added to the Consent Agenda during Item 2. Set Agenda

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RESULT: APPROVED FOR SECOND READING

MOVER: Jennifer Milele

SECONDER: Bill Trivett

Aye: Commissioner Giles, Vice Mayor/Commissioner Trivett, Mayor Maness,
Commissioner Milele, and Commissioner Hefner

- 9.J. A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF [1623](#)
UNDERSTANDING WITH MENTAL HEALTH COOPERATIVE

Sponsors: Kenneth Martin, City Manager,

Attachments: [Resolution](#)
[Executive Summary](#)
[Memorandum of Understanding](#)

This item was added to the Consent Agenda during Item 2. Set Agenda

This Resolution was adopted as captured by the following vote:

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jennifer Milele

SECONDER: Bill Trivett

Aye: Commissioner Giles, Vice Mayor/Commissioner Trivett, Mayor Maness,
Commissioner Milele, and Commissioner Hefner
Enactment No: 27-2026

- 9.K.** A RESOLUTION DECLARING CITY OF MT. JULIET PARKS DEPARTMENT PROPERTY AS SURPLUS TO BE DISPOSED OF AT GOVDEALS AUCTION [1627](#)

Sponsors: Kenneth Martin, City Manager,

Attachments: [Resolution](#)

This item was added to the Consent Agenda during Item 2. Set Agenda

This Resolution was adopted as captured by the vote below:

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Jennifer Milele

SECONDER: Bill Trivett

Aye: Commissioner Giles, Vice Mayor/Commissioner Trivett, Mayor Maness, Commissioner Milele, and Commissioner Hefner
Enactment No: 28-2026

9. New Business

- 9.A.** AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE MT. JULIET PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND TO AMEND THE CITY OF MT. JULIET CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 24 REGARDING PARK FEES [1573](#)

Sponsors: Kenneth Martin, City Manager,

Attachments: [Ordinance](#)

[Exhibit A - Fee Schedule](#)

[Exhibit B - Redline City Code](#)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor/Commissioner Trivett, seconded by Commissioner Hefner, to approve the Ordinance for second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

RESULT: APPROVED FOR SECOND READING

MOVER: Bill Trivett

SECONDER: Scott Hefner

Aye: Commissioner Giles, Vice Mayor/Commissioner Trivett, Mayor Maness, Commissioner Milele, and Commissioner Hefner

- 9.B.** AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE MT. JULIET FIRE DEPARTMENT AND TO AMEND THE CITY OF MT. JULIET CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE I REGARDING FIRE RELATED FEES [1583](#)

Sponsors: Kenneth Martin, City Manager,

Attachments: [Ordinance](#)
[Exhibit A - Fee Schedule](#)
[Exhibit B - Redline City Code](#)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor/Commissioner Trivett, seconded by Commissioner Milele, to approve the Ordinance for second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

RESULT: APPROVED FOR SECOND READING

MOVER: Bill Trivett

SECONDER: Jennifer Milele

Aye: Commissioner Giles, Vice Mayor/Commissioner Trivett, Mayor Maness, Commissioner Milele, and Commissioner Hefner

- 9.C.** AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT AND AMEND THE CITY OF MT. JULIET CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 26-147 REGARDING FEES [1599](#)

Sponsors: Planning Commission Positive Recommendation

Attachments: [Ordinance](#)
[Exhibit A - Fee Schedule](#)
[Exhibit B - Redline Fees/City Code](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Giles, seconded by Vice Mayor/Commissioner Trivett, to approve the Ordinance for second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

RESULT: APPROVED FOR SECOND READING

MOVER: Art Giles

SECONDER: Bill Trivett

Aye: Commissioner Giles, Vice Mayor/Commissioner Trivett, Mayor Maness, Commissioner Milele, and Commissioner Hefner

- 9.D.** AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE BUILDING & CODES DEPARTMENT AND AMEND THE CITY OF MT. JULIET CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE III, SECTION 8-59 REGARDING FEES [1587](#)

Sponsors: Kenneth Martin, City Manager,

Attachments: [Ordinance](#)
[Exhibit A - Fee Schedule](#)
[Exhibit B - Redline City Code](#)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor/Commissioner Trivett, seconded by Commissioner Hefner, to approve the Ordinance for second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

RESULT: APPROVED FOR SECOND READING

MOVER: Bill Trivett

SECONDER: Scott Hefner

Aye: Commissioner Giles, Vice Mayor/Commissioner Trivett, Mayor Maness, Commissioner Milele, and Commissioner Hefner

- 9.E.** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF MT. JULIET CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VI TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE COURT COSTS, LITIGATION TAXES, AND AN E-CITATION FEE [1624](#)

Sponsors: Kenneth Martin, City Manager,

Attachments: [Ordinance](#)
[Exhibit A - Redline City Code](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Giles, seconded by Vice Mayor/Commissioner Trivett, to approve the Ordinance for second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

RESULT: APPROVED FOR SECOND READING

MOVER: Art Giles

SECONDER: Bill Trivett

Aye: Commissioner Giles, Vice Mayor/Commissioner Trivett, Mayor Maness, Commissioner Milele, and Commissioner Hefner

- 9.F.** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF MT. JULIET CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 28 TO ADOPT STATE TRAFFIC OFFENSES & RULES OF THE ROAD AND TO REPEAL SECTION 28-66 REGARDING RECKLESS / CARELESS DRIVING [1625](#)

Sponsors: Kenneth Martin, City Manager,

Attachments: [Ordinance](#)
[Exhibit A - Redline City Code](#)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor/Commissioner Trivet , seconded by Commissioner Milele, to approve the Ordinance for second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

RESULT: APPROVED FOR SECOND READING

MOVER: Bill Trivett

SECONDER: Jennifer Milele

Aye: Commissioner Giles, Vice Mayor/Commissioner Trivett, Mayor Maness, Commissioner Milele, and Commissioner Hefner

- 9.H.** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 BUDGET ORDINANCE 2025-35 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR CITY EMPLOYEES [1613](#)

Sponsors: Jennifer Milele, Commissioner, Art Giles, Commissioner

Attachments: [Ordinance](#)
[Executive Summary](#)

Following the motion, discussion occurred

A motion was made by Commissioner Milele, seconded by Commissioner Giles, to approve the Ordinance for second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

RESULT: APPROVED FOR SECOND READING

MOVER: Jennifer Milele

SECONDER: Art Giles

Aye: Commissioner Giles, Vice Mayor/Commissioner Trivett, Mayor Maness, Commissioner Milele, and Commissioner Hefner

10. Adjournment

Mayor Maness adjourned the meeting at 7:07pm

Mayor James Maness

Jennifer Hamblen, CMC, City Recorder