

# **Mt. Juliet, Tennessee**

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



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, May 29, 2025**

**5:30 PM**

**Commission Chambers**

**Board of Commissioners**

## Budget Workshop

### 1. Call to Order

### 2. Citizens Comments

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

No Citizens Comments were heard.

### 3. Overview including Budget Highlights - Revenue & Expenditure Summary: Kenny Martin & Dana Hire, Pages 11-17

Finance Director Dana Hire presented highlights of the proposed budget.

HR Director Lynn Gore: Spoke on reasons to maintain the Safety Coordinator position. Discussion was held.

City Manager Martin stated that these were all relatively new positions and not including them in the upcoming budget is an option that would save some money.

### 4. Parks Department Budget: Rocky Lee - Pages 57-61

Parks Director Rocky Lee spoke on the need to maintain the Deputy Parks Director - Administrative position. The Community Center is open 12 hours a day/6 days a week and open 6 hours on Sunday. Parks Director Lee stated that if this is about the budget, make Melinda Troutman a Manager for administration and Ross Hudson over maintenance. He will then step down at the end of the year. He feels these two individuals would be able to run the Parks Department. He suggests to remove his position from the budget.

City Manager Kenny Martin stated he has spoke with Parks Director Lee today about his plan to leave this year.

Discussion was held.

Commissioner Hefner stated his comments are for the entire City budget, we had a big miss on the projected revenues and expenses last year. He is for maintaining all budgets and positions until 6 months into Fiscal Year 25-26.

Discussion was held on passing the same budget as last year.

Commissioner Hefner stated that the City needs to move toward using revenues based on what we have received. Finance Director Dana Hire explained her process.

Discussion was held.

**5. Information Technology & GIS Budget: Travis Taylor, Pages 32-33**

IT Director Travis Taylor presented his proposed budget.

Discussion was held.

**6. Emergency Services Budget: Chief Foulks, Pages 47-49**

Fire Chief Mark Foulks and Deputy Fire Chief Joey Edwards presented the proposed budget.

Discussion was held.

Fire Chief Foulks stated they support the proposed Police Department salary adjustments. Would like the 3 Fire Lt positions to be added back in if they were removed. The EMS Division is providing a very high level of service, and this division is being proactive on billing the insurance companies. EMS will provide revenue to cover Operating but not Personnel expenses, but this help with Fire expenses since the personnel is cross trained.

Discussion was held.

Vice Mayor Trivett stated the truck being replaced would make a great truck for Parks and asked the City Manager to work this out, which would eliminate \$40K in Parks.

Discussion was held on budgeting Personnel for 3 Fire Lt. for 1/2 of the year vs. the whole year that is in the budget.

**7. Police Department Budgets: Chief Mullins, Pages 35-46**

Police Chief Mullins and Deputy Police Chief Chandler presented their proposed budget.

Discussion was held.

Asking for \$335K+ in salary increases.

Discussion was held.

**8. Drug Fund Budget: Chief Mullins, Page 63**

No comments voiced.

**9. Public Works Budget: Matt White, Pages 52-55**

Public Works Director Matt White presented the proposed budget.

Discussion was held.

**10. State Street Aid: Matt White, Page 62**

No comments voiced.

**11. Capital Projects Budget: Matt White, Pages 65-69**

No comments voiced.

**12. Stormwater Budget: Tim Forkum, Pages 72-74**

Utility Director Tim Forkum presented the proposed budget.

Discussion was held.

**13. Sewer Department Budget: Tim Forkum, Pages 75-84**

No comments voiced.

**14. Executive Department Budget: Kenny Martin, Pages 21-22**

City Manager Kenneth Martin presented the proposed budget.

Discussion was held.

**15. Closing Remarks / Questions**

**16. Adjournment**

at 9:03 PM

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Mayor James Maness

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City Recorder Sheila S. Luckett, MMC