

MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

JULY 9TH, 2026

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Henderson, Tennessee, met in regular session on Thursday, July 9th, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the City of Henderson City Hall. Present and presiding was Mayor Terry F. Bell. City Recorder Jim E. Garland called the roll, with the following being present:

Aldermen: Mark A. Barber, Donna R. Butler, Buel Maness, Michael Phelps, and
Keith Smith.
Absent: Jason Rhodes

Also present at the meeting were: City Recorder Jim E. Garland, City Attorney Jerry Spore, Police Chief Gary Davidson, Building Official Brent Beshires, Public Works Director Carter Scales, Utility Director Darryl Green, Fire Chief Doug Acred, and Assistant CMFO Alicia Holder

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at the appointed time. Ald. Smith gave the invocation, and Police Chief Davidson led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following proceedings were entered here-to-wit:

The minutes of the previous regular meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Ald. Barber to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, as presented, duly 2nd by Ald. Butler. Motion carried.

The accumulated accounts were presented for informational purposes. There were no questions about the accounts, and the meeting continued.

The first item on the agenda was a call for delegations to address the board. There were no delegations, so the meeting continued.

The next item on the agenda was to consider final action amending the 2025-2026 Budget to account for Grant Projects and other line-item overruns. Mayor Bell stated that this is the same ordinance that passed last month. It is the standard year-end adjustment that we do every June to take care of grants, additional revenues, and associated expenditures. A motion was made by Ald. Barber to approve Ordinance #588, an ordinance amending the 2025-2026 Budget on the final reading, duly 2nd by Ald. Phelps. Upon a roll call vote, the following was cast:

Ayes: Mark A. Barber, Donna Butler, Buel Maness, Michael Phelps, and Keith Smith.
Noes: None.
Absent and not voting: Jason Rhodes

Mayor Bell declared Ordinance #588 approved on the final reading.

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The next item on the agenda was to consider bids received on Materials and Paving to be used until December 31st, 2026. Recorder Garland stated that these were the standard items bid each year.

33C Rock Gravel -----	Wayne Co Rock-----	\$ 20.00 per ton
57C Washed Rock-----	Wayne Co Rock-----	\$ 27.00 per ton
Red Chert Gravel -----	Shaw Concrete -----	\$ 21.00 per ton
Gabion Rip Rap-----	Wayne Co. Rock-----	\$ 27.00 per ton
Machine Rip Rap Stone	Wayne Co. Rock-----	\$ 27.00 per ton
Red Fill Sand-----	Shaw Concrete Inc -----	\$ 14.00 per ton
Hot Mix Asphalt-----	Arrow Paving-----	\$ 145.00 per ton
Asphalt Binder-----	Arrow Paving -----	\$ 145.00 per ton
Cold Mix Asphalt-----	Arrow Paving-----	\$ 110.00 per ton
Asphalt Milling-----	Arrow Paving-----	\$ 5.00 per sq yd
3500 PSI Concrete-----	Southern Concrete-----	\$ 170.00 per yard
4000 PSI Concrete-----	Southern Concrete-----	\$ 173.00 per yard
Flowable Fill Concrete---	Southern Concrete-----	\$ 163.00 per yard

A motion was made by Ald. Smith to approve and accept the low bids on each of the materials as listed, July 2nd by Ald. Butler. Motion carried.

The next item on the list was to review the properties scheduled for demolition. Building Official Beshires stated that he had met with property owners on June 30, 2026, and that the results of the conversations were in the packet. Four (4) property owners did not contact him, six (6) property owners stated that they would be demolishing, five (5) property owners stated that they would be selling or repairing the property, and one property for which no owners can be located. Building Official Beshires suggested that work would need to be started within six months. Ald. Butler suggested six months to get the properties completely demolished and six months to have the project started for those who are repairing and/or selling. The last property is First Christian Church Building on White Avenue. Recorder Garland stated that there were three people who showed up at the meetings to discuss taking legal action on the structure. They are putting the church building on hold for the time being to research how to find owners.

Recorder Garland stated that the next steps on the first four properties will be to have the city attorney do a title search on the properties. Before any property is demolished by the city, there will be a lien put on the property.

The owners of 262 N Church Ave were present. Building Official Beshires stated that they had discussed with the owners the repairs that would need to be completed. They are selling the property, and the new owner will be responsible for all repairs.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Barber to approve the title search on the first four (4) properties by City Attorney Jerry Spore, July 2nd by Ald. Butler. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to consider the replacement of the Altitude Valve on the East Water Tank. UD Green stated several months ago they had problems with a leaking valve at the west tank. At that time, they requested a parts list and pricing from the company that sells the valves, but due to the age of the valve, they could not send a list. The east tank is in similar shape, and he has reached out to companies that sell altitude valves and received two responses. G&C Supply Company has quoted \$13,487.00 for a replacement valve that includes freight to

us. They also provide a startup to verify that we have installed it correctly for warranty purposes. A motion was made by Ald. Butler to approve the purchase from G&C Supply Co., Inc for \$13,487.00, duly 2nd by Ald. Maness. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss the status and possible options for the damaged Fire Engine #1. Mayor Bell stated that our insurance company (Public Entity Partners) has totaled the engine that was involved in an accident last month. They will pay \$750,000.00 less the deductible of \$500.00 and less the \$3,001.00 salvage value, meaning they will sell it back to us for that amount. Chief Acred and Mayor Bell went to Birmingham, AL to look at an engine that fits our needs, which would be purchased on a Sourcewell Cooperative Agreement. The only change to this truck was installation of an extended bumper for a pre-connect jump line and siren. Chief Acred is recommending that the insurance money be used to purchase the engine in Birmingham for \$512,940.97 (this includes the bumper). A motion was made by Ald. Smith to approve the purchase with the insurance funds for \$512,940.97, payable to Sunbelt Fire, duly 2nd by Ald. Barber. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to consider a Resolution to approve the application for a Public Entity Partners (the city's insurance carrier) Safety Partners Grant for employee safety. The program has a 50% local match with a maximum grant amount of \$2,000.00. The grant money, which is based on our annual premium, must be used for employee safety equipment each year. This year, the plan for the funds will be to purchase fire-retardant coveralls for the utility workers to be used when handling or involved with gas services. A motion was made by Ald. Barber to approve Resolution #2026-009, a resolution authorizing the City of Henderson to participate in the Public Entity Partners "Safety Partners" matching grant program, duly 2nd by Ald. Maness. Upon a roll call vote, the following was cast:

Ayes: Mark A. Barber, Donna R. Butler, Buel Maness, Michael Phelps and Keith Smith.

Absent and not voting: Jason Rhodes

Noes: None

Mayor Bell declared Resolution No. 2026-009 to be duly adopted.

Any other Business:

1. Consider approval of the appointment of Ellen Brown to the Planning Commission to fill a vacancy left when Marty Watson moved away. Mayor Bell has spoken with Ms. Brown, and she is willing to serve on the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Ald. Butler to approve the appointment as recommended by Mayor Bell, duly 2nd by Ald. Maness. Motion carried.
2. Mayor Bell stated that we have a knuckle boom truck that has gear mechanisms that require repair. We will need to send the truck to CMI in Nashville for repairs for approximately \$13,000.00. After further discussion, Ald. Butler made a motion to send the truck for repairs, duly 2nd by Ald Barber. Motion carried.

Police Chief Davidson stated that during budget meetings it was approved for him to purchase three more rifles in 2027. There is a long wait time, and to keep the price that was quoted, he needs to get them ordered. A motion was made by Ald. Butler to approve the purchase of three (3) rifles for \$9,003.00, duly 2nd by Ald. Barber. Motion carried.

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UD Green stated that several employees had approached him regarding the possibility of moving to a four (4)-day workweek. Assistant UD Russell will present at the next meeting to explore whether there is a fair and equitable way to implement such a schedule.

PWD Scales stated that they will be stripping on East Main, South Mifflin, and Jack's Creek Road. They will be paving on South Mifflin down to Mill Street and several others.

Fire Chief Acred added that the number of false alarms is improving. The department is proactively working to address and resolve issues in areas that have historically experienced frequent alarms.

Recorder Garland stated that the fire alarm in City Hall is 25 years old and out of date and he has an ongoing problem with the ground in the alarm wiring. He will be working on getting two (2) quotes to bring back to the board to replace the alarm. He thinks the quote will come in between \$4,000.00 and \$7,000.00, and he is asking for approval for the mayor and himself to move forward. Ald. Barber made the motion to give Mayor Bell and Recorder Garland the authority to move forward with the purchase, duly 2nd by Ald. Butler. Motion carried.

Ald. Phelps stated that he was very proud of everyone for the hard work that is done. The 250th event was a great event.

Ald. Barber stated that he was very proud of the 250th celebration and thanked everyone involved and it was a huge success.

Ald. Smith stated that the 250th celebration was great. He then asked about the traffic light at White Ave and Main Street and at Mifflin Ave and East Main, and stated that it doesn't seem to be corrected yet. PWD Scales stated that they were coming to repair the loops soon.

Ald. Butler stated that it was a great 250th celebration

Mayor Bell stated that the Chamber was a huge contributor for the success of the 250th celebration. They wrote the grant for the funds that were used for the celebration. Also, Blake Hopper received an award from the Southwest Tennessee Tourism Association yesterday.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Ald. Butler to adjourn, duly 2nd by Ald. Barber. Motion carried.

Signed: Terry F. Bell

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

Signed: Jim E. Garland

ATTEST: _____, CITY RECORDER