

City of Crossville

392 North Main Street
Crossville, Tennessee 38555



Minutes

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

Mayor R.J. Crawford
Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt
Council Member Mike Turner
Council Member Mark A. Fox
Council Member James Mayberry
City Manager Valerie Hale
City Clerk Baylee Rhea

BEER BOARD - 5:45 p.m.

The Crossville Beer Board met on Tuesday, February 10, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 5:48 p.m.

Present: 5 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, Council Member Mike Turner, Council Member Mark A. Fox and Council Member James Mayberry

1. In-N-Out Discount Tobacco

Sarojean Patel has requested an off-premise beer permit for In-N-Out Discount Tobacco located at 45 Elmore Road.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, seconded by Council Member James Mayberry, to approve the beer permit contingent upon Codes approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, Council Member Mike Turner, Council Member Mark A. Fox and Council Member James Mayberry

The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING - 6:00 p.m.**Call to Order**

The Crossville City Council met for its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at Crossville City Hall. Mayor Crawford was present and presiding. He called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Tim Chesson, Faith Worship Center, provided the invocation and the Young Marines presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, Council Member Mike Turner, Council Member Mark A. Fox and Council Member James Mayberry

Others present were City Manager Valerie Hale, City Clerk Baylee Rhea, City Attorney Randy York, Kyle Sherrill, Nathan Clouse, Tim Chesson, Jim Shannon, Tommy Olivo, Fred Hughes, Michael Long, Jerry Brownstead, Jeff Dyer, Trish Chambers, Frank Fraher, Don Lambert, Jay Lambert, Ken Smith, Guy McBride, Jeff Mercier, Karen Barlow, John Vanella, Larry Kidwell, L. Engelhardt, Steve Schul, Mike Moser, Jessie Brooks, Mike Ratterman, Dennis Spay, Deb Prohaska, Nancy Mitchell, Terry Mitchell, Jim Ernest, Joyce Ernest, Linda Bullock, Steven Bullock, Peter Nichols, Bob Ross, Vic Torasso, Pat Beaudon, Tom Beaudon, Kevin Music, Greta Wilkinson, Rob Harrison, Melinda Kelsey, Donette Freeman, Shea James, Jayne White, Tim Begley, Chris Kendrick, and the friends and family of the Young Marines.

1. Proclamations/Presentations**a. February Proclamations and Presentations**

Mayor Crawford presented Student of the Month to Ollie Fugere. February is Respect month.

A Proclamation was read proclaiming the City of Crossville as a Purple Heart Recognition City.

2. Public Comment

Patricia Chambers invited those in attendance and Council members to attend a meet and greet at Shonies for Representative Monty Fritz.

3. Appointments**a. Sports Authority of the City of Crossville**

Tracey Barnes and Rob Pattons' terms will expire on February 13, 2026. They have both agreed to continue to serve on the Sports Authority for another term of 6 years.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt , seconded by Council Member James Mayberry, to re-appoint Tracey Barnes and Rob Patton to the Sports Authority. The motion carried by the following vote:

4. Chamber of Commerce Report

A report was not given.

5. Consent Agenda**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt stated all the items on the Consent Agenda had been discussed the week prior at the monthly Work Session and were recommended by Staff. The public was invited to attend the Work Sessions.

Council member Mayberry requested to pull item K for further discussion.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt , seconded by Council Member James Mayberry, to approve the Consent Agenda excluding item K. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, Council Member Mike Turner, Council Member Mark A. Fox and Council Member James Mayberry

Ordinances on Third Reading

a. Ordinance amending Title 8 Chapter 2 Beer

Staff recommends amending the Beer ordinance in its entirety to clarify license types, fees, inspections, duties of the beer board, and circumstances not currently address in the ordinance.

This Ordinance was adopted on third reading.

b. Ordinance amending FY 25-26 Budget

A budget amendment is necessary to amend FY 25-26 budget for paving at Meadow Park Lake, Outside Agencies: Industrial Development Board, Police Department HVAC, and Water Tank Site Improvements.

This Ordinance was adopted on third reading.

Ordinances on First Reading

c. Ordinance amending FY 25-26 budget

An ordinance amending FY 25-26 is recommended for approval. The budget amendment is for the Dunbar Road sewer study and fees for bonds.

This Ordinance was approved on the first reading.

d. Ordinance amending §2-202 Leisure Service Committee

A change has been requested to the Leisure Service Committee ordinance. The addition of a representative for "Tournaments" has been requested.

This Ordinance was approved on the first reading.

Additional Consent Items

e. Approval of Minutes (CC 1/13, SC 1/16, WS 2/3)

The Minutes were approved as recommended.

f. Approval to secure Webb Avenue property

Prior to the work session starting the week prior, the Police Chief and City Attorney discussed actions the Police Department could take to deter trespassers on City owned property. City Attorney Randy York requested to add an item to the agenda.

The City owns property on Webb Avenue. The Police Chief has reported a problem with trespassers camping on the property. City Attorney Randy York recommended action to allow the Police Department to barricade all the entrances, post "No Trespassing" signs, and prosecute trespassers.

This Resolution was approved as recommended.

g. Approval of resolution for Purple Heart City

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Crab Orchard Chapter, have requested the City of Crossville adopt a resolution supporting their application for the City of Crossville to become a Purple Heart City.

This Resolution was approved as recommended.

h. Approval to submit a Letter of Intent for Healthy Built Environment Grant

Approval to submit a letter of intent to the Tennessee Department of Health to apply for the Healthy Built Environments Grant. This is a grant up to \$80,000 for the “design and construction of structures to increase access to safe opportunities for physical activity, increase access to healthy foods, or build community resilience.”

This Resolution was approved as recommended.

i. Approval of an easement for a public hiking trail

Staff recommends approval of an easement for a public hiking trail. The easement will be between the City of Crossville and Catholic Diocese of Knoxville. The easement shall include the right of ingress and egress to and from the trail, the right to install signage, markers, and other improvements reasonably and necessary for the safe and proper use of the trail, and such other rights as are reasonably necessary or convenient for the enjoyment and maintenance of the trail. This easement shall be 25 feet wide and shall not include any portion of the waters of Obed River and Town Branch.

This Resolution was approved as recommended.

j. Approval of financial policy

Finance Director Nathan Clouse recommends adopting the an updated version of the Internal Control Policy.

This Policy was approved as recommended.

k. Approval of contract amendment #6 for Meadow Park Lake expansion

Proposals have been received for the full delivery services for compensatory mitigation. In order to move forward with awarding the proposal for this work, a contract must be developed and negotiated with the proposer.

The next step for J.R. Wauford and Company is to develop a contract with the proposed selected proposer for full delivery services for compensatory mitigation. Their anticipated cost for this is \$10,000. We believe the City Attorney would also have a cost of \$10,000 for this work.

The Meadow Park Lake expansion contract amendment number 6 with J.R. Wauford and Company is attached, which includes the contract development, the completion of the Army Corp permit, and the TDEC Permit for the Meadow Park Lake Expansion Project in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Additional components of the amendment include:

- \$30,000 for work already performed, but in excess of the budget amount established by Engineering Agreement No. 5*
- \$60,000 for preparing the initial draft Section 404 Department of the Army Permit*

application adequate to allow the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to public notice the proposed permit, completion of the alternatives analysis, and completion of the Section 404 Department of the Army Permit application and the Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit application / Section 401 Water Quality Certification request incorporating comments by appropriate federal and state agencies.

If the City plans on moving forward with the expansion of the Meadow Park Lake reservoir, City Staff recommends the approval of amendment 6.

There is money budgeted for this contract amendment.

Council member Mayberry asked for a break down of the fees that were to be voted on. Director of Engineering Tim Begley explained that \$100,000 is for Wauford and expenses related to the permitting and \$10,000 is budgeted for attorney costs. This is a contract amendment and the money is already budgeted.

Wauford will also perform a preliminary rate study within the proposed budgeted amount.

It was noted that this contract amendment does not obligate the City to future expenses.

A motion was made by Council Member James Mayberry, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, to approve amendment number 6 contingent on any changes requested by the City Attorney and with the additional preliminary rate study. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, Council Member Mike Turner, Council Member Mark A. Fox and Council Member James Mayberry

6. Other Business

7. City Attorney's Report

a. City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Randy York stated that he did not have any updates to provide but thanked all the Veterans in attendance.

This Report was received and filed.

8. City Manager's Report

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City Manager Hale provided an update regarding the Palace re-opening on the scheduled date of March 14th. The lot next door to City Hall is getting cleaned up by Street Department. Tax revenues are coming in above projected amounts except for beer.

Council member Fox asked if the paving of Main Street was still beginning in April. City Manager Hale responded the process should begin in April.

She reminded everyone of the Quarterly Work Session taking place the following week.

This Report was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member James Mayberry at 6:21 p.m., seconded by Council Member Mark A. Fox, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.