

City of Crossville

392 North Main Street
Crossville, Tennessee 38555



Minutes

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

5:00 PM

Conference Room 317

Work Session

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

Call to Order

The Crossville City Council met for its monthly work session on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at Crossville City Hall. Mayor Pro-tem Gernt was present and presiding. He called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

Roll Call

Present 3 - Council Member Art Gernt, Council Member Mike Turner, and Council Member Mark A. Fox

Absent 1 - Mayor R.J. Crawford

Others present were City Manager Valerie Hale, City Clerk Baylee Rhea, City Attorney Randy York, Nathan Clouse, Kevin Music, Allen Sizemore, Jeff Dyer, Rick Bilbrey, Sue Durham, Cliff Segar, Craig Clark, Gwen Schallow, Heather Smith, Roger Romero, Jessie Brooks, Mike Moser, Bridget McGraw, William McGraw, Nick Jenkins, Monique Romero, Dylan Romero, Kenneth Chadwell, Tim Begley, and Joe Kerley.

Public Comment

Allen Sizemore spoke regarding the Flock cameras.

Roger Romero spoke regarding the Flock cameras.

Craig Clark spoke regarding the wholesale water rate increase.

1. Discussion regarding de-annexation of TMP 101 021.03

At the April 14, 2026 Council meeting, this item was tabled until the July work session for further discussion.

At the July Council meeting, Mayor Crawford requested to move this item to the August work session due to the July work session being canceled.

The property owner of Tax Map 101 Parcel 021.03 has requested to be de-annexed from the City of Crossville. In the request, it is stated that water service is provided through the Cumberland Plateau Water Authority and no sewer service is available to the property. The owner indicates that the only municipal service received for the payment of property taxes is weekly trash pickup. The request letter is attached.

Disapproval of the de-annexation request has been recommended by the Crossville Regional Planning Commission.

If Council desires to approve the de-annexation, this would require three readings of an ordinance.

City Attorney Randy York informed Council of state law that may prevent the ability to de-annex this property and advised against approving the de-annexation of the property.

This item was recommended to be placed under Other Business.

2. Discussion regarding wholesale water rates

Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt requested to discuss the wholesale water rates. He invited CPWA Manager Jeff Dyer to speak. Mr. Dyer informed Council that the 25% increase to inside City water users triggered an increase of 25% to wholesale water sales per the contract with Grandview Utility District and Cumberland Plateau Water Authority, formerly South Cumberland Utility District. Mr. Dyer stated that this is a significant increase for wholesale rates and the rate is much higher than the industry average. He asked Council to reconsider the increase to wholesale customers. Mr. Bilbrey, Grandview Utility District, echoed Mr. Dyer's concerns and stated it would devastate their utility district.

This item was recommended to be placed under Other Business.

3. Discussion regarding approval of a contract amendment for Non-Competitive ARPA funding

TDEC has awarded additional \$1,256,755.95 to the City of Crossville for the State Water Infrastructure Grants Program. This will allow the City to be reimbursed for projects already completed that were overmatched.

This item was recommended for approval.

4. Discussion regarding approval of contract with H2O Innovations for 7.0 MGD Membrane Filtration System - Meadow Park Lake Water Treatment Plant

At the January Council meeting, H2O Innovations was selected to perform pilot testing for the 7.0 MGD Membrane Filtration System in the amount of \$50,000. City Attorney Randy York informed Council the contract was still being negotiated and a meeting would be held the following day with all parties involved to get the contract in final form. He requested for this item to be placed under Other Business at the Council meeting.

This item was recommended to be placed under Other Business.

5. Airport Committee

This item was pulled from the agenda.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.