

City of Crossville

392 North Main Street
Crossville, Tennessee 38555



Minutes

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

5:00 PM

Conference Room 317

Call for Special Meeting

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 a Special Called meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at Crossville City Hall. Mayor Crawford was present and presiding. He called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

Roll Call

Present 5 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Council Member 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, Lee Lawson, Nathan Clouse, Jeff Dyer, Bob Ross, Victor Torasso, Bryan Srock, Jeff Johnson, George Hamilton III, Randall Kidwell, Shea James, Mike Moser, Tim Begley, Steve Stone, Jessie Brooks, Chris South, Larry Kidwell, Ethan Medley, Gwen Schallow, Nathan Clouse, Ethan Hadley, Rob Harrison, Kevin Music, Billy Poore, Chris Kendrick, Leah Crockett, and Joe Kerley.

Public Comment

There were no comments.

1. Other Business

a. Discussion and action regarding a resolution for a STIF

Council members were presented with a resolution requesting consideration and approval of a proposed commercial development district and acknowledging that an increment of sales and use taxes generated from future activities within the district will be applied as payments on the indebtedness financing public infrastructure for the commercial development district.

A motion was made by Council Member Mike Turner, seconded by Council Member James Mayberry, to approve the resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

b. Discussion regarding awarding a bid for the Greenway project

The City received five bids for the 2023 Community Development Block Grant ADA Greenway Along the Little Obed River project. The low bid was received from Hamilton Consulting and Construction, LLC DBA J. Paul Smith Construction in the amount of \$959,999.00 with a price of \$71.00 per cubic yard for over excavation and fill of unsuitable material.

The original budget for the construction work and contingency was budgeted at an

amount of \$626,127.00. This leaves a shortfall of \$333,872.00. The City has ordered a bridge for this project utilizing \$50,000 in Three Star Grant funds and has a remaining payment for the bridge in the amount of \$25,900. The bridge will be delivered to the City sometime in May.

The total CDBG grant provided \$630,000.00 in funds and had an original City match of \$166,627.00 which is an 80% grant and 20% match by the City. All grant funds now total \$680,000.00 and the City's match with this overage of the bid award and the additional cost of the bridge is \$526,399.00. This makes the project 56% grant and 44% local match.

If approved, a budget amendment in the amount of \$365,000.00 is required.

The CDBG grant funds will only pay for work performed before June 30th, 2026, and this project must be completed by this date.

A letter of recommendation from the Engineer of record is attached with more detail and a recommendation to award the contract to Hamilton Consulting and Construction, LLC DBA J. Paul Smith Construction.

A motion was made by Council Member James Mayberry, seconded by Council Member Mark A. Fox, to award the bid to Hamilton Consulting and Construction, LLC DBA J. Paul Smith Construction. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

c. Discussion and action regarding a resolution for cost overrun

On February 24, 2026, bids were received for the CDBG Greenway project. All five (5) bids received far exceed the amount of funds budgeted for construction. Since the bid was awarded to Hamilton Consulting & Construction, LLC (dba J. Paul Smith Construction) of Crossville, Tennessee, a resolution must be adopted pledging for matching funds needed to complete the project.. Their bid was in the amount of \$959,999.00. The bid award amount exceeds the available project total budget by approximately \$305,872.00.

A motion was made by Council Member James Mayberry, seconded by Council Member Art Gernt, to approve the resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

d. Ordinance amending FY 25-26 Budget

A budget amendment is necessary to amend the FY 25-26 budget. The budget amendment is for the Brownfield tank removal. Since the CDBG project was awarded, the presented budget amendment was amended to include the amounts for the first reading.

A motion was made by Council Member Art Gernt, seconded by Council Member Mike Turner, to approve the amended budget amendment on first reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Art Gernt, seconded by Council Member James Mayberry, to approve Consent Agenda 2 a and b. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Ordinances on Second Reading

a. 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 second reading.

b. 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 second reading.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member James Mayberry at 5:09 p.m., seconded by Council Member Art Gernt, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.