

City of Crossville

392 North Main Street
Crossville, Tennessee 38555



Minutes

Tuesday, July 14, 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

PUBLIC HEARING - 5:50 p.m.

Present: 3 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Council Member Mike Turner and Council Member Mark A. Fox

Absent: 2 - Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt and Council Member James Mayberry

1. Plan of Service Review

A Public Hearing is required regarding the Plan of Services review for the annexation of TMP 126A C 019.00 (Halstead) and TMPs 112D J 013.00 & 037.00 and 113H F 011.11 & 012.00 (Rhododendron Circle).

Mayor Crawford asked for comments from the public regarding the Plan of Services presented. Seeing none, the Public Hearing was adjourned.

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

The Crossville City Council met for its monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 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: 3 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Council Member Mike Turner and Council Member Mark A. Fox

Absent: 2 - Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt and Council Member James Mayberry

Mayor Crawford spoke regarding the recent passing of Council member James Mayberry and held a moment of silence in his honor.

Others present were City Manager Valerie Hale, City Clerk Baylee Rhea, City Attorney Randy York, Lee Lawson, Nathan Clouse, Jessie Brooks, Terry Potter, Kevin Music, Allen Sizemore, Anthony Capito, Abby Wood, Steve Garland, William Hopper, Dave Kennedy, Bob Ross, Randy Welton, Cal Tourney, Ted Blovid, Mike Moser, Tim Chesson, Larry Kidwell, Ron Carnes, Alana Carnes, Gwen Schallow, Nick Jenkins, Heather Smith, Ethan Hadley, Dolores Rosario, Ashley Derossett, Jake Derossett, Dylan Romero, Monique Romero, Roer Romero, Leah Crockett, Cody Flynn, Chris Kendrick, and the friends and family of the Young Marines.

1. Proclamations/Presentations

a. June Proclamations and Presentations

Jake Derossett was presented with Employee of the Quarter.

2. Public Comment

Dave Kennedy spoke regarding the temporary street closure on the agenda.

Anthony Capito spoke regarding AI and data centers.

Cody Flynn spoke regarding his objection to data centers.

Nick Jenkins spoke in regards to his deannexation request.

Allen Sizemore spoke regarding the Flock camera systems.

3. Appointments

a. Tree Board

The Tree Board has recommended Mark Mann for the vacant seat on the board. His term will expire May 2029. This is a Mayoral appointment.

Mayor Crawford appointed Mark Mann to the Tree Board.

4. Chamber of Commerce Report

President/CEO of Crossville-Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce provided the City Council with a report on the Chamber's calendar of events.

5. Consent Agenda

6. Other Business

a. Approval of Minutes (CC 6/9, SC 6/18)

A motion was made by Council Member Mark A. Fox, seconded by Council Member Mike Turner, to approve the minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Council Member Mike Turner and Council Member Mark A. Fox

Absent: 2 - Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt and Council Member James Mayberry

b. Discussion and action 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.

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.

A motion was made by Mayor R.J. Crawford, seconded by Council Member Mark A. Fox, to table this item and discuss at the August work session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Council Member Mike Turner and Council Member Mark A. Fox

Absent: 2 - Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt and Council Member James Mayberry

c. Discussion and action regarding approval of temporary street closure - Crossville Cruisers

Crossville Cruisers have requested four temporary street closures of Main Street from Lantana Road to 4th Street. Their event on May 23rd was cancelled due to concerns with weather. They have requested a new date of August 22nd from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Mike Turner, seconded by Council Member Mark A. Fox, to approve the temporary street closure request. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Council Member Mike Turner and Council Member Mark A. Fox

Absent: 2 - Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt and Council Member James Mayberry

d. Discussion regarding status of Fire Station #1 renovation

Council member Fox has requested an update on the status of Fire Station #1 renovation. Director of Engineering Tim Begley provided an update. Council member Fox requested monthly updates from the City Manager on the status of the project.

This item was discussed.

e. Discussion and action regarding approval of a letter of credit extension for Halstead Drive

A letter of credit extension has been submitted for a mainline sewer extension on Halstead Drive. The current letter of credit on file expires on July 8, 2026. The new letter of credit will expire July 8, 2027. The project was delayed due to the permitting process with TDEC. The work is expected to be completed soon since a permit has been issued.

A motion was made by Council Member Mark A. Fox, seconded by Council Member Mike Turner, to approve the extension of the Letter of Credit. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Council Member Mike Turner and Council Member Mark A. Fox

Absent: 2 - Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt and Council Member James Mayberry

- f. Discussion and action regarding approval of Interstate 40 - 8" Force Main Crossings - Hwy 127 & Genesis Road Close Out-Balancing Change Order

The Close Out Change Order is attached. It does not change the time of the contract. It is a net increase of \$1,556.00 and zeros the remaining quantities.

A motion was made by Council Member Mark A. Fox, seconded by Council Member Mike Turner, to approve the change order. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Council Member Mike Turner and Council Member Mark A. Fox

Absent: 2 - Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt and Council Member James Mayberry

- g. Discussion and action regarding approval of a change order for the Greenway project

The greenway contract had a unit price of \$71.00 per cubic yard for unsuitable subgrade area. The geotech company required the contractor to remove 276.49 cubic yards of unsuitable soil for a total cost of \$19,630.79. This change order only includes the unsuitable soil removal and does not have a time extension.

A motion was made by Council Member Mike Turner, seconded by Council Member Mark A. Fox, to approve the change order. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Council Member Mike Turner and Council Member Mark A. Fox

Absent: 2 - Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt and Council Member James Mayberry

- h. Discussion and action regarding approval of a resolution for a Welcome Sign

TDOT requires a resolution to be passed as a part of the application process for Welcome Signs on Interstate 40. The signage will be placed at the Highway 127 North and Peavine Road exits.

A motion was made by Council Member Mike Turner, seconded by Council Member Mark A. Fox, to approve the resolution as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Council Member Mike Turner and Council Member Mark A. Fox

Absent: 2 - Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt and Council Member James Mayberry

- i. Discussion and action regarding parking on East Street

With the recent construction of the parking lot near Thurman Avenue, parking downtown has been evaluated. Staff recommends moving parking near the library from across the street to directly in front of Art Circle Public Library. Library staff has been consulted and agreed to the change.

A motion was made by Council Member Mark A. Fox, seconded by Council Member Mike Turner, to approve the change in parking on East Street as recommended by Staff. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Council Member Mike Turner and Council Member Mark A. Fox

Absent: 2 - Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt and Council Member James Mayberry

j. Discussion and action regarding approval of RFP- Urban Forester

The City sought out proposals for Urban Forester Services on May 19th, 2026. The qualified urban forester will perform a variety of services to preserve, protect, and enhance the City's diverse urban tree infrastructure. The City received one proposal by Karl Kilmer, City of Crossville Tree Board member.

A motion was made by Council Member Mike Turner, seconded by Council Member Mark A. Fox, to approve the RFP and authorize the City Attorney to create and execute a contract with Karl Kilmer. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Council Member Mike Turner and Council Member Mark A. Fox

Absent: 2 - Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt and Council Member James Mayberry

k. Discussion and action regarding approval of Granicus Services Agreement

Approval is requested for renewal of the Granicus Services Agreement, which is the software used for Council meetings. This renewal is for one year and the cost is \$2,049.68 per month, which is an increase of \$186.34.

A motion was made by Council Member Mike Turner, seconded by Council Member Mark A. Fox, to approve the contract renewal. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Council Member Mike Turner and Council Member Mark A. Fox

Absent: 2 - Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt and Council Member James Mayberry

l. Ordinance adding Title 14 Chapter 12 Data Centers

An ordinance adding a section to the Municipal Code regarding Data Centers within City limits.

A motion was made by Council Member Mike Turner, seconded by Council Member Mark A. Fox, to approve the ordinance on first reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Council Member Mike Turner and Council Member Mark A. Fox

Absent: 2 - Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt and Council Member James Mayberry

m. Ordinance amending FY25-26 budget for end of year adjustments

A budget amendment is necessary for the end of year adjustments.

A motion was made by Council Member Mike Turner, seconded by Council Member Mark A. Fox, to approve the ordinance on first reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Council Member Mike Turner and Council Member Mark A. Fox

Absent: 2 - Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt and Council Member James Mayberry

7. City Attorney's Report

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City Attorney Randy York stated he had nothing to report at this time.

This Report was received and filed.

8. City Manager's Report

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City Manager Hale provided an update on ongoing projects and events.

This Report was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Mike Turner at 6:39 p.m., seconded by Council Member Mark A. Fox, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.