

City of Crossville

392 North Main Street
Crossville, Tennessee 38555



Minutes

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

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.

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. Social Brew

Jeremy Walls has applied for an on- and off-premises beer license for Social Brew located at 140 N. Main Street in Crossville.

Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt abstained from this vote due to his interest in Social Brew.

A motion was made by Council Member James Mayberry, seconded by Council Member Mark A. Fox, approve permit contingent upon Codes approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Council Member Mike Turner, Council Member Mark A. Fox and Council Member James Mayberry

Abstain: 1 - Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt

PUBLIC HEARING - 5:50 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. Public Hearing - Annexations

A Public Hearing is required regarding 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).

Seeing none, Mayor Crawford adjourned the meeting.

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

The Crossville City Council met for its monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 7, 2025 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, Lee Lawson, Nathan Clouse, Barbie Clouse, Linda Frazier, Victor Torasso, Burt Allaire, Serena Vasudeva, Jeremy Walls, Jessie Brooks, Chris South, Allison Crawford, Rick Whistler, Rob Harrison, Diane Alonitsch, Alex Alonitsch, Mark

Pferffizoth, Janelle Hernandez, Tim Chesson, Shea James, Eddie Gunnels, James Patton, Tim Begley, Chris Kendrick, Matthew McClanahan, Burt Allaire, Larry Kidwell, Jacob Norris, and the friends and family of the Young Marines.

1. Proclamations/Presentations

a. July 2025 Presentations/Proclamations

The Military Museum Staff presented Council with a plaque for their donation to help preserve the Military Museum.

This Presentation was presented.

2. Public Comment

There were no comments.

3. Appointments

There were no appointments

4. Chamber of Commerce Report

An update was not provided.

5. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt , seconded by Council Member James Mayberry, to approve Consent Agenda items 5 A-O. 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 Second Reading

a. Ordinance approving the abandonment Right-of-Way for a portion of Livingston Road

The City of Crossville and the Sports Authority of the City of Crossville are proposing the abandonment of ROW and dedication of new Right-of-way for Livingston Road. The Crossville Regional Planning Commission has recommended approval to abandon a portion of the Right-of-Way on Livingston Road.

This Ordinance was approved on second reading

Ordinances on First Reading

b. Ordinance amending Title 5 Chapter 7 - Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax

Upon passage of the changes to the Charter, the hotel/motel occupancy tax ordinance must be updated to accurately reflect the changes to the Charter. Staff also recommends updating the definition of "hotel."

This Ordinance was approved on first reading

c. Ordinance amending §3-202 - Imposition of Fines, Penalties, and Costs

The 114th General Assembly of the State of Tennessee passed Public Chapter 459 amending Tennessee Code Annotated, § 16-18-304(a) to increase the municipal training education fee from \$1.00 to \$2.00 that takes effect on July 1, 2025. The City of Crossville wishes to amend its court cost to reflect this legislative change. The City of Crossville has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to amend Title 3, Chapter 2, Section 3-202 regarding court costs and set a revised court cost amount.

This Ordinance was approved on first reading

Additional Consent Items**d. Approval of annexation and Plan of Services for Rhododendron Cir - Martin Property**

The Crossville Regional Planning Commission has recommended a standard Plan of Services and annexation for the properties requesting annexation along Rhododendron Circle (TMP 112D J 013.00, 113H F 012.00 & 011.00).

This Resolution was approved as recommended.

e. Approval of annexation and Plan of Services for Rhododendron Cir - Cooper Property

The Crossville Regional Planning Commission has recommended a standard Plan of Services and annexation for the property requesting annexation along Rhododendron Circle (TMP 112D J 037.00).

This Resolution was approved as recommended.

f. Approval of annexation and Plan of Services for Halstead Drive

The Crossville Regional Planning Commission has recommended a standard Plan of Services and annexation for the property requesting annexation along Halstead Drive (TMP 126A C 019.00).

They intend to install a sewer line due to a failing septic system. A financial guarantee will be required for the installation of the sewer line.

This Resolution was approved as recommended.

g. Approval to change Council meeting date in November

City offices will be closed for Veteran's Day on November 11th. The City Council meeting occurs this day. The third Tuesday in November has been recommended.

This Resolution was approved as recommended.

h. Approval of Airport Rules and Regulations

The Airport Committee has recommended the adoption of the attached Rules and Regulations for the Crossville Memorial Airport.

This Policy was approved as recommended.

i. Approval of CCHS Homecoming Parade Route

Cumberland County High School has requested a temporary street closure for their homecoming parade on Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. The closure would begin just before 1:30 p.m. and end as soon as the parade concludes. CCHS has requested the following route: Start at the school on Stanley Street, turn left on to Main Street, turn left on to 4th Street, and end at the school.

This Permit was approved as recommended.

j. 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 \$1,863.34 per month, which is an increase of \$169.39.

This Contract was approved as recommended.

k. Approval of minutes (CC 6/10, SC 6/24, WS 7/1)

The Minutes were approved as recommended.

Bids/Purchases

l. Approval of Miller Avenue Water Booster Station

Bids were received for the Miller Avenue Booster Station on June 26, 2025. Staff recommends low bidder W&O Construction be awarded the bid. The bid is in the amount of \$2,160,000.00.

This Bids/Purchases was approved as recommended.

m. Approval of bid for Miller Avenue Water Line Extension to Connect to CWPA

Bids were received for the Miller Avenue Water Line Extension to Connect to CWPA on June 26, 2025. Staff does not recommend awarding the bid to the lowest bidder due to previous experiences with the contractor. Staff recommends awarding the bid to the second lowest and responsible bidder, Ironwood Construction, whose bid was in the amount of \$3,988,600.00.

This Bids/Purchases was approved as recommended.

n. Approval of Peavine Road Force Main bid

On June 17, 2025, bids were opened for the Peavine Road Force Main project. Staff recommends low bidder Hamilton Consulting and Construction be awarded the bid. The bid was in the amount of \$735,859.36.

This Bids/Purchases was approved as recommended.

o. Approval to award bid for Data Center Generator

IT Department Head Lee Lawson reviewed the bids for Data Center Generator and recommends awarding the bid to the lowest bid, Stubbs Construction Company for \$38,874.00.

This Bids/Purchases was approved as recommended.

6. Other Business

a. Discussion and action regarding a request for Outside City Sewer

The property owners of Tax Map 126 Parcel 021.00, which is located at 82 Fox Fire Road, at the intersection of Fox Fire Road and Lantana Road, are requesting outside City sewer connection. In their email to the City, they state that they were told they could tie into the City's sewer system for a small fee and the purchase of a grinder pump. They state that they purchased the property prior to the new annexation-related policies and are wishing to be grandfathered in and allowed to tie to the sewer without annexation.

Upon review of the deeds and the City ordinances, they purchased the property after the current Water and Sewer Connections and Main Line Extension ordinance (18-107) went into effect. According to their email and the deed records, they purchased the property on October 24, 2024. The ordinance passed third reading on September 10, 2024.

Per the current ordinance, outside City sewer can be granted if that existing sewer line is located outside the City limits and annexation is not feasible. Based on our GIS mapping, the sewer line that is located on Tax Map 126 Parcel 021.00 is located outside the existing City limits, but since the existing City limits is adjacent to Tax Map 126 Parcel 021.00, annexation is feasible. Under that determination, outside City sewer connection cannot be granted by Staff review. The property owner would have to request a variance to the Crossville City Council in order to be granted outside city sewer connection.

This item was presented to the Crossville Regional Planning Commission to make a recommendation to Council, but failed because of a tie vote. There is no recommendation from Planning Commission at this time.

City Council members discussed their thoughts on allowing connection. Mayor Pro-tem Germt and Mayor Crawford expressed concern for setting a precedent by allowing for a variance. Council members Mayberry and Fox agreed Mrs. Hernandez had tried to do her due diligence, but due to the timing of the purchase and passage of the ordinance, she should be allowed the variance.

A motion was made by Council Member Mark A. Fox, seconded by Council Member James Mayberry, to grant a variance for outside City sewer connection. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Council Member Mike Turner, Council Member Mark A. Fox and Council Member James Mayberry

Nay: 2 - Mayor R.J. Crawford and Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt

7. City Attorney's Report

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City Attorney Randy York said he did not have any updates to provide at this time.

This Report was received and filed.

8. City Manager's Report

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City Manager Valerie Hale informed the Council that the format for the City Manager's Report had changed and asked them for any feedback on the changes. She went on to report on the tax revenues, roads that had recently been paved, the budget was submitted to the State on time, and provided an update on grants that are not open yet, but that will be opening soon in relation to ambulance services. Finally, she recognized Justin Troglin for Employee of the Quarter.

This Report was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 6:15 p.m. by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, seconded by Council Member James Mayberry, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.