

City of Crossville

392 North Main Street
Crossville, Tennessee 38555



Minutes

Thursday, June 18, 2026

4:00 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 Thursday, June 18, 2026 at Crossville City Hall. Mayor Crawford was present and presiding. He called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

Roll Call

Present 4 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, Council Member Mike Turner, and Council Member Mark A. Fox

Absent 1 - Council Member James Mayberry

Others present were City Manager Valerie Hale, City Clerk Baylee Rhea, Nathan Clouse, Ethan Hadley, Ethan Medley, Chris South, Jessie Brooks, Burt Allaire, Kevin Music, Billy Poore, Mason Fox, Steve Powell, Chris Kendrick, Mike Moser, and Leah Crockett.

Public Comment

There were no comments.

1. Other Business**a. Discussion and action regarding utility rate increase**

Staff has recommended approval of a utility rate increase for inside City water users along with a tap fee increase for all taps for FY 26-27.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, seconded by Council Member Mark A. Fox, approve the resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, Council Member Mike Turner and Council Member Mark A. Fox

Absent: 1 - Council Member James Mayberry

b. Discussion and action regarding adoption of financial policies

Adoption of the following financial policies has been recommended for FY 26-27:

Budget Calendar

Budgeting Monitoring Policy

Capital Assets Policy

Cash Management Policy

Heightened Risk Debt Policy

Internal Control Debt Policy

Investment Policy

Net Position Policy

Network and Cyber Security Policy

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, seconded by Council Member

Mike Turner, to adopt the financial policies for FY 26-27. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, Council Member Mike Turner and Council Member Mark A. Fox

Absent: 1 - Council Member James Mayberry

c. Ordinance approving FY 26-27 Tax Rate

Approval of the FY 26-27 tax rate is requested. The current tax rate is .6059.

A motion was made by Council Member Mike Turner, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, to adopt FY 26-27 tax rate as .6059 on third reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, Council Member Mike Turner and Council Member Mark A. Fox

Absent: 1 - Council Member James Mayberry

d. Ordinance approving FY 26-27 Budget

Approval of the FY 26-27 Budget is needed prior to July 1, 2026.

A motion was made by Council Member Mike Turner, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, to adopt FY 26-27 Budget on third reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, Council Member Mike Turner and Council Member Mark A. Fox

Absent: 1 - Council Member James Mayberry

e. 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 Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, seconded by Council Member Mike Turner, to adopt the ordinance on third reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, Council Member Mike Turner and Council Member Mark A. Fox

Absent: 1 - Council Member James Mayberry

f. Discussion and action regarding approval of outside agency resolution

Approval of the outside agency contribution resolution is recommended.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, seconded by Council Member Mike Turner, to approve the Outside Agency donation resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, Council Member Mike Turner and Council Member Mark A. Fox

Absent: 1 - Council Member James Mayberry

g. Discussion and action regarding approval to apply for FEMA grant

Fire Chief Chris South has requested approval to apply for a grant through FEMA to help replace expiring equipment. The amount to be applied for is around \$706,000 with a 5% match. This is a highly competitive grant. It will not be included in the upcoming budget so a budget amendment will be required if selected. The grant will be awarded in the late fall.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, seconded by Council Member Mike Turner, to approve applying for the grant. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, Council Member Mike Turner and Council Member Mark A. Fox

Absent: 1 - Council Member James Mayberry

h. Discussion and action regarding agreement with Industrial Development Board

An agreement with the Industrial Development Board is recommended for approval regarding the commercial development district.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, seconded by Council Member Mark A. Fox, to approve an agreement and authorize the City Attorney and/or City Manager to make any additional modifications necessary to finalize the agreement and obtain State approval without requiring further formal action. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, Council Member Mike Turner and Council Member Mark A. Fox

Absent: 1 - Council Member James Mayberry

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt at 4:32 p.m., seconded by Council Member Mike Turner, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.