

City of Crossville

392 North Main Street
Crossville, Tennessee 38555



Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 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

BEER BOARD - 5:45 p.m.

The Crossville Beer Board met for a meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at Crossville City Hall. Mayor Crawford was present and presiding. He called the meeting to order at 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. TN Steak House DBA Tokyo Japanese Steak House

Xin Xing Chen of TN Steak House DBA Tokyo Japanese Steak House located at 1246 N Main Street has applied for an on-premise beer license. Chief Brooks stated he found no issues in the application and recommended approval of the license.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, seconded by Council Member James Mayberry, to approve this permit. 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

2. Murphy USA #7551

Murphy USA #7551 has requested an off-premise beer permit for their location at 482 Obed Plaza. Chief Brooks stated he found no issues in the application and recommended approval of the license.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, seconded by Council Member James Mayberry, to approve this permit. 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

3. In N Out Discount Tobacco Inc

Dhaval Patel has requested an off-premise beer permit for In N Out Discount Tobacco Inc. located at 45 Elmore Road. Chief Brooks stated he found no issues in the application and recommended approval of the license.

This permit was issued last month to a different applicant. The closing on the sale of the business was to occur later in the week. The closing did not occur and someone else is now purchasing this business.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, seconded by Council Member James Mayberry, to approve this permit. 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

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - 5:50 p.m.

A Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 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 annexations for TMP 112L D 019.00 (Canary Drive), TMP 112L D 021.00 (Canary Drive), TMP 125M A 006.01 (Lantana Road), TMP 087 008.00 Portion (Woodlawn Road). Mayor Crawford asked if anyone was here to speak regarding the annexations and invited them to podium.

Seeing none, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING - 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

The Crossville City Council met for its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at Crossville City Hall. Mayor Crawford was present and presiding. He called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Chris Palmer, Cumberland 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, Tim Begley, Vic Torasso, Bob Ross, Rob Harrison, Ron Bodary, Randall Kidwell, Larry Kidwell, Shea James, Kevin Music, Nathan Clouse, Billy Poore, Steve Stone, Gwen Schallow, Karen Shanks, Sue York, Chris South, Tom Isham, Ethan Hadley, Allison Crawford, Joe Kerley, Burt Allaire, Jeff Dyer, Linda Clark, Craig Clark, Jenna Walls, and the friends and family of the Young Marines.

1. Proclamations/Presentations

a. March Proclamations and Presentations

Allison Crawford accepted a Proclamation for Autism Awareness Month.

This Proclamation was presented.

2. Public Comment

Randall Kidwell opposed new reservoir plans and urged the Council not to approve the resolution that could give away Crossville's water assets to CPWA. He emphasized legal concerns, including Tennessee Sunshine Law violations and the need for a referendum due to the significance of the resolution. He went on to suggest the Water Authority should either transfer assets to Crossville, find alternate water sources, or purchase Crossville's utilities.

Ronald Bodary requested for Council not approve resolution to support T.C.A. 7-61-102 amendment for a Municipal Medical Director. He explained that he has concerns including political capital use, lack of support from Tennessee Municipal League (TML) and Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS), and billing issues for first responder services. Mr. Bodary suggested support for bills capping property tax increases.

Steve Stone, former utility commissioner, is in support of the initial resolution with CPWA and emphasized the importance of representing ratepayers' interests. He highlighted the benefits of economies of scale and the need to consider the best interest of all ratepayers served.

3. Appointments

a. Airport Committee

Chris Peterson (Engineering), Gwen Schallow (Pilot), and Larry Patterson (Pilot) all have terms expiring in March 2026. They are all willing to continue to serve on the committee for another 5-year term. This is a Mayoral appointment.

Mayor Crawford re-appointed the members.

b. Stormwater Board of Appeals

Council member Mike Turner's term on the Stormwater Board of Appeals expires on March 10, 2026. He serves as the City Council representative.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, seconded by Council Member James Mayberry, to re-appoint Council member Mike Turner to the Stormwater Board of Appeals. 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

c. Tree Board

Mike Stump has a term on the Tree Board until May 2027. He is unable to continue to serve due to passing away. Brad Rhea is recommended to fulfill his term.

Mayor Crawford appointed Brad Rhea to fulfill the term.

d. Crossville Regional Planning Commission

Kevin Poore's term for the Crossville Regional Planning Commission will expire in March 2026. He is willing to continue to serve as a commissioner for another 5-year term. This term will end March 2031.

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

James Mayberry, to re-appoint Kevin Poore to a 5-year term on the Crossville Regional Planning Commission. 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

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 and an update on Durable Products' expansion.

5. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt stated all the items on the Consent Agenda had been discussed the week prior at the monthly Work Session and were recommended by Staff. The public was invited to attend the Work Sessions.

Council member Turner requested to pull item L.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt , seconded by Council Member James Mayberry, to approve Consent Agenda items 5 A-Q, excluding item L. 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 Third 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 adopted on third 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 adopted on third reading.

Ordinances on Second Reading

c. Ordinance amending FY 25-26 Budget

A budget amendment is necessary to amend the FY 25-26 budget for the Brownfield tank removal, BRAG Grant, CDBG Greenway, and Operating Capital Projects.

This Ordinance was approved on second reading.

Ordinances on First Reading

- d. Ordinance approving the abandonment of right-of-way for a portion of Donnelly Place

The Crossville Regional Planning Commission approved a preliminary plat for the developer of Genesis Plaza at their February 2026 meeting. The developer has requested for the right-of-way to be abandoned so they may extend the road and install a cul-de-sac. Once this Ordinance passes 3rd reading, Planning Commission intends to accept a letter of credit for the extension and installation of the cul-de-sac and approve the final plat to be recorded. The developer is requesting the abandonment of the right-of-way for the hammerhead turn-around and for the existing right-of-way to be joined back to their property, listed as Tax Map 87 Parcel 92.00.

This Ordinance was approved on first reading.

Additional Consent Items

- e. Approval of Minutes (Special WS 1/16, CC 2/10, SC 3/3, WS 3/3)

This Minutes was approved as recommended.

- f. Approval of annexation resolution and Plan of Service for Canary Drive - TMP 112L D 019.00

Property owner of TMP 112L D 019.00 (Canary Drive) requested to be annexed into the City of Crossville.

This is a standard Plan of Service.

The Plan of Service has been recommended by the Crossville Regional Planning Commission.

This Resolution was approved as recommended.

- g. Approval of annexation resolution and Plan of Service for Canary Drive - TMP 112L D 021.00

The property owner of TMP 112L D 021.00 (Canary Drive) requested to be annexed into the City of Crossville.

This is a standard Plan of Service.

The Plan of Service has been recommended by the Crossville Regional Planning Commission.

This Resolution was approved as recommended.

- h. Approval of annexation resolution and Plan of Service for Lantana Road TMP 125M A 006.01

The property owner of TMP 125M A 006.01 (Lantana Road) requested to be annexed into the City of Crossville.

This is a standard Plan of Service.

The Plan of Service has been recommended by the Crossville Regional Planning Commission.

This Resolution was approved as recommended.

i. Approval of annexation resolution and Plan of Service for Woodlawn Road - TMP 087 008.00

The property owner of TMP 087 008.00 (Woodlawn Road) requested to be annexed into the City of Crossville.

This is a Standard Plan of Services with the addition of an extension of a 4-inch low pressure sewer line by 300 feet. The cost in the amount of \$3,681.09, plus the cost of taps fees and the grinder pump, for low-pressure sewer line materials is the responsibility of the property owner and must be paid within 12 months of being annexed.

The Plan of Service has been recommended by the Crossville Regional Planning Commission.

This Resolution was approved as recommended.

j. Approval of the sale of property on Wyatt Court

Bryan Srock has submitted an offer to purchase 2.88 acres of City owned property located off of Wyatt Ct. for \$12,000. This property is part of a larger parcel of land (TMP 087 082.00). This would require a survey and the property to be combined with the previous parcel he purchased. Mr. Srock stated in his request he is willing to grant a permanent easement to the City of Crossville for ingress and egress across the property since a walking trail and parking area are located off of Wyatt Ct. The requestor would be responsible for any costs related to surveying and closing costs.

This Resolution was approved as recommended.

k. Approval to apply for Healthy Built Environment Grant

Approval of a resolution to apply for the Healthy Built Environment grant has been requested by Staff. The grant is in the amount of \$80,000 with no match. The grant will be used to enhance existing spaces within the parks.

This Resolution was approved as recommended.

l. Discussion regarding approval of the initial resolution

The approval of a resolution authorizing the City of Crossville to enter a period of discovery, analysis, and discussions with the Cumberland Plateau Water Authority (CPWA) to evaluate potential opportunities available to benefit current and future rate payers. This process will allow both parties to review financial, operational, and governance considerations and determine any appropriate future actions.

Council member Turner stated that although this resolution is only fact finding and does not bind us to merge with CPWA, he does not support at this time.

Council member Fox asked clarification questions of the City Attorney regarding a referendum. City Attorney Randy York answered the questions asked by Council member Fox.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, seconded by Council Member James Mayberry, to approve the initial resolution with CPWA. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 1 - Council Member Mike Turner

m. Approval of temporary street closings for Friday at the Crossroads

Friday at the Crossroads is being planned for 2026. The committee requests the following dates and streets to be closed:

June 5, 2026 from 3:45 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

August 7, 2026 from 3:45 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

October 2, 2026 from 3:45 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

- *Main Street from Hwy 70 to Neecham St.*
- *Fourth St. from Thurman Ave. to West Ave.*
- *Second St. from Main St. to Thurman Ave.*
- *First St. from West Ave. to Thurman Ave.*
- *Stanley St. from Main St. to Thurman Ave.*
- *Fifth St. from West Ave. to Main St.*

This Permit was approved as recommended.

n. Approval of temporary street closings for Taste of Crossville

DCI is planning the annual Taste of Crossville for Thursday, September 3. They request street closings as follows from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.:

Main Street from Neecham to 4th

Taylor Avenue from Thurman Street to Main Street

This Permit was approved as recommended.

o. Approval of temporary street closing for Boo on Main

The Crossville Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce is requesting a temporary street closing for Main Street from Neecham Street to Highway 70 for the Boo on Main event. The requested hours are from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 31.

This Permit was approved as recommended.

p. Approval of Genesis Tank Rehabilitation bid

The City received ten bids for the Genesis Tank Rehabilitation project. The low bidder was G&L Tank Sandblasting and Coatings LLC in the amount of \$191,730.

This contractor previously completed a project for the City rehabilitating the City's Cotton Patch tank several years ago. The Engineer of record's recommendation is attached and recommends G&L Tank Sandblasting and Coatings LLC be awarded the bid.

This Contract was approved as recommended.

q. Approval of Fire Station 2 Change Order 1

A change order is recommended for the Fire Station 2 project with King Construction Group, Inc. The change order only increases the contract time by 41 days because of weather delays. No weather delays were recorded after July 2025 because work affected by weather after this date was not in the critical path of substantial completion. The additional days change the substantial completion date to January 19, 2026.

The Director of Engineering recommends the approval of the change order based on the documentation of the Architect.

This Contract was approved as recommended.

6. Other Business

a. Discussion and action regarding a resolution in support of Municipal Medical Director

Council member Fox has requested a resolution supporting the amendment of T.C.A. 7-61-102 regarding allowing municipalities to have their own Medical Director.

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

Aye: 2 - Council Member Mike Turner and Council Member Mark A. Fox

Nay: 3 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt and Council Member James Mayberry

b. Discussion and action regarding approval to award bid for playground

Five bids were received on February 27, 2026 for a new playground at Centennial Park. Community Development Partners and Leisure Services Director Ethan Medley recommend BCI Burke in the amount of \$370,865.33.

MAPA Recreation, Bliss Products and Services, and Playground Solutions Corp. did not meet the bid and/or grant specifications.

A motion was made by Council Member James Mayberry, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, to award the bid to BCI Burke. 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

c. Discussion and action regarding a contract amendment for PIN

100260.04

TDOT has submitted a contract amendment for approval for a water line relocation near Hollow Lane to near Lowe Road.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, seconded by Council Member James Mayberry, to approve the contract and allow the Mayor to sign contract and forms. 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

d. Discussion and action regarding a contract amendment for PIN
100260.03

TDOT has submitted a contract amendment for approval for a water line relocation near Potato Farm Road to near Hollow Lane.

A motion was made by Council Member James Mayberry, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, to approve the contract and allow the Mayor to sign contract and forms. 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

7. City Attorney's Report

a. City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Randy York informed Council he would be filing the back tax lawsuit at the end of the month.

He also explained there was an opportunity for the City of Crossville to join in a class action lawsuit regarding an opioid settlement. The City has joined in similar lawsuits in the past.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, seconded by Council Member Mike Turner, to join in the class action lawsuit for the opioid settlement. 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

8. City Manager's Report

a. City Manager's Report

City Manager Valerie Hale presented the Debt Report required by the Comptroller's Office when bonds are issued. City Manager Hale reviewed multiple grants and downtown related items.

This Report was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Mike Turner at 6:43 p.m., seconded by Council Member James Mayberry, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.