

City of Crossville

392 North Main Street
Crossville, Tennessee 38555



Minutes

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

5:00 PM

Conference Room 317

Work Session

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 its monthly work session on Tuesday, February 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** 4 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Council Member 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, City Attorney Randy York, Nathan Clouse, Tim Begley, Rob Harrison, Shea James, Larry Kidwell, Chris South, Billy Poore, Joe Kerley, Kevin Music, Jessie Brooks, Chris Kendrick, Mike Moser, Nathan Clouse, Leah Crockett, Memphis Smith, Jeff Dyer, and Ethan Medley.

Public Comment

There were no comments made.

1. Sports Authority of the City of Crossville

Tracey Barnes and Rob Pattons' terms will expire on February 13, 2026. They have both agreed to continue to serve on the Sports Authority for another term of 6 years.
This item was recommended for approval.

2. Discussion of approval of resolution for Purple Heart City

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Crab Orchard Chapter, have requested the City of Crossville adopt a resolution supporting their application for the City of Crossville to become a Purple Heart City.
This item was recommended for approval.

3. Discussion regarding approval of an easement for a public hiking trail

Staff recommends approval of an easement for a public hiking trail. The easement will be between the City of Crossville and Catholic Diocese of Knoxville. The easement shall include the right of ingress and egress to and from the trail, the right to install signage, markers, and other improvements reasonably and necessary for the safe and proper use of the trail, and such other rights as are reasonably necessary or convenient for the enjoyment and maintenance of the trail. This easement shall be 25 feet wide and shall not include any portion of the waters of Obed River and Town Branch.

Friends of the Trails will construct the trail and the City of Crossville will maintain the trail.

This item was recommended for approval.

4. Discussion regarding approval of financial policy

Finance Director Nathan Clouse recommends adopting the updated Internal Control Policy.

This item was recommended for approval.

5. Discussion regarding approval to submit a Letter of Intent for Healthy Built Environment Grant

Approval to submit a letter of intent to the Tennessee Department of Health to apply for the Healthy Built Environments Grant. This is a grant up to \$80,000 for the “design and construction of structures to increase access to safe opportunities for physical activity, increase access to healthy foods, or build community resilience.”

This grant will be used to add a trailhead and parking at Meadow Park Lake near the bridge.

This item was recommended for approval.

6. Discussion regarding Meadow Park Lake expansion

Proposals have been received for the full delivery services for compensatory mitigation. In order to move forward with awarding the proposal for this work, a contract must be developed and negotiated with the proposer.

The next step for J.R. Wauford and Company is to develop a contract with the proposed selected proposer for full delivery services for compensatory mitigation. Their anticipated cost for this is \$10,000. We believe the City Attorney would also have a cost of \$10,000 for this work.

The Meadow Park Lake expansion contract amendment number 6 with J.R. Wauford and Company is attached, which includes the contract development, the completion of the Army Corp permit, and the TDEC Permit for the Meadow Park Lake Expansion Project in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Additional components of the amendment include:

- \$30,000 for work already performed, but in excess of the budget amount established by Engineering Agreement No. 5*
- \$60,000 for preparing the initial draft Section 404 Department of the Army Permit application adequate to allow the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to public notice the proposed permit, completion of the alternatives analysis, and completion of the Section 404 Department of the Army Permit application and the Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit application / Section 401 Water Quality Certification request incorporating comments by appropriate federal and state agencies.*

If the City plans on moving forward with the expansion of the Meadow Park Lake reservoir, City Staff recommends the approval of amendment 6.

There is money budgeted for this contract amendment.

Mayor Crawford clarified that moving forward with this portion does not obligate the City to mitigation. Director of Engineering Tim Begley stated it does not. We would

not have to move forward with mitigation until after the permit is approved, which could be 18 months from now. This allows the City to negotiate terms for mitigation depending on the outcome of the permit.

This item was recommended for approval.

7. 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 item was recommended for approval.

8. 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 item was recommended for approval.

City Attorney Randy York requested to add an item to the agenda.

9. Discussion regarding property on Webb Avenue

The City owns property on Webb. The Police Chief has reported a problem with trespassers. City Attorney Randy York has suggested to place an item on the agenda for next week to allow the Police Department to barricade the entrances, post No Trespassing signs, and prosecute trespassers.

This item was recommended to be placed on Other Business.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.