

City of Crossville

392 North Main Street
Crossville, Tennessee 38555



Minutes

Tuesday, May 12, 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 on Tuesday, May 12, 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. Vapors Choice

An application has been received from Vincent B. Walton for an on-premises beer permit for Vapors Choice. This business is located at 151 Elmore Road. Deputy Chief Kendrick stated there were no issues with the background check.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, seconded by Council Member James Mayberry, to approve the beer 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. Forte's Restaurant

Kenneth Forte has applied for an on-premises beer permit for Forte's Restaurant located at 27 E. Fourth St. Deputy Chief Kendrick stated there were no issues with the background check.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, seconded by Council Member James Mayberry, to approve the beer 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. Downtown Crossville, Inc.

An application has been received for a Special Events Permit from Downtown Crossville, Inc. for the Taste of Crossville. The event will be held September 3, 2026 on Main Street from Neecham to Fourth Street and Taylor Avenue from Thurman Avenue to Main Street between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Deputy Chief Kendrick stated there were no issues with the background check.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, seconded by Council Member James Mayberry, to approve the beer 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

4. Route 70 Market

An application has been received from Mitesh Patel for an on-premises beer permit for Route 70 Market. This business is located at 822 Sparta Highway. Deputy Chief

Kendrick stated there were no issues with the background check.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, seconded by Council Member James Mayberry, to approve the beer 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 Beer Board was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - 5:50 p.m.

1. Capital Improvement Plan

A public hearing must be held prior to the adoption of the Capital Improvement Plan. Mayor Crawford requested comments from the public in attendance.

Seeing none, the Public Hearing 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, May 12, 2026 at Crossville City Hall. Mayor Crawford was present and presiding. He called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Adam Singh, Crossville Mission Bible Training 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, Mike Moser, Bob Ross, Chris South, Terry Potter, Tim Begley, Chris Kendrick, Larry Kidwell, Nathan Clouse, Vince Walton, Memphis Smith, Curt Lege, Burt Allaire, Adam Singh, Kevin Music, Mark Steinmann, Dave Kennedy, and the friends and family of the Young Marines.

1. Proclamations/Presentations

There were no proclamations or presentations.

2. Public Comment

There were no comments.

3. Appointments

a. Health and Educational Facilities Board

Rob Patton's term on the Health and Educational Facilities Board expires on June 14, 2026. He has agreed to continue to serve another term of 6 years. This appointment is made by City Council.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, seconded by Council Member Mike Turner, to re-appoint Rob Patton. 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

b. Crossville Housing Authority Board

Gladys McNeal currently serves on the Crossville Housing Authority Board as a resident. Her term expires at the end of May and she is unable to continue to serve. It has been recommended that Kim Lyle serves in this role for a 5 year term. This is a Mayoral appointment.

Mayor Crawford appointed Kim Lyle.

c. Building Codes Board of Appeals

Two terms on the Building Code Board of Appeals expire at the end of May. James Wattenbarger and Jerry Wood have terms expiring. They have agreed to serve a five-year term. This Board only meets as needed. This is a Council appointment.

A motion was made by Council Member James Mayberry, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Art Gernt, to re-appoint James Wattenbarger and Jerry Wood to the board for five-year terms. 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

A report as not given.

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.

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

James Mayberry, to approve Consent Agenda items 5 A-S. 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 FY 25-26 Budget - Street Sweeper

A budget amendment is necessary to move the funding from General Fund to State Street Aid fund for the purchase of the Street Sweeper.

This Ordinance was adopted on third reading

Ordinances on Second Reading

- b.** Ordinance amending FY 25-26 Budget

A budget amendment is necessary to amend the FY 25-26 budget for the following budget accounts:

*311-43100-931-018 (Interstate Drive)
110-41990-763 (Operating Capital Projects)
311-41920-931-007 (CDBG - Greenway Project)
110-41990-763 (Operating Capital Projects)
110-27100 (Net Position)*

This Ordinance was approved on second reading.

Ordinances on First Reading

- c.** Ordinance amending §13-203 “Public Officer” designated; powers

It is necessary to update this section regarding a “public officer” to reflect the following:

There is hereby designated and appointed a “public officer”, to be the Building Official of the City, or his or her designated agent, to exercise the powers prescribed by this chapter, which powers shall be supplemental to all others held by the Building Official.

This Ordinance was approved on first reading.

- d.** Ordinance amending §12-1101 Municipal Administrative Hearing Officer

It is necessary to remove “L. Slum clearance regulations found at Title 13, Chapter 2” from this section.

This Ordinance was approved on first reading.

- e.** Ordinance approving FY 26-27 Budget (In Title Only)

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

This Ordinance was approved on first reading.

f. Ordinance approving FY 26-27 Tax Rate (In Title Only)

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

This Ordinance was approved on first reading.

Additional Consent Items

g. Approval of Minutes (CC 4/14, SCM 5/1, WS 5/5)

The minutes were approved as recommended.

h. Approval of FY26/27 TCRS rate

The Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System rate is computed every year and this is the rate the City must pay to TCRS for Legacy Plan members. Individuals hired prior to July 1, 2013 are in the Legacy Plan. The minimum rate for the upcoming fiscal year is 17.72%.

This Resolution was approved as recommended.

i. Adoption of the Capital Improvement Plan

The Capital Improvement Plan is required to be adopted prior to July 1, 2026 per the Charter.

This Policy was approved as recommended.

j. Approval of temporary street closure for 4th of July Parade

Project 250 has requested a temporary street closure for a 4th of July Parade on July 4, 2026 from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The parade route will begin at CCHS on Stanley Street, turn left on to Main Street, and end at Braun Street in the Crossville First Methodist Church parking lot.

The DAR has also submitted a request in conjunction with Project 250 to hold the children's parade from the Palace to the Depot starting at 10 a.m. This would be in coordination with the 4th of July Parade.

This Permit was approved as recommended.

k. Approval of temporary street closure for Downtown Crossville Birthday Bash

The Chamber of Commerce has requested a temporary street closure for September 12, 2026 from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. The event is for the Downtown Crossville Birthday Bash -- a large-scale, family-friendly community celebration designed to bring residents and visitors together in a safe, engaging, and vibrant downtown environment.

Explore Crossville has requested the following streets be closed:

- 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.

I. Approval of temporary street closure for 5K

The 4th Dimension located on Highway 70 has requested a temporary street closure on July 11, 2026 from 7 a.m. until 9 a.m. (or when the last runner finishes). The road is already closed to thru traffic for bridge construction but they are requesting the road be closed during this timeframe. The route will begin at the 4th Dimension (2229 West Ave), cross the road into Obed River Park, make a loop, and end at the 4th Dimension.

The State has been contacted and has no objection to the closure since it is on a Saturday.

This Permit was approved as recommended.

m. Approval of contract with Carnes Recreation

Council recently selected BCI Burke to purchase from and install playground equipment for the new playground at Centennial Park. The grant requires a contract with BCI Burke.

BCI Burke has been acquired by Carnes Recreation since the bid approval. The contract will be with Carnes Recreation, formerly BCI Burke.

This Contract was approved as recommended.

n. Approval of lease with Young Marines

The Young Marines have requested to lease the former Boy Scout building located at Meadow Park Lake. They intend to use the facility to hold their organization meetings, for storage, and trainings. Due to the condition of the building, a rate of \$1 per year has been suggested, and the Young Marines are willing to make repairs throughout the term of their lease. Since the building is located at Meadow Park Lake, the term would be for 2 years.

This Contract was approved as recommended.

o. Approval of Airport Equipment Grant application and contract

Staff requests Council's approval to apply for a TDOT Aeronautics Equipment Grant at a total cost of \$80,000. This is an 80/20 grant and the City's portion would be \$16,000. The equipment, which is a 52-horsepower tractor, a 10-foot rotary brush cutter and a 10-foot finish mower, would be placed in the 2026 budget and purchased utilizing Sourcewell pricing. It would not require bidding. Staff recommends the approval of the grant application and the approval of the standard TDOT contract if awarded the grant.

This Contract was approved as recommended.

p. Approval of Spec Building Change Order 1

Change Order 1 is recommended with a net increase of \$64,753.19 in the contract cost.

The change order includes the following:

- 1. \$10,550.29 for revisions to the concrete foundation which included additional concrete and steel due to the building manufactures design.*
- 2. \$10,455.90 for a French drain to drain the ground water seeping into the foundation are of the building.*
- 3. \$3,747.00 to sawcut the stem wall under all of the doors for the future tenant.*
- 4. \$39,025.00 for special inspection from a third party. This item is included in the grant budget and included the geotechnical testing associated with the footers and floor area of the building and also included concrete testing for the foundation and stem walls.*

The Engineer of record recommends the approval of the change order.

This Contract was approved as recommended.

q. Approval of Downtown Traffic Signals Upgrade Engineering contract amendment

An amendment to engineering contract is needed for the bidding services of the signal replacement at the Fourth Street and First Street intersection of Main Street. The attached amendment is recommended. The original contract did not include this because the City was going to perform this work. The projects are more complex than originally anticipated, and the Engineer is needed to answer questions during the bidding phase of the project.

This Contract was approved as recommended.

r. Approval of Fire Station 2 Final Change Order 2

Change order 2 is recommended as the close out change order for the Fire Station 2 project. The change order is a decrease in the amount of \$77,096.92 which includes the remaining contingency balance, a credit of \$14,740 for the front concrete apron repair, and \$6,460 for the asphalt repair at the trench drain area.

This change order also addresses accepting a 5-year weather tightness warranty from King Construction Group in lieu of assessing 43 calendar days liquidated damages. The warranty has been reviewed by the City Attorney.

This Contract was approved as recommended.

s. Approval of Genesis Generator Pump Station Change Order

A change order is recommended for an increase in cost of the generator in the amount of \$2,685.

The price for the generator increased during the time period of receiving the bids and the ordering of the generator. Generac imposed a price increase on the contractor during this time period. The time table is included in the documentation of the attached to the change order.

The Director of Engineering recommends the approval of the change order, because the increase was not caused by the contractor.

This Contract was approved as recommended.

6. Other Business

a. Discussion and action regarding bid for Fire Station #1

The City received bids for the Fire Station 1 expansion project. The low bid is more than \$125,000 over the budgeted amount. At the work session, options were discussed for moving forward with the project.

The following memo has been sent by City staff:

Based upon the RFP's criteria for evaluation that was included in the RFP - Construction Services - Fire Station 1 Addition, the Engineering Department staff received a good and an acceptable proposal from ETC Construction, LLC of Crossville, TN for the RFP. The proposed project consists of the design and the construction of a pre-engineered metal building (5948 +/- sq. ft.) with an Apparatus Bay (58' x 60'), Truck Bay (58' x 33.5') and Interconnecting Hallway (10' x 52.5') to the existing building. The Lump Sum Base Price including a construction contingency allowance of \$30,000.00 used in the proposal is \$1,430,425.00. Additive Alternate #1 for Radiant Heated Floors is an addition amount of \$148,295.00. Lump Sum Base Bid with construction contingency allowance plus Additive Alternative #1 being \$1,578,720.00.

A motion was made by Council Member Mark A. Fox, seconded by Council Member Mike Turner, to accept the bid for the renovation and expansion of Fire Station #1 as presented with the six bay drawing with the alternative bid and verify all utilities needed to future services are present.

accept reno and exp for FS1 as presetned with 6 bay drwing with alt and verify all utility need to be required. 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

Nay: 1 - Council Member James Mayberry

7. City Attorney's Report

a. City Attorney's Report

A motion was made by Council Member James Mayberry, seconded by Council Member Mark A. Fox, that this NECESSARY COUNCIL ACTION: receive and file. coin resolution. 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

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City Manager Hale presented the City Manager report noting revenues were up.

This Report was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member James Mayberry, seconded by Council Member Mark A. Fox, that this ADJOURNMENT. 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