

Minutes
Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Special Meeting
May 6, 2026

Mayor Staton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Carol Keith, Jerry Malone, Carolyn Payne, Eric Johnson

Member Absent: Ben Adams

Prayer, Alderwoman Keith

Pledge of Allegiance, Chief Depew

Mayor Staton opened the meeting for the following:

First Session of Public Comments: None.

Discussion and Action: Second Reading - Public Hearing – ORDINANCE 2026-001 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 18-109 OF THE TOWN OF BLUFF CITY MUNICIPAL CODE DEALING WITH THE LOCATION OF WATER METERS

Mayor Staton opened the floor for the Public Hearing. No comment. Mayor Staton closed the Public Hearing.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-001, Alderman Johnson. Second, Alderwoman Payne. The vote: Alderwoman Payne, Yes; Alderman Malone, Yes; Alderwoman Keith, Yes, Alderman Johnson, Yes. Motion passes.

Discussion and Action: Second Reading - Public Hearing – ORDINANCE 2026-002 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS IN THE TOWN'S PUBLIC PARKS PURSUANT TO T.C.A. §39-17-1551

Mayor Staton opened the floor for the Public Hearing.

David Harmon asked if the ordinance included chewing tobacco.

Mr. Frye clarified that the ordinance does include chewing tobacco.

Alderwoman Keith asked for clarification regarding smoking in cars. Discussion was had about where the ordinance would apply.

Kerri H. spoke about her experience at the ball field and how smoking affects her and her children, and health concerns. Her daughter spoke about the concerns.

Captain Watson spoke about existing laws regarding smoking in public places and in vehicles.

Mayor Staton closed the Public Hearing.

Alderman Johnson asked that Ordinance 2026-002 be rewritten.

Mr. Frye recommended that Ordinance 2026-002 be removed from the agenda.

Discussion and Action: Resolution 2026-011 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BRISTOL, TENNESSEE AS LEAD ENTITY FOR THE NORTHEAST TENNESSEE/VIRGINIA HOME CONSORTIUM

Alderwoman Payne asked that the Home Consortium services be advertised to the citizens and if the monies are use or lose. It was clarified that the monies roll over if not used.

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Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-001, Alderwoman Payne. Second, Alderman Johnson.
The vote: Alderwoman Payne, Yes; Alderman Malone, Yes; Alderwoman Keith, Yes,
Alderman Johnson, Yes. Motion passes.

Discussion and Action – AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) PUBLIC
WORKS VEHICLES

Alderwoman Payne asked that the ordinance be removed from the agenda.

The BMA discussed the details of the vehicles.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-003, Alderman Johnson. Second, Alderwoman Keith.
The vote: Alderwoman Payne, Yes; Alderman Malone, Yes; Alderwoman Keith, Yes,
Alderman Johnson, Yes. Motion passes.

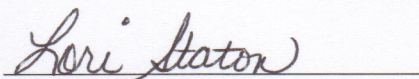
Discussion and Action – Three-year Auto Renew of General Engineering Services (GES)
with Mattern and Craig

Ms. Morris explained the need to renew the GES contract. The BMA discussed renewing
the contract. Alderman Johnson stated that Bluff City can do any work necessary without
the services of Mattern and Craig, and if we remain with them, the Town Manager must
hold them accountable.

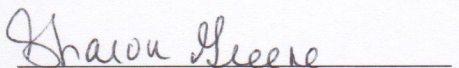
Motion to approve contract renewal, Alderman Johnson. Second, Alderwoman Payne.
The vote: Alderwoman Payne, Yes; Alderman Malone, Yes; Alderwoman Keith, Yes,
Alderman Johnson, Yes. Motion passes.

Second Session of Public Comments: None.

Mayor Staton adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.



Lori Staton, Mayor
This 6th day of May 2026



Sharon Greene, Recorder / CMFO

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-001

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 18-109 OF THE TOWN OF
BLUFF CITY MUNICIPAL CODE DEALING WITH THE
LOCATION OF WATER METERS**

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE TOWN OF BLUFF CITY, TENNESSEE:**

1. That Section 18-109 of the Town of Bluff City Municipal Code shall be deleted and the new 18-109 shall read as follows:

18-109. Meters. All meters shall be installed, tested, repaired, and removed only by the town. The location of the meters shall be on the town utility easement along the roadway.

No one shall do anything which will in any way interfere with or prevent the operation of a meter. No one shall tamper with or work on a water meter without the written permission of the town. No one shall install any pipe or other device which will cause water to pass through or around a meter without the passage of such water being registered fully by the meter.

2. That all other sections of 18-109 not amended by this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

3. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Lori Staton, Mayor

Attested:

Sharon Greene, CMFO, Town Recorder

Approved
as to form:

J. Paul Frye, Town Attorney

Passed on First Reading: _____

Passed on Second Reading: _____

Public Hearing: _____

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-002

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS
AND VAPOR PRODUCTS IN THE TOWN'S PUBLIC PARKS
PURSUANT TO T.C.A. §39-17-1551**

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Alderman of the Town of Bluff City, Tennessee, desire to prohibit the use of tobacco products and vapor products in the Town's parks in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of those using the parks.

**BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE TOWN OF BLUFF CITY, TENNESSEE:**

1. It shall be unlawful to use tobacco products and vapor products on the grounds of the Town's public parks and public playgrounds that are owned or leased by the Town of Bluff City.
2. That the Town shall post appropriate signage in all these areas.
3. That the penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be a fine of \$50.
4. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Lori Staton, Mayor

Attested:

Sharon Greene, CMFO, Town Recorder

Approved
as to form:

J. Paul Frye, Town Attorney

Passed on First Reading: _____

Passed on Second Reading: _____

Public Hearing: _____