Ordinance No. 2026-008

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BLUFF CITY, TENNESSEE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

WHEREAS, *Tennessee Code Annotated* § 9-1-116 requires that all funds of the State of Tennessee and all its political subdivisions shall first be appropriated before being be expended and that only funds that are available shall be appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Budget Law of 1982 requires that the governing body of each municipality adopt and operate under an annual budget ordinance presenting a financial plan with at least the information required by that state statute, that no municipality may expend any moneys, regardless of the source, except in accordance with a budget ordinance and that the governing body shall not make any appropriation in excess of estimated available funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen has published the annual operating budget and budgetary comparisons of the proposed budget with the prior year (actual) and the current year (estimated) in a newspaper of general circulation not less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting where the Board will consider final passage of the budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF BLUFF CITY, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That the governing body projects anticipated revenues from all sources and appropriates planned expenditures for each department, board, office or other agency of the municipality, herein presented together with the actual annual receipts and expenditures of the last preceding fiscal year and the estimated annual expenditures for the current fiscal year, and from those revenues and unexpended and unencumbered funds as follows for fiscal year 2026, and including the projected ending balances for the budget year, the actual ending balances for the most recent ended fiscal year and the estimated ending balances for the current fiscal year:

General Fund	**2024-2025 Audited**	**2025-2026 Estimated**	**2026-2027 Budgeted**
Revenues			
Local Taxes	$ 1,093,485	$ 1,125,530	$ 1,213,000
Licenses and Permits	26,070	25,186	24,500
Intergovernmental	302,564	310,022	315,200
Charges for Services	43,275	40,115	40,200
Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties	443,340	469,332	470,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	54,053	64,664	55,600
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	$ 1,962,787	$ 2,034,849	$ 2,118,500
Appropriations			
General Government	$ 431,055	$ 492,666	$ 593,853
Public Safety	824,940	1,002,214	823,411
Highways and Streets	370,952	361,602	460,805
Recreation	32,064	20,233	40,500
General Properties and Maintenance	48,154	50,662	99,800
Miscellaneous	38,440	19,940	24,000
Transfers	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	$ 1,745,605	$ 1,947,316	$ 2,042,369
Change in Fund Balance	$ 217,182	$ 87,532	$ 76,131
Beginning Fund Balance	$ 2,765,568	$ 2,982,750	$ 3,070,282
Ending Fund Balance	$ 2,982,750	$ 3,070,282	$ 3,146,413
Ending Fund Balance as % of Appropriations	171%	158%	154%

Solid Waste Fund	**2024-2025 Audited**	**2025-2026 Estimated**	**2026-2027 Budgeted**
Revenues			
Refuse Col/Disp. Charges	$ 182,344	$ 178,881	$ 210,816
Transfer from Gen. Fund	-	-	-
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	$ 182,344	$ 178,881	$ 210,816

	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027
Appropriations			
Contracted Services	$ 178,055	$ 154,113	$ 202,032
Total Appropriations	$ 178,055	$ 154,113	$ 202,032
Change in Fund Balance	$ 4,289	$ 24,768	$ 8,784
Beginning Fund Balance	$ 28,653	$ 32,942	$ 57,710
Ending Fund Balance	$ 32,942	$ 57,710	$ 66,494
Ending Fund Balance as % of Appropriations	19%	37%	33%

Debt Service Fund	**2024-2025 Audited**	**2025-2026 Estimated**	**2026-2027 Budgeted**
Revenues			
Due From the General Fund			
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	$ -	$ -	$ -
Appropriations			
TN Municipal Bond Principle	0.00	0.00	0.00
TN Muncipal Bond Interest	740.73	0.00	0.00
Bank Service Charge	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Appropriations	$ 741	$ -	$ -
Change in Fund Balance	$ (741)	$ -	$ -
Beginning Fund Balance	$ 116,218	$ 115,477	$ 115,477
Ending Fund Balance	$ 115,477	$ 115,477	$ 115,477
Ending Fund Balance as % of Appropriations	15590%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!

Drug Fund	**2024-2025 Audited**	**2025-2026 Estimated**	**2026-2027 Budgeted**
Revenues			
Drug Fines/Confiscated Money	$ 5,310	$ 957	$ 1,000
Confiscated Drug Money	$ 6,100	$ 9,378	$ 10,000
Interest Earnings	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	$ 11,410	$ 10,335	$ 11,000
Appropriations			
Repair/Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Motor Vehicle Parts	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Machinery & Equipment	8,872.00	3,365.11	1,000.00
Educational Materials	537.00	338.18	9,800.00
Bank Charges	$ 607	$ 336	$ 400
Total Appropriations	$ 10,016	$ 4,039	$ 12,200
Change in Fund Balance	$ 1,394	$ 6,296	$ (1,200)
Beginning Fund Balance	$ 10,365	$ 11,759	$ 18,055
Ending Fund Balance	$ 11,759	$ 18,055	$ 16,855
Ending Fund Balance as % of Appropriations	1937%	5373%	4214%

Water & Sewer Fund	**2024-2025 Audited**	**2025-2026 Estimated**	**2026-2027 Budgeted**
Operating Revenues			
Operating Revenues	$ 1,420,019	$ 1,018,821	$ 1,156,000
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Total Operating Revenue	$ 1,420,019	$ 1,018,821	$ 1,156,000
Operating Expenses			
Water Treatment Plant	$ 249,908	$ 218,227	$ 207,341
Sewer Treatment Plant	212,533	210,781	203,341
W/S Distrbution & Collection	171,125	126,145	118,852

Administration & General	315,889	315,580	274,222
Depreciation Expense	302,205	290,000	290,000
Total Operating Expenses	$ 1,251,660	$ 1,160,733	$ 1,093,757
Nonoperating Revenue (Expenses)			
Interest Income	$ -	$ -	$ -
Interest Expense	$ (79,226)	$ (77,600)	$ (68,400)
Total Nonoperating Revenue (Expense)	$ (79,226)	$ (77,600)	$ (68,400)
GAAP Change in Net Position	$ 89,133	$ (219,512)	$ (6,157)
Beginning Fund Balance	$ 4,263,526	$ 4,352,659	$ 4,133,146
Ending Fund Balance	$ 4,352,659	$ 4,133,146	$ 4,126,990
Ending Fund Balance as % of Appropriations	348%	356%	377%

SECTION 2: At the end of the current fiscal year the governing body estimates fund balances/(deficits) as follows:

General Fund	$ 3,070,282
Solid Waste Fund	$ 57,710
Drug Fund	$ 18,055
Debt Service	$ 115,477
Water & Sewer Fund	$ 4,133,146

SECTION 3: That the governing body recognizes that the municipality has bonded and other indebtedness as follows:

Type of Indebtedness	Debt Authorized and Unissued	Principal Outstanding at June 30, 2026	FY 2027 Debt Principal	FY 2027 Debt Interest
FHA 91-08		$ 146,826	$ 34,255	$ 32,165
FHA 91-04	$ -	$ 54,188	$ 6,273	$ 2,571
FHA 91-06	$ -	$ 54,700	$ 3,278	$ 2,998
FHA 91-02		$ 138,547	$ 20,687	$ 30,529
FHA 91-10		$ 89,338	$ 17,419	$ 6,917

SECTION 4: During the coming fiscal year the governing body has planned capital projects and proposed funding as follows:

Proposed Capital Projects	Proposed Amount Financed by Appropriations	Proposed Amount Financed by Grants	Proposed Amount Financed by Debt	Total Proposed Capital Projects
Water Treatment Plant	$ 83,097	$ 747,875	$ -	$ 830,972

SECTION 5: No appropriation listed above may be exceeded without an amendment of the budget ordinance as required by the Municipal Budget Law of 1982 (TCA § 6-56-208). In addition, no appropriation may be made in excess of available funds except to provide for an actual emergency threatening the health, property or lives of the inhabitants of the municipality and declared by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of at least a quorum of the governing body in accord with Tennessee Code Annotated § 6-56-205.

SECTION 6: Money may be transferred from one appropriation to another in the same fund in an amount of up to $0 by the Mayor, subject to such limitations and procedures as set by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 6-56-209. Any resulting transfers shall be reported to the governing body at its next regular meeting and entered into the minutes.

SECTION 7: A detailed financial plan will be attached to this budget and become part of this budget ordinance. In addition, the published operating budget and budgetary comparisons shown by fund with beginning and ending fund balances and the number of full time equivalent employees required by Tennessee Code Annotated § 6-56-206 will be attached.

SECTION 8: There is hereby levied a property tax of $0.89 per $100 of assessed value on all real and personal property.

SECTION 9: This annual operating and capital budget ordinance and supporting documents shall be submitted to the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's Designee for approval if the Town has debt issued pursuant to Title 9, Chapter 21 of the Tennessee Code Annotated within fifteen (15) days of its adoption. This budget shall not become the official budget for the fiscal year until such budget is approved by the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's Designee in accordance with Title 9, Chapter 21 of the Tennessee Code Annotated (the "Statutes".) If the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's Designee determines that the budget does not comply with the Statutes, the Governing Body shall adjust its estimates or make additional tax levies sufficient to comply with the Statutes or as directed by the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's Designee. If the Town does not have such debt outstanding, it will file this annual operating and capital budget ordinance and supporting documents with the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's Designee.

SECTION 10: All unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall lapse and revert to the respective fund balances.

SECTION 11: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with any provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 12: This ordinance shall take effect July 1, 2026, the public welfare requiring it.

Lori Staton

Lori Staton, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Town ~~Recorder~~ Manager

Approved as to form: J. Paul Frye

J. Paul Frye, Town Attorney

Passed on First Reading: 8/13/26

Passed on Second Reading: 8/18/26

Public Hearing: 8/18/26