

A **Public Hearing** was held on Tuesday, June 10th, 2025, at 5:50 p.m. at Lewisburg City Hall, 131 E. Church Street, Lewisburg, Tennessee to hear public opinion and comments concerning the following:

- 1) Ordinance 25-06, an ordinance by owner request to rezone approximately 3.53 acres more or less, Map 064O, Group D, Parcel 032.00 (Book 665, Page 37 in the Office of Marshall County Register of Deeds) located at 560 East Commerce Street from "R-3" (High-Density Residential) to "C-2" (Intermediate Business) as favorable recommendation by Planning Commission by vote of 6-0. Owner is Baptist Church Inc.

Those present and attending were Mayor Jim Bingham, Councilmen, Shannon Crutcher, Vickie Michael, Tommy G. Burns, Linda Thomas, City Manager Bam Haislip, City Recorder Georgina Jones, and City Attorney Thomas Hutto.

Absent: Councilman Ronald Robinson

Mayor Bingham opened the Public Hearing asking for public comments and/or opinions on the above-listed item(s).

Citizen Comment: none

There being no further comments, the public hearing closed at 5:52 p.m.

The Lewisburg City Council met for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday June 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at Lewisburg City Hall, 131 E. Church Street, Lewisburg Tennessee.

Those present and attending were Mayor Jim Bingham, Councilmen, Shannon Crutcher, Vickie Michael, Tommy G. Burns, Linda Thomas, City Manager Bam Haislip, City Recorder Georgina Jones, and City Attorney Thomas Hutto.

Absent: Councilman Ronald Robinson

Mayor Bingham called the meeting to order, welcoming all in attendance.

The Invocation given by Matt Judd from Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, and Captain Lonny Cook led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 1. Announcements/Presentations: none

Item 2. Citizen Input: Cary Whitesell 1510 Timberhill Drive Lewisburg, TN 37091 asked the City of Lewisburg to review a sign on Fox Lane that has obscenities for code violations that can address the issue.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Councilman Michael, seconded by Councilman Thomas to approve as the minutes for the May 13th, 2025, Council Meeting.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Michael - Aye
Councilman Crutcher - Aye
Councilman Burns - Aye
Councilman Thomas - Aye
Councilman Robinson-Absent

Motion passes 4-0

Item 4. Approval of Bills and Financial Statement:

Motion made by Councilman Thomas, seconded by Councilman Crutcher to approve the May 2025, bills and the April 2025, financial statement.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Michael - Aye
Councilman Crutcher - Aye
Councilman Burns - Aye
Councilman Thomas - Aye
Councilman Robinson-Absent

Motion passes 4-0

Item 5. Old Business:

- a. **Consider approval of Resolution 25-09, a resolution to install a 4-way stop with traffic control devices at the intersection of 8th Avenue South and Cedar Street. This resolution was deferred on May 13th, 2025, Council meeting by Council until June 10th, 2025, Council meeting.**

Motion made by Councilman Burns to **withdraw** Resolution 25-09 and seconded by Councilman Crutcher, a resolution to install a 4-way stop with traffic control devices at the intersection of 8th Avenue South and Cedar Street. This resolution was deferred on May 13th, 2025, Council meeting by Council until June 10th, 2025, Council meeting.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Michael - Aye
Councilman Crutcher - Aye
Councilman Burns - Aye
Councilman Thomas - Aye
Councilman Robinson-Absent

Motion passes 4-0

- b. **Consider approval of second and final reading of Ordinance 25-06, an ordinance by owner request to rezone approximately 3.53 acres more or less, Map 064O, Group D, Parcel 032.00 located at 560 East Commerce Street from "R-3" (High-Density Residential) to "C-2" (Intermediate Business) as favorable recommendation by Planning Commission by vote of 6-0. Owner-Baptist Church Inc.**

Motion made by Councilman Burns and seconded by Councilman Thomas to approve second and final reading of Ordinance 25-06, an ordinance by owner request to rezone approximately 3.53 acres more or less, Map 064O, Group D, Parcel 032.00 located at 560 East Commerce Street from "R-3" (High-Density Residential) to "C-2" (Intermediate Business) as favorable recommendation by Planning Commission by vote of 6-0. Owner-Baptist Church Inc.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Michael - Aye
Councilman Crutcher - Aye
Councilman Burns - Aye
Councilman Thomas - Aye
Councilman Robinson-Absent

Motion passes 4-0

Item 6. New Business:

- a. **Consider approval of new By-Laws for the Industrial Development Board.**

City Attorney Thomas Hutto informed the Council that By-Laws are only amended by the Industrial Development Board according to state law and it is not required for the Council to approve.

Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Councilman Burns that the Council supports the Industrial Development Board of the City of Lewisburg By-Laws as amended and shows we appreciate them and support their efforts. Councilman Michael seconded the motion.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Michael - Aye

Councilman Crutcher - Aye

Councilman Burns - Aye

Councilman Thomas - Aye

Councilman Robinson-Absent

Motion passes 4-0

Item 7. Other Business:

a. City Manager Report - Roy "Bam" Haislip

*2nd Annual Juneteenth Festival which will be four days of activities around the city which are as follows:

Thursday, June 19th, 2025, Golf Tournament at the Rec Center from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. 4-man scramble.

Friday, June 20th, 2025, there will be Juneteenth Pageant at Greater First Baptist Church admission is \$10.00 and doors open at 5:00 pm.

Saturday, June 21st, 2025, 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm Rock Creek Park will be kids' zone, food truck and live music.

Sunday, June 22nd, 2025, will be a Gospel Fest from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm.

*July 3, 2025, Hopetown Ministerial Association will be having a Freedom Fest starts at 5:00 pm. With guest speaker Allan Jackson from Outreach Church, vendors, food trucks and kids' zone. The fireworks show starts at 9:00 pm.

*Every Tuesday for the month of June and July Hopetown will have a free dinner from 5:00 pm until 6:00 pm.

*The Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Breakfast will be on July 3rd at the recreation center's large meeting room and tickets are \$15.00. They will also, elected Outstanding Citizens for 2025. Update from Representative Todd Warner and Senator Joey Hensley.

*Housing Developments are as follows:

Saddle Trace has sold 15 single family homes and are starting 5 or 6 more. There have been three Townhome sold, which is 22 units. Several people from different counties are moving this way and out of state.

Savannah Lakes, located next to Oak Grove Elementary, has sold 20 homes, 9 under construction closing out Phase 1A and starting Phase 1B.

King Landing has 77 units with one left for sale. They are ready to start construction on the outer buildings.

Councilman Thomas asks if City Manager Bam Haislip had anything else to speak upon. City Manager Bam Haislip answer no.

The Mayor asked City Attorney Thomas Hutto to give legal advice on this matter. Mr. Hutto stated that he understands that there may be some personnel issues and it needs to remain personal/HR personal because there are the privacy of individuals involved. While the Council can certainly discuss this, considering the potential legal ramifications down the road as possible lawsuits. It is something that should be done in an executive session with legal counsel only, rather than being discussed publicly before things can be determined.

Discussion ensued by council.

City Attorney Thomas Hutto advised that further action or discussion should be done under item c: any other additional business.

- b. Directors Reports:** reports were given by the following departments: Parks & Rec Director Cary Whitesell, Fire Chief Drew Hawkins, Chief Scott Braden, Airport Manager Kent Stewmon, Public Works Director Branden Davidson, City Treasurer Allan Owens and Debbie Montgomery.

- c. Any other additional business or announcements:**

Councilman Thomas stated that she would like to revisit a previous HR topic.

Councilman Thomas made a motion to be willing to wait until Mr. Robinson is back, if we could setup a time next week for all of us (Council) to meet. Councilman Burns seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Michael - Nay

Councilman Crutcher - Nay

Councilman Burns - Aye

Councilman Thomas - Aye

Mayor-Nay (voted due to tie)

Motion failed with 2 Ayes and 3 Nays.

There being no further business to come before the Council at the regular monthly meeting, a motion to adjourn made at 6:42 p.m. by Councilman Thomas seconded by Councilman Crutcher. Motion passes unanimously.

Jim Bingham, Mayor

Attest: Georgina L. Jones, City Recorder