

A **Public Hearing** was held on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 25-02, an ordinance to add a Social Media Policy for Elected Officials to Title 1, Chapter 8 of the Lewisburg Municipal Code.
- 2) Ordinance 25-03, an ordinance to amend Title 2, Chapter 5 Section 5-101 Miscellaneous Boards of the Lewisburg Municipal Codes appointed by the Mayor.

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

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 5:54 p.m.

The Lewisburg City Council met for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday March 11, 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.

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

The Invocation given by Joseph Dugger, Pastor from First Baptist Church, and Fire Chief Drew Hawkins led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Item 1. Announcements/Presentations:**

- a. Mayor Jim Bingham recognized and presented a Volunteer Appreciation Certificate to Jackson Smith. Mr. Jackson earned his Eagle Scout rank for all his dedication to volunteer work throughout the community. Eagle Scout is the highest and most prestigious rank a Boy Scout can earn.
- b. Mayor Jim Bingham presented Elected Officials Academy Certificate to Councilman Linda Thomas and Councilman Shannon Crutcher. This University of Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service program is an educational tutorial for newly elected officials.

**Item 2. Citizen Input: None**

**Item 3. Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Councilman Thomas, seconded by Councilman Crutcher to approve as the minutes for the February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Michael - Aye  
Councilman Thomas - Aye  
Councilman Crutcher - Aye  
Councilman Burns - Aye

**Motion passes 4-0**

**Item 4. Approval of Bills and Financial Statement:**

Motion made by Councilman Michael, seconded by Councilman Thomas to approve the February 2025, bills and the January 2025, financial statement.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Michael - Aye  
Councilman Thomas - Aye  
Councilman Crutcher - Aye  
Councilman Burns - Aye

**Motion passes 4-0**

**Item 5. Old Business:**

- a. Consider approval of 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of Ordinance 25-02, an ordinance to add Social Media Policy for Elected Officials to Title 1, Chapter 8 of the Lewisburg Municipal Code.**

Motion made by Councilman Michael and seconded by Councilman Crutcher to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of Ordinance 25-02, an ordinance to add Social Media Policy for Elected Officials to Title 1, Chapter 8 of the Lewisburg Municipal Code.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Michael - Aye  
Councilman Thomas - Nay  
Councilman Crutcher - Aye  
Councilman Burns - Aye

**Motion passes 3-1**

- b. Consider approval of 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of Ordinance 25-03, an ordinance to amend Title 2, Chapter 5 Section 5-101 Miscellaneous boards of the Lewisburg Municipal Code appointed by the Mayor.**

Motion made by Councilman Crutcher and seconded by Councilman Michael to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of Ordinance 25-03, an ordinance to amend Title 2, Chapter 5 Section 5-101 Miscellaneous boards of the Lewisburg Municipal Code appointed by the Mayor.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Michael - Aye  
Councilman Thomas - Nay  
Councilman Crutcher - Aye  
Councilman Burns - Nay  
Mayor - Aye (voted due to tie)

**Motion passes 3-2**

**Item 6. New Business:**

- a. Consider approval to appoint Emily Gordon to the Stormwater Board of Appeals (term expires June 1, 2025) by recommendation of Stormwater Director Stacy Martin for Council approval.**

Motion made by Councilman Burns and seconded by Councilman Michael to approve the appointment of Emily Gordon to the Stormwater Board of Appeals (term expires June 1, 2025) by recommendation of Stormwater Director Stacy Martin for Council approval.

Upon a roll call vote:  
Councilman Michael - Aye  
Councilman Thomas - Aye  
Councilman Crutcher - Aye  
Councilman Burns - Aye

**Motion passes 4-0**

- b. Consider approval of Resolution 25-03, a Fund Balance Policy for the General Fund consistent with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54 Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions.**

Motion made by Councilman Michael and seconded by Councilman Crutcher to approve Resolution 25-03, a Fund Balance Policy for the General Fund consistent with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No.54 Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions.

Upon a roll call vote:  
Councilman Michael - Aye  
Councilman Thomas - Aye  
Councilman Crutcher - Aye  
Councilman Burns - Aye

**Motion passes 4-0**

- c. Consider approval of Resolution 25-04, to make application for the Firehouse Subs Grant for \$25,000.00 or less which requires no matching funds. This will be used to purchase low/high angle rescue equipment.**

Motion made by Councilman Burns and seconded by Councilman Thomas to approve Resolution 25-04, to make application for the Firehouse Subs Grant for \$25,000.00 or less which requires no matching funds. This will be used to purchase low/high angle rescue equipment.

Upon a roll call vote:  
Councilman Michael - Aye  
Councilman Thomas - Aye  
Councilman Crutcher - Aye  
Councilman Burns - Aye

**Motion passes 4-0**

- d. Consider approval of 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 25-04, an ordinance amending Section 20-604 of the Fence Ordinance to specify materials that can be used for fences in the front of a residence. Define the process for enforcement and punishment of code violations pertaining to Section 20-604 Fence Ordinance.**

Motion made by Councilman Michael and seconded by Council Crutcher to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 25-04, an ordinance amending Section 20-604 of the Fence Ordinance to specify materials that can be used for fences in the front of a residence. Define the process for enforcement and punishment of code violations pertaining to Section 20-604 Fence Ordinance.

Discussion ensued.

Upon a roll call vote:  
Councilman Michael - Aye  
Councilman Thomas - Aye  
Councilman Crutcher - Aye  
Councilman Burns - Aye

**Motion passes 4-0**

- e. **Consider approval of 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 25-05, amendment #1 to Ordinance 24-10 and approving budget amendments for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.**

Motion made by Councilman Michael and seconded by Council Crutcher to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 25-05, amendment #1 to Ordinance 24-10 and approving budget amendments for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Michael – Aye  
Councilman Thomas – Aye  
Councilman Crutcher – Aye  
Councilman Burns – Aye

**Motion passes 4-0**

**Item 7. Other Business:**

a. **City Manager Report – Roy “Bam” Haislip**

\*Public Works, Barbara Woods and Lisa Jackson removed old trees and planted new trees around the square, which was funded by Tree City budget. Benchmark Company donated most of the mulch for trees.

\*Several calls about potholes in the roads. The asphalt company will have the materials ready in about 2 weeks and Public Works will start repairing the potholes.

\*Ward 3 Councilman Seat ad ran twice in the local paper and the deadline is March 12, 2025, at end of business day. A total of 5 candidates applied.

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, Planning and Codes Director Chris Rush and Jennifer Pearson, Director of Economic Development. Also, City Treasurer Allan Owens and City Attorney Thomas Hutto gave a brief update to the Council.

c. **Any other additional business or announcements:** none

There being no further business to come before the Council at the regular monthly meeting, a motion to adjourn made at 6:54 p.m. by Councilman Thomas seconded by Councilman Michael.

Motion passes unanimously.

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Jim Bingham, Mayor

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Attest: Georgina L. Jones,  
City Recorder