

The Lewisburg City Council met for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday May 13, 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, Ronald Robinson, 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 Henry Foster, Jr. from Greater First Baptist Church, and Councilman Ronald Robinson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 1. Announcements/Presentations:

The Mayor congratulated the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders Association on their 90th year anniversary.

Garrison Lewis presented his Eagle Scout Project which is tattered flag drop-off boxes for retired American flags through designated areas in the community.

Item 2. Citizen Input:

Dee Davis, resident of Lewisburg, TN.- Mr. Davis stated that he is very disappointed in the division of Lewisburg City Council.

Jessica Limbird 802 Franklin Ave. Lewisburg, TN 37091- against resolution to support Columbia Dam.

Jennifer Dodson 1317 Horseshoe Drive Lewisburg, TN 37091- against resolution to support Columbia Dam.

Michelle Davis 1525 New Columbia Hwy Lewisburg, TN 37091- against resolution to support Columbia Dam.

Arrows Giles 802 Franklin Avenue Lewisburg, TN 37091 - against resolution to support Columbia Dam.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Councilman Michael, seconded by Councilman Crutcher to approve as the minutes for the April 8th, 2025, Public Hearing and Council Meeting.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Robinson - Aye

Councilman Thomas - Aye

Councilman Burns - Aye

Councilman Michael - Aye

Councilman Crutcher-Aye

Motion passes 5-0

Item 4. Approval of Bills and Financial Statement:

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

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

Motion passes 5-0

Item 5. Old Business: none

Item 6. New Business:

- a. Request for the appointment of Steve Baird to fill the vacant seat of John Murphy by Mayor Jim Bingham recommendation to Council for approval. Term is Pleasure of Mayor.**

Motion made by Councilman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Burns to approve the appointment of Steve Baird to fill the vacant seat of John Murphy by Mayor Jim Bingham recommendation to Council for approval and Term is Pleasure of the Mayor.

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

Motion passes 5-0

- b. Request for the appointment of Councilman Ronald Robison to the Cemetery Advisory Committee by Mayor Jim Bingham recommendation to Council for approval for Term of Office.**

Motion made by Councilman Burns and seconded by Councilman Crutcher to approve appointment of Councilman Ronald Robison for Term of Office to the Cemetery Advisory Committee by Mayor Jim Bingham recommendation.

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

Motion passes 5-0

- c. Request for the reappointment of Donna Roberts to the Community Development Board for a new 3-year term, as her current term expires on June 30, 2025. This reappointment comes at the recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham for Council approval.**

Motion made by Councilman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Thomas to approve the reappointment Donna Roberts to the Community Development Board for a new 3-year term, as her current term expires on June 30, 2025. This reappointment comes at the recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham for Council approval.

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

Motion passes 5-0

- d. Request for the reappointment of Darian Taylor to the Community Development Board for a new 3-year term, as his current term expires on June 30, 2025. This reappointment comes at the recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham for Council approval.**

Motion made by Councilman Crutcher and seconded by Councilman Robinson to approve reappointment of Darian Taylor to the Community Development Board for a new 3-year term, as his current term expires on June 30, 2025. This reappointment comes at the recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham for Council approval.

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

Motion passes 5-0

- e. Request for the reappointment of Barbara Woods to the Community Development Board for a new 3-year term, as her current term expires on June 30, 2025. This reappointment comes at the recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham for Council approval.**

Motion made by Councilman Crutcher and seconded by Councilman Thomas to approve the reappointment Barbara Woods to the Community Development Board for a new 3-year term, as her current term expires on June 30, 2025. This reappointment comes at the recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham for Council approval.

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

Motion passes 5-0

- f. Request for the reappointment of Farris Phillips to the Historic Zoning Commission for a new 5-year term, as her current term expires on June 1, 2025. This reappointment comes at the recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham for Council approval.**

Motion made by Councilman Burns and seconded by Councilman Michael to approve for the reappointment of Farris Phillips to the Community Development Board for a new 5-year term, as her current term expires on June 1, 2025. This reappointment comes at the recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham for Council approval.

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

Motion passes 5-0

- g. Request for the reappointment of Barbara Woods to the Historic Zoning Commission for a new 2-year term, as her current term expires on June 1, 2025. The reappointment comes at the recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham for Council approval.**

Motion was made by Councilman Michael and seconded by Councilman Crutcher to approve for the reappointment of Barbara Woods to the Historic Zoning Commission for a new 2-year, as her current term expires on June 1, 2025. The reappointment comes at the recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham for Council approval.

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

Motion passes 5-0

- h. Request for the appointment of Councilman Ronald Robinson to the Historic Zoning Commission by Mayor Jim Bingham recommendation to Council for approval for Term of Office.**

Motion made by Councilman Crutcher and seconded by Councilman Burns to approve the appointment of Councilman Ronald Robinson to the Historic Zoning Commission by Mayor Jim Bingham recommendation to Council for approval for Term of Office.

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

Motion passes 5-0

- i. Request for the reappointment of Bill Marsh to the Water and Sewer Board for a new 2-year term, as his current term expires on June 1, 2025. This reappointment comes at the recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham for Council approval.**

Motion made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilman Robinson to approve the reappointment of Bill Marsh to the Water and Sewer Board for a new 2-year term, as his current term expires on June 1, 2025. This reappointment comes at the recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham for Council approval.

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

Motion passes 5-0

- j. Request for the reappointment of Emily Gordon to the Stormwater Board of Appeals for a new 1-year term, as her current term expires on June 1, 2025. This reappointment comes at the recommendation of Stacy Martin for Council approval.**

Motion made by Councilman Michael and seconded by Councilman Crutcher to approve the reappointment of Emily Gordon to the Stormwater Board of Appeals for a new 1-year term, as her current term expires on June 1, 2025. This reappointment comes at the recommendation of Stacy Martin for Council approval.

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

Motion passes 5-0

- k. Request for the reappointment of Barbara Woods to the Stormwater Board of Appeals for a new 2-year term, as her current term expires on June 1, 2025. This reappointment comes at the recommendation of Stacy Martin for Council approval.**

Motion made by Councilman Crutcher and seconded by Councilman Thomas to approve the reappointment of Barbara Woods to the Stormwater Board of Appeals for a new 2-year term, as her current term expires on June 1, 2025. This reappointment comes at the recommendation of Stacy Martin for Council approval.

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

Motion passes 5-0

- l. Request for the reappointment of Barbara Woods to the “Tree City USA” Committee for a new 2-year term, as her current term expires on June 1, 2025. This reappointment comes at the recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham for Council approval.**

Motion made by Councilman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Crutcher for the reappointment of Barbara Woods to the “Tree City USA” Committee for a new 2-year term, as her current term expires on June 1, 2025. This reappointment comes at the recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham for Council approval.

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

Motion passes 5-0

- m. Request for the reappointment of Director of Parks and Rec Cary Whitesell to the “Tree City USA” Committee for a new 2-year term, as her current term expires on June 1, 2025. This reappointment comes at the recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham for Council approval.**

Motion made by Councilman Crutcher and seconded by Councilman Thomas for the reappointment of Director of Parks and Rec Cary Whitesell to the “Tree City USA” Committee for a new 2-year term, as her current term expires on June 1, 2025. This reappointment comes at the recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham for Council approval.

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

Motion passes 5-0

- n. Request for the reappointment of Andrea Warf to the “Tree City USA” Committee for a new 2-year term, as her current term expires on June 1, 2025. This reappointment comes at the recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham for Council approval.**

Motion made by Councilman Michael and seconded by Councilman Robinson for the reappointment of Andrea Warf to the “Tree City USA” Committee for a new 2-year term, as her current term expires on June 1, 2025. This reappointment comes at the recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham for Council approval.

Upon a roll call vote:

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

Motion passes 5-0

- o. Request for the appointment of Councilman Ronald Robinson to the “Tree City USA” Committee by Mayor Jim Bingham recommendation to Council for approval for Term of Office.**

Motion made by Councilman Michael and seconded by Councilman Crutcher to appointment Councilman Ronald Robinson to the “Tree City USA” Committee by Mayor Jim Bingham recommendation to Council for approval for Term of Office.

Upon a roll call vote:

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

Motion passes 5-0

- p. Consider approval of Resolution 25-09, a resolution for installation of a 4-way stop with traffic control devices at the intersection of 8th Avenue South and Cedar Street.**

Motion made by Councilman Crutcher and seconded by Councilman Michael to defer until next work session (June 2025).

Discussion ensued.

Upon a roll call vote:

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

Motion passes 5-0

- q. Consider approval of Resolution 25-10, a resolution to support the TVA Columbia Dam project on the Duck River.**

Motion made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilman Burns to approve Resolution 25-10, a resolution to support the TVA Columbia Dam project on the Duck River.

Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Councilman Crutcher and seconded by Councilman Robinson to defer until July work session.

Upon a roll call vote:

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

Motion passes 4-1

- r. Consider approval of Resolution 25-11, a resolution to accept the street Cambridge Court located in the Cheatham Estates Subdivision Phase 2, Section 2 for ownership and maintenance.**

Motion was made by Councilman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Crutcher to approve Resolution 25-11, a resolution to accept the street Cambridge Court located in Cheatham Estates Subdivision Phase 2, Section 2 for ownership and maintenance.

Upon a roll call vote:

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

Motion passes 5-0

- s. Consider approval of Resolution 25-12, a resolution to accept the street Shannon Court located in the McCord Subdivision for ownership and maintenance.**

Motion was made by Councilman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Michael to approve Resolution 25-12, a resolution to accept the street Shannon Court located in McCord Subdivision for ownership and maintenance.

Upon a roll call vote:

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

Motion passes 5-0

- t. Consider approval of Resolution 25-13, a resolution to authorize the purchase and installation of a traffic calming device (speed hump) on Old Farmington Road.**

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilman Burns to approve of Resolution 25-13, a resolution to authorize the purchase and installation of a traffic calming device (speed hump) on Old Farmington Road.

Discussion ensued.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Robinson – Aye

Councilman Thomas – Aye

Councilman Burns – Aye

Councilman Michael – Aye

Councilman Crutcher-Aye

Motion passes 5-0

- u. Consider approval of Resolution 25-14, a resolution to change Personnel Policies and Employee Handbook Section C: Seasonal Employee from 1,000 hours annually to 1,350 hours annually, due to staffing.**

Motion made by Councilman Thomas and Councilman Robinson to approve Resolution 25-14, a resolution to change Personnel Policies and Employee Handbook Section C: Seasonal Employee from 1,000 hours annually to 1,350 hours annually, due to staffing.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Robinson – Aye

Councilman Thomas – Aye

Councilman Burns – Aye

Councilman Michael – Aye

Councilman Crutcher-Aye

Motion passes 5-0

- v. Consider approval of first 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 was made by Councilman Burns and seconded by Councilman Robinson to approve 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 Robinson – Aye

Councilman Thomas – Aye

Councilman Burns – Aye

Councilman Michael – Aye

Councilman Crutcher-Aye

Motion passes 5-0

Item 7. Other Business:

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

*Discussion on Best Practices with MTAS concerning 4-way stops, 2-way stops and speed humps. MTAS Public Works consultant Brad Peters has agreed to come to the June 2025 work session to give a overview of best practices and traffic studies.

*Cemeteries not owned by City of Lewisburg are using taxpayers’ money to mow and pay workers to maintain the cemeteries. This is a liability and misuse of the City of Lewisburg taxpayers’ money. The City of Lewisburg will advertise that the City is no longer taking care of property that is not owned by the City of Lewisburg.

*Carnival requested an additional week to stay due to closure for bad weather.

*City Recorder Gina Jones attended April 23-25 Conference for the Tennessee Municipal Clerk and Records Association for credits toward her certification of City Recorder.

*Update on Freedom Fest sponsored by Hopetown on July 3, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at Rock Creek Park. The Fest will include a guest speaker named Allan Jackson and fireworks.

*Hopetown is upgrading the Rock Creek Stage and getting it cleaned up.

Councilman Burns stated that he believed in best practices and also should be used when a resignation of a Councilman is presented.

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.

b. Any other additional business or announcements:
Councilman Robinson had question about the Traffic signal light bid. Mayor gave Councilman Robinson an update on the Traffic signal light project.

There being no further business to come before the Council at the regular monthly meeting, a motion to adjourn made at 7:15 p.m. by Councilman Robinson seconded by Councilman Thomas.

Motion passes unanimously.

Jim Bingham, Mayor

Attest: Georgina L. Jones, City Recorder