

A **Public Hearing** was held on Tuesday, September 9th, 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. Consider approval of second reading of Ordinance 25-12, an ordinance request for rezoning property located at unaddressed Old Farmington Road (Map 057, Parcel 094.00) within the corporate limits of the City of Lewisburg, from "C-2" (Intermediate Business) to "R-2" (Medium Residential). Planning Commission gave a favorable recommendation by a vote of 5-0. Owners Chesney & Raymond Joseph Gold.

Those present and attending were Mayor Jim Bingham, Councilmen, Ronald Robinson, Shannon Crutcher, Vickie Michael, Tommy G. Burns, 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 5:52 p.m.

The Lewisburg City Council met for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday September 9th, 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, Ronald Robinson, 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 Councilman Ronald Robinson, and Captain Lonny Cook led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 1. Announcements/Presentations:

Mayor Bingham announced that the Traffic Signal Project costing over million dollars is finally started, which is located at the intersection of West Ellington Pkwy and West Commerce Street. The project was considered a Safety project with an installation of a crosswalk costing \$30,000.00, which State of Tennessee covers the cost except for \$6,000.00. The mayor stated that the City of Lewisburg has been good stewards of the citizens' tax money by applying for a grant that covers most of the cost.

Item 2. Citizen Input:

Jerri Henry 1578 Wade Brown Road Lewisburg, TN 37091 - Mrs. Henry thanked the Mayor and Council for renaming the Jones field park after her late father and former Councilman Willie J. Mitchell. Also, she thanks them for funding the signage to be placed at Jones Field.

Kaitlynn Albers 947 Maple Street Lewisburg, TN 37091 - Mrs. Albers had complaints about vicious loose dogs running in the neighborhood and due to the animals, she felt the need to build a fence for protection. Mrs. Albers asked the Mayor & Council to reconsider changing the fence ordinance pertaining to the materials usage, which could be more affordable for citizens to build a fence.

Edith Eastep 1292 Globe Road Lewisburg, TN 37091 - Mrs. Eastep opposed of changing the speed limit on Mooresville Hwy and would like it to stay the original speed due to highway safety concerns.

Jeremy George 2206 Wilson Hill Road Lewisburg, TN 37091 – Mr. George opposed of changing the speed limit on Mooresville Hwy and would like it to stay the original speed due to highway safety concerns.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Councilman Michael, seconded by Councilman Robinson to approve as the minutes for the August 12th, 2025, Council Meeting and August 22nd, 2025, Special Called Meeting.

Upon a roll call vote:

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

Motion passes 5-0

Item 4. Approval of August 2025, Bills and July 2025, Financial Statement:

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

Upon a roll call vote:

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

Motion passes 5-0

Item 5. Old Business:

- a. Consider approval of first reading of Ordinance 25-11, an Ordinance adopting of International Property Maintenance Code which will replace Chapter 13 of the Municipal Code in its entirety. (Ord. 25-11 was deferred until September Council Meeting 2025)**

Motion made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve of first reading of Ordinance 25-11, an Ordinance adopting of International Property Maintenance Code which will replace Chapter 13 of the Municipal Code in its entirety. (Ord. 25-11 was deferred until September Council Meeting 2025)

Discussion ensued

City Attorney Thomas Hutto said the Planning Director has comments about the ordinance being deferring due to addressing some concerns about Public Works until November 2025 Council meeting. Mr. Hutto stated that there are issues on the grass side and make sure we have the right language for repeated offenders.

Discussion ensued

Councilman Thomas request to withdrawal her motion.

Motion was made Councilman Thomas to defer Ordinance 25-11 until November 2025 Council meeting and seconded by Councilman Michael.

Upon a roll call vote:

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

Motion passes 5-0

- b. Consider approval of seconding reading of Ordinance 25-12, an ordinance request for rezoning property located at unaddressed Old Farmington Road (Map 057, Parcel 094.00) within the corporate limits of the City of Lewisburg, from "C-2" (Intermediate Business) to "R-2" (Medium Residential). Planning Commission gave a favorable recommendation by a vote of 5-0. Owners Chesney & Raymond Joseph Gold**

Motion was made by Councilman Michael and seconded by Councilman Robinson to approve of seconding reading of Ordinance 25-12, an ordinance request for rezoning property located at unaddressed Old Farmington Road (Map 057, Parcel 094.00) within the corporate limits of the City of Lewisburg, from "C-2" (Intermediate Business) to "R-2" (Medium Residential). Planning Commission gave a favorable recommendation by a vote of 5-0. Owners Chesney & Raymond Joseph Gold

Discussion ensued.

Upon a roll call vote:

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

Motion passes 4-1

Item 6. New Business:

- a. Consider approving trade in of vehicles 1996 GMC 2500 Vin#1GTGC24RXTZ533631 and 1999 Ford F350 Vin#FDWF36L2YEA60576 which are out of service, to purchase a newer truck for Public Works.**

Motion made by Councilman Burns and seconded by Councilman Robinson to approve trade in of vehicles 1996 GMC 2500 Vin#1GTGC24RXTZ533631 and 1999 Ford F350 Vin#FDWF36L2YEA60576 which are out of service, to purchase a newer truck for Public Works.

Upon a roll call vote:

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

Motion passes 5-0

- b. Consider approval of Resolution 25-20, Lewisburg Electric System (MESTEL) resolution which sets the payments for in lieu of taxes to the City of Lewisburg for fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.**

Motion made by Councilman Burns except/approve the funds of Lewisburg Electric Systems (MESTEL) Resolution 25-20 in the amount of \$483,964.79 and to Marshall County \$140,505.91 and seconded by Councilman Thomas.

Upon a roll call vote:

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

Motion passes 5-0

- c. **Consider approval of Resolution 25-21, a Capital Note Authorization resolution in the amount of \$1,550,000.00 for capital improvement expenditures, which was prepared by the City of Lewisburg financial consultant, Mr. John Werner of Cumberland Securities.**

Motion made by Councilman Michael and seconded by Councilman Crutcher to approve Resolution 25-21, a Capital Note Authorization resolution in the amount of \$1,550,000.00 for capital improvement expenditures, which was prepared by the City of Lewisburg financial consultant, Mr. John Werner of Cumberland Securities.

Upon a roll call vote:

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

Motion passes 3-2

- d. **Consider approval of Resolution 25-22, a resolution to establish a City Building Committee for the City of Lewisburg for future capital building projects.**

Motion made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilman Robinson to approve Resolution 25-22, a resolution to establish a City Building Committee for the City of Lewisburg for future capital building projects.

Upon a roll call vote:

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

Motion passes 5-0

- e. **Consider approval of Resolution 25-23, a resolution to modify the traffic control devices at the intersection of 2nd Avenue North and College Street. Also, will improve the traffic flow on 2nd Avenue North.**

Motion made by Councilman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Crutcher to approve Resolution 25-23, a resolution to modify the traffic control devices at the intersection of 2nd Avenue North and College Street. Also, will improve the traffic flow on 2nd Avenue North.

Discussion ensued.

Upon a roll call vote:

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

Motion passes 4-1

- f. **Consider approval of Resolution 25-24, a resolution that will change the speed limit along State Route 373 (Mooresville Hwy) to only two speed zones. The speed limit will change at mile marker seven (7) on Mooresville Highway from current sign of 30 mph to 45 mph and the current sign of 45 mph will change to 55 mph.**

Motion made by Councilman Michael and seconded by Councilman Crutcher to approve Resolution 25-24, a resolution that will change the speed limit along State Route 373 (Mooresville Hwy) to only two speed zones. The speed limit will change at mile marker seven (7) on Mooresville Highway from current sign of 30 mph to 45 mph and the current sign of 45 mph will change to 55 mph. This resolution is only to change outbound speed limit leaving town.

Discussion ensued.

Upon a roll call vote:

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

Motion passes 5-0

- g. Consider approval of Resolution 25-25, a resolution which allows the City of Lewisburg to enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement with Omnia Partners, which allows the Parks and Recreation to purchase new playground equipment.**

Motion made by Councilman Michael and seconded by Councilman Crutcher to approve Resolution 25-25, a resolution which allows the City of Lewisburg to enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement with Omnia Partners, which allow the Parks and Recreation to purchase new playground equipment.

Upon a roll call vote:

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

Motion passes 5-0

- h. Consider approval of Resolution 25-26, a resolution that allows the City of Lewisburg to make application for the Tennessee Highway Safety High Visibility Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 with no local match requirements. The grant provides funding for police officer's overtime and purchasing equipment to support highway safety enforcement.**

Motion made by Councilman Burns and seconded by Councilman Thomas to approve Resolution 25-26, a resolution that allows the City of Lewisburg to make application for the Tennessee Highway Safety High Visibility Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 with no local match requirements. The grant provides funding for police officer's overtime and purchasing equipment to support highway safety enforcement.

Upon a roll call vote:

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

Motion passes 5-0

- i. Discuss and execute the City Council's motion that was carried out during Friday, August 22nd, 2025, Special Called Meeting in regard to the City Manager.**

Councilman Michael stated, I would like to make a motion to suspend the City Manager for 30 days without pay regardless of the independent investigation effective tomorrow, September 10th, 2025. Councilman Burns second the motion.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Hutto provided information that he reached out to six different Law Firms with only two firms responding back to his inquiry into investigation. Mr. Hutto said one firm present an engagement letter to him and estimated 15 to 40 hours for the investigation at a rate of \$630.00 an hour. Mr. Hutto stated he is hopeful that the other firm will respond with the cost being sufficiently less. The purpose of the investigation is not for insight of criminal charges but to see if any action occurred that violated the City of Lewisburg Employee Handbook Policy (HR Policies and Procedure Manual). Also, whether the City has or has not followed those policies and treated everyone fairly.

Discussion ensued.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Michael - Aye

Councilman Thomas - Nay

Councilman Burns - Aye

Councilman Robinson - Aye

Councilman Crutcher-Aye

Motion passes 4-1

j. Appoint a temporary City Manager for the duration of the current City Manager's absence.

Councilman Burns made a motion for our present Treasurer would be the interim City Manager for as long as the present City Manager is suspended and withhold the duties of the purchasing agent and with any other duties that I am leaving out.

City Treasurer Allan Owens it would be a conflict to take interim of City Manager due to signing checks and approving purchase order. Mr. Owens would like to withdraw his name from Interim City Manager.

Council Burns withdrawal his motion due to City Treasurer Allan Owens request.

Councilman Michael stated, I proposed a motion to appoint an interim City Manager for the duration of 30 days effective tomorrow, September 10, 2025. The interim should be a limited, part-time position working 20 hours weekly, up to 25 hours in case of emergency and to be paid \$25.00 per hour. I nominate Barbara Woods as interim City Manager. Councilman Shannon Crutcher seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Hutto stated that there was not a conflict with Ms. Woods becoming interim City Manager due to Ms. Woods being a sitting member on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Councilman Burn wanted it stated in the minutes, "as long as it is not a conflict with Mr. Woods being a member of the Planning Commission and the city attorney agrees it is not a conflict and legal."

Discussion ensued.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Michael - Aye

Councilman Thomas - Aye

Councilman Burns - Aye

Councilman Robinson - Aye

Councilman Crutcher-Aye

Motion passes 5-0

Item 7. Other Business:

a. City Manager Report - Roy "Bam" Haislip

*City Manager gave report on prior investors who are once again interested in ninety-six acres in the Veterans Industrial Park and will be coming to Council with a proposal of \$2,900,000 which will be warehouse space.

*Rising Glory Farms will be hosting the 2025 World Championship International Horseback Archery Alliance September 19-21, 2025, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

*Church ONE All-Church Unity Service will be Sunday, September 14th at 4:00 pm located at MCHS Gymnasium with speaker John Deberry.

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 Director of Economic Development Jennifer Pearson.

b. Director's Report- reports were given by the following departments: Parks & Rec Director Cary Whitesell (Director Whitesell, Fire Chief Drew Hawkins, Chief Scott Braden, Airport Manager Kent Stewmon, Public Works Director Branden Davidson, City Treasurer Allan Owens and Jennifer Pearson.

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 7:32 p.m. by Councilman Crutcher seconded by Councilman Robinson.

Motion passes unanimously.

Jim Bingham, Mayor

Attest: Georgina L. Jones, City Recorder