

MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
APRIL 21ST, 2026

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Henderson, Tennessee, met in (recessed from April 9th, 2026) regular session on Tuesday, April 21st, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the City of Henderson City Hall. Present and presiding was Mayor Terry F. Bell. City Recorder Jim E. Garland called the roll, with the following being present:

Aldermen: Mark A. Barber, Donna R. Butler, Buel Maness, Michael Phelps, and Keith Smith.
Absent: Jason Rhodes

Also present at the meeting were: City Recorder Jim E. Garland, Police Chief Gary Davidson, Public Works Director Carter Scales, Utility Director Darryl Green, Fire Chief Doug Acred, and Assistant CMFO Alicia Holder

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at the appointed time. Ald. Phelps gave the invocation, and Mayor Bell led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following proceedings were entered here-to-wit:

The minutes of the previous regular meeting and beer board meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Ald. Barber to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the beer board meeting, as presented, duly 2nd by Ald. Butler. Motion carried.

The accumulated accounts were presented for informational purposes. Ald. Smith asked about line item 35 on page B-1, a payment to GRW Engineers for \$27,500.00 for water plant improvements, and asked for a status update. UD Green stated that this project was 85% complete and should be done by the end of the month.

Ald. Butler asked for clarification for line item 96 on B-3, a payment to TyBe Company for \$362,622.89. UD Green stated that this application on the water plant included the largest switchgear, and he held payment until it was working; he stated it is working great. Asst. CMFO Holder stated that we were about halfway through paying them.

There were no further questions about the accounts, and the meeting continued.

The first item on the agenda was a call for delegations to address the board.

1. Ms. Kathy Vest with the Election Commission addressed the board, stating that the county Budget Committee had sent her to make this request. She stated that the county is seriously struggling financially and has difficulty financing elections. She stated that it was noted that the city budgets money for elections but does not spend it. She is requesting a contribution from the city to help with the elections for the August 2026 election. After further discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Barber to make an expenditure of \$1,500.00 to the county election commission for the August 2026 City election, duly 2nd by Ald. Butler. Motion carried.

2. Project Graduation 2026. No one was present representing the class of 2026; however, Recorder Garland stated that they budget \$500.00 each year for this cause, and typically the police department will match the \$500.00. A motion was made by Ald. Barber to approve the \$500.00 donation for Project Graduation from the city, with an additional \$500.00 from the police department, duly 2nd by Ald. Smith. Motion carried. The total amount to be donated to Project Graduation for 2026 is \$1,000.00 (\$500.00 each from the city and the police department).

There were no further delegations, so the meeting continued.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and consider the purchase of new patrol rifles for the Police Department. Chief Davidson is requesting that they replace 12 of the 20-plus-year-old patrol rifles in the police department. This has been discussed in budget meetings and includes several 'add-ons,' including the silencer. Officer Miller addressed the board, stating that the silencers are built-in hearing conservation devices and are highly recommended. After further discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Phelps to approve the purchase from Craig's Firearm Supply, Inc., for \$36,012.00 to come from the capital outlay budget line item, duly 2nd by Ald. Barber. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and consider quotes received on new Turbidity Meters for the Water Plant. UD Green stated there have been issues at the water plant with the turbidity meters for some time. They measure the clarity of the water. He received four prices from four vendors, and they all came in at the same amount as only a few companies make them. They have a contract with Labtronics so he would like to purchase from them. This was in the budget for the water plant for this budget year. A motion was made by Ald. Smith to approve the purchase from Labtronics, for \$ 31,670.00, duly 2nd by Ald. Butler. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and consider the purchase of two event tents. Mayor Bell stated that for the BBQ Festival, the chamber rents tents for approximately \$800.00 per tent. With the functions that we participate in, he would like to purchase two 20' by 20' tents for use at these special functions. Ald. Smith asked about adding the city logo, and Recorder Garland would be researching prices. After further discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Butler to approve the purchase from Tentandtable.com and allow only city employees to do setup/takedown, for \$5,994.40, duly 2nd by Ald. Maness. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and consider the purchase of natural gas pipe and supplies. UD Green stated that he received bids from several vendors for 10,000 feet of 2-inch gas main pipe and 10,000 feet of 10-gauge tracer wire to be used to replace the gas piping used for recent expansions. The low bid was from Consolidated for \$15,500.00. A motion was made by Ald. Butler to approve the purchase for \$15,500.00 from Consolidated Pipe & Supply, duly 2nd by Ald. Smith. Motion carried.

Any other Business:

Reminder of Utility Budget Meeting on Tuesday, April 28th at 5:30 PM at City Hall, Conference Room #3.

UD Green stated that the trailer they use to haul the mini-X has broken springs again. It is an old trailer that was part of a trencher purchase that has not been used during his time with

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the city. The trencher has since been sold for surplus. A replacement trailer with the same weight limits and specs from a local vendor is \$7,500.00. The estimated date of delivery is two weeks. He is asking permission to make the purchase from Cherry & Sons for \$7,500.00 with funds coming from the gas department's work equipment. A motion was made by Ald. Smith to approve the purchase, duly 2nd by Ald. Barber. Motion carried.

He added that there have been odor complaints for residents around the North Lagoon, and an aerator is needed to fix the issue. He can purchase one for \$14,900.00 with a lead time of 10-12 weeks. He would like to get it ordered and installed before the summer air makes the odor worse. A motion was made by Ald. Butler to approve the purchase, duly 2nd by Ald. Maness. Motion carried.

Ald. Phelps stated that he is thankful for the department heads and asked that they be thankful for their teams.

Ald. Smith asked Chief Acred to explain a 'pre-incident' survey. Chief Acred stated that it was to let his team know of hazards at different locations within the city. Example: if they are aware of a 20,000-volt transformer in a building, they know beforehand and would not be spraying water on the transformer. It is to look out for hazards and assist in keeping folks safe.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Ald. Barber to adjourn, duly 2nd by Ald. Butler. Motion carried.

Signed: Terry F. Bell

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

Signed: Jim E. Garland

ATTEST: _____, CITY RECORDER