MINUTES

OF THE

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

JUNE 11TH, 2026

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Henderson, Tennessee, met in regular session on Thursday, June 11th, 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, and Keith Smith.
Absent: Michael Phelps and Jason Rhodes

Also present at the meeting were: City Recorder Jim E. Garland, City Attorney Jerry Spore, Police Chief Gary Davidson, Building Official Brent Beshires, 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. Pastor Cherry 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 were presented for approval. Ald. Smith noted a typo on page A-3 (too many zeros after the decimal). A motion was made by Ald. Barber to approve the minutes with the stated correction, of the regular meeting, as presented, duly 2nd by Ald. Butler. Motion carried.

The accumulated accounts were presented for informational purposes. There were no questions about the accounts, and the meeting continued.

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

Pastor Cherry addressed the board regarding the property at 815 White Avenue, which is an abandoned church that is slated to be demolished. He and his church are very interested in taking over the property to accommodate their congregation. Currently, the city is unable to determine ownership of the building as there are no tax records. Attorney Spore stated that there is a TCA section for abandoned property and steps that would need to be taken that he will research further. The board members agreed that it would be better to renovate rather than demolish this property.

There were no further delegations, so the meeting continued.

The next item on the agenda was to consider an ordinance on the final reading to increase Water and Sewer Rates by 5%, effective July 1, 2026. Mayor Bell stated this was the same ordinance that passed on the first reading last month. A motion was made by Ald. Butler to approve Ordinance #585, an ordinance that increases the water and sewer rates on the final reading, duly 2nd by Ald. Smith. Upon a roll call vote, the following was cast:

Ayes: Mark A. Barber, Donna Butler, Buel Maness, and Keith Smith.
Noes: None

Absent and not voting: Michael Phelps and Jason Rhodes

Mayor Bell declared Ordinance #585 approved on the final reading.

The next item on the agenda was to consider action on the 2026-2027 City Budget and Tax Rate Ordinance. The tax rate will remain the same at $0.6859 per $100 of assessed value.

1. Public Hearing on the proposed budget.
2. Consider the passage of the Budget and Tax Rate Ordinance on the final reading.

Mayor Bell opened the public hearing. There were no comments. Mayor Bell closed the public hearing.

Recorder Garland stated that this was the same City Budget and Tax Rate Ordinance that passed on the first reading last month. A motion was made by Ald. Butler to approve Ordinance #586, the 2026-2027 City Budget and Tax Rate Ordinance on the final reading, duly 2nd by Ald. Barber. Upon a roll call vote, the following was cast:

Ayes: Mark A. Barber, Donna Butler, Buel Maness, and Keith Smith.
Noes: None
Absent and not voting: Michael Phelps and Jason Rhodes

Mayor Bell declared Ordinance #586 approved on the final reading.

The next item on the agenda was to consider action on the final reading amending Sections 4-222 and 4-223 of the Municipal Code pertaining to employee vacation and sick leave policies. Mayor Bell stated this was the same ordinance that was passed at the previous meeting. A motion was made by Ald. Barber to approve Ordinance #587, an ordinance amending Sections 4-222 and 4-223 of the Municipal Code retroactive to January 1, 2026, on the final reading, duly 2nd by Ald. Smith. Upon a roll call vote, the following was cast:

Ayes: Mark A. Barber, Donna Butler, Buel Maness, and Keith Smith.
Noes: None
Absent and not voting: Michael Phelps and Jason Rhodes

Mayor Bell declared Ordinance #587 approved on the final reading.

Discuss applicants to replace Utility Director Darryl Green, who will be retiring at the end of September. The selected applicant will be asked to begin working with UD Green on or about July 6th and work with him until his retirement. Mayor Bell stated that three good candidates applied for the position (two external candidates and one internal candidate). Each applicant had strong points in different areas. UD Green felt that the internal candidate, Mr. Paul Issac Harrold, was the strongest and recommended promoting him to the Utility Director. After further discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Smith to appoint Paul Issac Harrold to serve as the Utility Director effective Monday, September 28, 2026, and shall be paid the entry-level UD salary of $80,080 per year. On Monday, July 6, 2026, Paul Issac Harrold shall be promoted to a temporary assignment of "Incoming Utility Director" and shall be paid an hourly rate of $33.00 per hour. He will still be eligible for overtime pay during this assignment. During his assignment, he shall be relieved of his Crew Leader duties as much as possible and concentrate his actions learning all he can from retiring UD Green and to backfill the now open Crew Leader position. During this temporary assignment, Mr. Harrold will be allowed to drive a department truck to and from home, duly 2nd by Ald. Maness. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to consider a Resolution approving the 2026-2027 Operations and Capital Expenditure Budgets for the Water/Sewer Fund and the Natural Gas Fund. Assistant CMFO Holder stated that there have been no changes to the budget since the budget committee meeting. A motion was made by Ald. Barber to adopt the 2026-2027 Utility Department Operations and Capital Expenditures Budget as presented, duly 2nd by Ald. Butler. Upon a roll call vote, the following was cast:

Ayes: Mark A. Barber, Donna Butler, Buel Maness, and Keith Smith.
Noes: None.
Absent and not voting: Michael Phelps and Jason Rhodes

Mayor Bell declared Resolution #2026-008 passed.

The next item on the agenda was to consider action amending the 2025-2026 (Current Year) Budget to account for ongoing Grant Projects and other line-item overruns. Recorder Garland stated that this is the standard year-end adjustment that we do every June to take care of grants, additional revenues, and associated expenditures. After further discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Barber to approve the proposed budget amendment on the first reading, duly 2nd by Ald. Butler. Upon a roll call vote, the following was cast:

Ayes: Mark A. Barber, Donna Butler, Buel Maness, and Keith Smith.
Noes: None.
Absent and not voting: Michael Phelps and Jason Rhodes

The second reading will take place at the July meeting.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and consider approval of improvements to the Utility Collection Office Area of City Hall. Mayor Bell stated that the front desk of the utility collection area is out of date for the use that is needed. They have received a quote from Architectural Millwork for the woodwork update for $9,825.00 and from Thomas Glass Company for the glass update for $6,200.00. Once that is complete, they want to replace the carpet in that area and then paint the walls. They are expecting to complete the work fairly quickly and on a weekend. The funds will come from the City Hall Maintenance Budget line item. A motion was made by Ald. Barber to approve the improvements to the utility office area, duly 2nd by Ald. Smith. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and consider approval of a contract for the fireworks display as part of the America 250 Celebration on June 27th. The display will be funded through a state TN250 grant. Mayor Bell stated that the fireworks show will be at 8:45 that evening, and he has a quote from Pyro Shows for $7,500.00. They are licensed and insured. Ald. Barber recommended notifying Heritage Towers of the fireworks so the residents would know what was happening that evening. A motion was made by Ald. Barber to approve the contract for $7,500.00, payable to Pyro Shows, duly 2nd by Ald. Maness. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to consider a resolution authorizing an application to participate in the Tennessee Downtowns Program, which is for a downtown revitalization education program. Recorder Garland stated that we participated in this program many years ago and did the downtown park. The Chamber wants to get grants for improvements to the downtown area. This is authorizing the participation in the program. A motion was made by Ald. Smith to approve the application to participate in the TN Downtown Program, duly 2nd by Ald. Butler. Motion carried. Upon a roll call vote, the following was cast:

Ayes: Mark A. Barber, Donna Butler, Buel Maness, and Keith Smith.
Noes: None
Absent and not voting: Michael Phelps and Jason Rhodes

Mayor Bell declared Resolution #2026-006 passed.

The next item on the agenda was to consider a resolution authorizing an application to the USDA/Rural Development for funding under the Rural Business Development Grant Program to support a downtown development strategic plan. Mayor Bell stated that the development district has two cities that it can recommend for this grant. It is a 100% funded grant – no city match. It is a five-year program providing help with a strategic plan for downtown improvements. A motion was made by Ald. Butler, to approve Resolution #2026-007, authorizing a funding application, duly 2nd by Ald. Maness. Upon a roll call vote, the following was cast:

Ayes: Mark A. Barber, Donna Butler, Buel Maness, and Keith Smith.
Noes: None
Absent and not voting: Michael Phelps and Jason Rhodes

Mayor Bell declared Resolution #2026-007 passed.

The next item on the agenda was to review and consider quotes received on a UPS Battery Backup System for the traffic signal at the US Hwy 45 and W. Main Street intersection. Mayor Bell stated that this will be a tremendous safety benefit. The battery run time is several hours. It is the same system that is used in Jackson. This will come from the traffic signal expense line item in the new budget year. A motion was made by Ald. Barber to approve the purchase from Temple, Inc for $ 6,326.00, duly 2nd by Ald. Smith. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to consider the purchase of 1" and ¾" water meters with AMR for inventory. UD Green stated that these are the same meters we use and will be replacing inventory that has been used. A motion was made by Ald. Smith to approve the purchase from ETEC Services, LLC for $6,207.00, duly 2nd by Ald. Butler. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and consider approval of a contract for gas line installation on a per-unit basis. UD Green stated they have had a miscellaneous contract with R Jones Contracting for several years. With the current economy, he would like to review the existing contract, renew all the items, and advertise and bid on a per-project basis. There is no action needed at this time.

Mayor Bell wanted to let everyone know that the new fire truck was hit last Thursday. They were at the scene of an accident, and a log truck came through with oversized logs and swiped out the truck from stem to stern. The insurance company is strongly suggesting that the truck be totaled. The driver of the log truck was unable to provide proof of insurance. The good news is that no one got hurt.

Any other Business:

Police Chief Davidson congratulated Issac on his appointment. He also stated that Officer Miller had an accident that amputated his trigger finger and partially amputated his middle finger. He is going through rehab and getting better.

UD Green stated that they had been talking about fixing the major hole on White Ave. at Gano Hall, and it is fixed. There had been a mishap on Wilson School Road by the contractor, which caused a water main break.

Fire Chief Acred congratulated Issac on his appointment. The damaged truck was thought to be able to go to the scene and provide water to be pumped, but it cannot be used for that.

PWD Scales congratulated Issac on his appointment.

Recorder Garland congratulated Issac on his appointment, stating that they had a lot to cover.

Asst CMFO Holder congratulated Issac on his appointment. She reminded the department heads of the upcoming year-end and to have all receipts to her before June 30.

Ald. Barber congratulated Issac on his promotion and thanked UD Green for his tenure.

Ald. Smith congratulated Issac on his appointment and is looking forward to working with him. He asked UD Green about the gas valve repair on Main Street. UD Green stated that they are working on putting us on their schedule.

Ald. Butler congratulated Issac on his appointment.

Ald. Maness congratulated Issac.

Mayor Bell congratulated Issac. He invited everyone to the flag retirement program and Gene Record Park on June 14th, and on June 21st to a Making Music International. On June 27th, the America 250 Celebration will have lots of things to do.

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

Signed: Terry F. Bell
APPROVED: ______________________________
MAYOR

Signed: Jim E. Garland
ATTEST: ___________________________, CITY RECORDER