

June 23, 2025

The Lenoir City Council met in a Public Hearing at 5:45 PM regarding an Ordinance for the Annual Budget for the General Fund, State Street Aid Fund, HOME Program Fund, Downtown VIP Fund, Sanitation Fund, Stormwater Utility Fund, Capital Projects I Fund, Capital Projects II Fund, Ninth Judicial District Drug Task Force Fund, Lenoir City DEA Fund, and Lenoir City State Drug Fund for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026; Ordinance to provide Revenue for the Municipality of Lenoir City, County of Loudon, Tennessee for Property Tax Year 2025; and Ordinance for the Annual Budget for Lenoir City Schools for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. The Lenoir City Council met in another Public Hearing at 5:50 PM regarding an Ordinance to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Lenoir City, Tennessee pursuant to §13-7-204 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, to rezone property located at 340 Poplar Street from R-1-S Single Family Residential District to R-2 Medium Density Residential District. The Lenoir City Council met its regularly scheduled City Council Meeting at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Tony Aikens and the following Council Members were present: McNabb, Wampler, Kennedy, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson. Amber Scott Kelso, G. Chance Harrison, Shawn Bunch, LaVonne Barbour, Maggie Hunt, and Jim Wilburn were also present.

A motion was made by Brandon and seconded by Shields to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2025 meeting. The following vote was recorded: McNabb, Wampler, Kennedy, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**.

A motion was made by Shields and seconded by McNabb to accept the agenda as written. The following vote was recorded: McNabb, Wampler, Kennedy, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**.

Mayor Aikens asked for comments from citizens regarding an item/items on/off the agenda. Mr. Bob Johnson spoke on the Prayers 4 TN Program and requested a proclamation. Mr. George Bove expressed his appreciation to Mayor and City Council while serving as the Knox County Representative on the LCUB Board. Ms. Lisa D'Acquisto spoke on the Loudon K-9 Paws and Tails Program.

A motion was made by Simpson and seconded by Kennedy to adopt Ordinance for the Annual Budget for the General Fund, State Street Aid Fund, HOME Grant Fund, Downtown VIP Fund, Sanitation Fund, Stormwater Utility Fund, Capital Projects I Fund, Capital Projects II Fund, Ninth Judicial District Drug Task Force Fund, Lenoir City DEA Fund, and Lenoir City State Drug Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. The following vote was recorded: McNabb, Wampler, Kennedy, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**.

Second and Final Reading. Ordinance 2025-06-23-2439-A-O.

A motion was made by Wampler and seconded by McNabb to adopt Ordinance to provide Revenue for the Municipality of Lenoir City, County of Loudon, Tennessee for Property Tax Year 2025. The following vote was recorded: McNabb, Wampler, Kennedy, Shields, Brandon, Simpson voting **AYE**.

Second and Final Reading. Ordinance 2025-06-23-2439-B-O.

A motion was made by Shields and seconded by Brandon to adopt Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget. The following vote was recorded: McNabb, Wampler, Kennedy, Shields, Brandon, Simpson voting **AYE**.

Resolution 2025-06-23-2439-R.

As Mayor Aikens progressed into Item #4 on the agenda, he asked Dr. Millicent Smith, Director of Lenoir City Schools, to come up to speak with City Council about an issue she discovered just that day. Dr. Smith shared that she was just made aware that there is the

potential for the funds from the Adequate Facilities Tax (AFT, tax on new construction – \$1.00 per square foot of new construction, which is currently 12.5% remittance to Lenoir City Schools) could potentially be eliminated if Loudon County Commission votes to do so. There was some background given on this, as well, since Councilman Kennedy and Councilperson McNabb were not on City Council when this issue very arose in 2021. It was explained that until 2021, Lenoir City Schools were given 15% of the funds generated by the AFT, but when Loudon County voted to reduce the remittance from 15% to 5% over a short period of time (unbeknownst to Lenoir City), Lenoir City Council and Loudon County Commission came to a compromise that would allow Loudon County Commission to reduce it to 12.5% for the next four (4) years between July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025. A Resolution was adopted by Loudon County Commission to do so. As of July 1, 2025, the Resolution will be expired. Dr. Smith stated that if the 12.5% remittance is eliminated, this would take away more than \$200,000.00 annually from Lenoir City Schools and would have a negative effect on the student body and their families. Mayor Aikens followed up by asking Lenoir City Council if he could write a letter to Mayor Bradshaw and the County Commissioners requesting that they not vote to take away the 12.5% of AFT revenue that goes to Lenoir City Schools and asked for a vote: McNabb – questions about history but said that she is in favor of sending the letter; however, she requests that it be not be “inflammatory”; Wampler – send the letter; Kennedy – send the letter; Shields – send the letter; Brandon – send the letter; and Simpson – send the letter.

A motion was made by Shields and seconded by McNabb to adopt Ordinance for the Annual Budget for Lenoir City Schools for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 for the General Purpose fund. The following vote was recorded: McNabb, Wampler, Kennedy, Shields, Brandon, Simpson voting **AYE**.

Second and Final Reading. Ordinance 2025-06-23-2440-A-O.

A motion was made by Brandon and seconded by Shields to adopt Ordinance for the Annual Budget for Lenoir City Schools for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 for the Sales Tax Fund. The following vote was recorded: McNabb, Wampler, Kennedy, Shields, Brandon, Simpson voting **AYE**.

Second and Final Reading. Ordinance 2025-06-23-2440- A-O.

A motion was made by Simpson and seconded by Brandon to adopt Ordinance for the Annual Budget for Lenoir City Schools for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 for the Capital Projects Fund. The following vote was recorded: McNabb, Wampler, Kennedy, Shields, Brandon, Simpson voting **AYE**.

Second and Final Reading. Ordinance 2025-06-23-2440-A-O.

A motion was made by Shields and seconded by Kennedy to adopt Ordinance for the Annual Budget for Lenoir City Schools for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 for the Food Service Fund. The following vote was recorded: McNabb, Wampler, Kennedy, Shields, Brandon, Simpson voting **AYE**.

Second and Final Reading. Ordinance 2025-06-23-2440-A-O.

A motion was made by Simpson and seconded by Shields to approve the Planning Commission’s recommendation regarding Ordinance to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Lenoir City, Tennessee pursuant to §13-7-204 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, to rezone property located at 340 Poplar Street from R-1-S Single Family Residential District to R-2 Medium Density Residential District. The following vote was recorded: McNabb, Wampler, Kennedy, Shields, Brandon, Simpson voting **AYE**

Second and Final Reading. Ordinance- 2025-06-23-2440-B-O.

A motion was made by Kennedy and seconded by Shields for consideration of Mayoral Appointment of Ms. LeeAnn Foster to the Lenoir City Utilities Board of Commissioners as a Knox County Representative, in accordance with Mayor Glenn Jacobs’ request. The

following vote was recorded: McNabb, Wampler, Kennedy, Shields, Brandon, Simpson voting **AYE**.

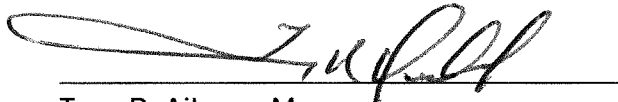
City Administrator Amber Scott Kelso invited the community to attend the Parks and Recreation Committee Public Input Session on Growth and Expansion that will be held at City Hall on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 from 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Aikens asked for other comments from citizens regarding an item/items not on the agenda.

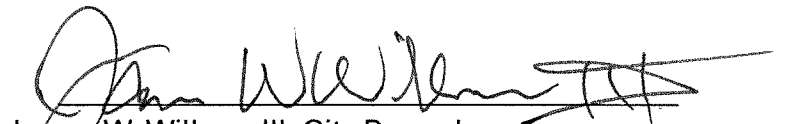
Mayor Aikens announced the annexation with Casey's will be on the July 14, 2025 Council Agenda.

A motion was made by Wampler and seconded by McNabb to approve all bills to be paid when properly approved and funds are available. The following vote was recorded: McNabb, Wampler, Kennedy, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**.

A motion was made by Kennedy and seconded by Shields to adjourn the June 23, 2025 meeting. The following vote was recorded: McNabb, Wampler, Kennedy, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**.



Tony R. Aikens, Mayor



James W. Wilburn III, City Recorder

LENOIR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING CITY OF LENOIR CITY TIME 6:00 P.M. DATE LOCATION CITY HALL - 530 HWY 321 N, LENOIR CTY, TN 37771

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1	Bob Johnson	565-250-7588			PRAYERS TN
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3	George Jovan				Speak @ End 😊
4					Hi Rip!
5	Lisa D'Acquisto	858-264-8497			LK9 P&T
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