

December 8, 2025

The Lenoir City Council met in a Public Hearing at 5:30 PM regarding an Ordinance to proceed with request for Referendum to raise the Sales and Use Tax in the City of Lenoir City, Tennessee from two percent (2%) to two and three-quarters of one percent (2.75%) for support of the Housing and Community Preservation Fund through Loudon County Habitat for Humanity, giving the preference to assisting seniors, veterans, and individuals with disabilities, and the funding for the improvement of the Lenoir City Parks and Recreation Department in planning and executing the expansion of the City of Lenoir City's recreation fields and facilities. Lenoir City Parks and Recreation Director, Zack Cusick, and Loudon County Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Tony Gibbons gave a brief presentation. The Lenoir City Council met in 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, Walter Johnson, Shawn Bunch, LaVonne Barbour, and Jim Wilburn were also present.

A motion was made by Shields and seconded by Brandon to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2025 meeting. The following vote was recorded: McNabb, Wampler, Kennedy, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**.

Mayor Aikens announced that a Public Hearing will be held at 5:00 P.M., followed by a Special Called City Council Meeting at 6:00 P.M. on December 29, 2025.

A motion was made by Brandon and seconded by Kennedy 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 the agenda. Ms. Mary Bright with the Downtown Merchants Association spoke on Agenda Item #4. to request street closure on Broadway from Kingston Street to B Street from 4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. on December 14, 2025 for Luminary Walk Event.

A motion was made by Kennedy and seconded by Wampler authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Loudon County Habitat for Humanity for the purpose of establishing a partnership to promote affordable housing and address critical repair and renovation needs within the City of Lenoir City. The following vote was recorded: Wampler, Kennedy, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**. McNabb voting **NO**.

A motion was made by Kennedy and seconded by Shields to adopt Ordinance to proceed with request for Referendum to raise the Sales Tax and Use Tax in the City of Lenoir City, Tennessee from two percent (2%) to two and three quarters of one percent (2.75%) for support of the Housing and Community Preservation Fund through Loudon County Habitat for Humanity, giving preference to assisting seniors, veterans, and individuals with disabilities, and the funding for improvement of the Lenoir City Parks and Recreation Department in planning and executing the expansion of the City of Lenoir City's recreation fields and facilities. The following vote was recorded: Wampler, Kennedy, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**. McNabb voting **NO**.

First Reading.

A motion was made by Simpson and seconded by Shields to approve the Purchasing Committee's recommendation and purchase two (2) vehicles for use in the Drug Task Force (new vehicle from State Contract and used one from Jack Jones Ford). The approval of funds is necessary only because the City is the fiduciary for the DTF. The funds will come from the DTF Fund. The following vote was recorded: McNabb, Wampler, Kennedy, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**.

A motion was made by McNabb and seconded by Brandon to approve Street Closure of Broadway from B Street to Kingston Street for the "Luminary Walk" event and festivities on December 14, 2025 from 4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. The following vote was recorded: McNabb, Wampler, Kennedy, Shields, Brandon, and Simpson voting **AYE**.

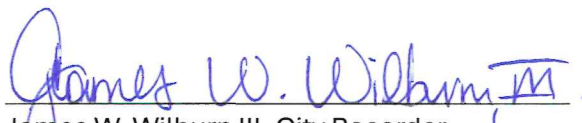
Mayor Aikens asked for comments from citizens regarding an item/items not on the agenda.

A motion was made by Wampler and seconded by Brandon 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 McNabb to adjourn the December 8, 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