

# City Meeting Of September 16, 2025

Mayor Shaw called the meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman to order at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 16, 2025. The meeting was held at City Hall.

## **Invocation**

Bro. Dan Russell offered invocation. Mayor Shaw led the pledge of allegiance.

## **Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Shaw, Alderman Gregory, Alderman Martin, Vice Mayor Gilmore, Alderman Senft, Kelly Rider, City Recorder, Attorney Russell Freeman

Absent:

## **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of August 19, 2025, were presented for approval or corrections.

Motion made by: Alderman Senft

Second: Alderman Gregory

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

## **Citizens Comments**

John Neely

Evarlean Rumph

Ellen Hunter

Jeremiah Patton

David Yates

Bryce Calhoun

## **Commissioners & Department Reports**

### **Finance and Administration:**

Mayor Shaw reported we are in the audit process.

### **Public Works and Streets:**

Mayor Shaw reported the binder coat of asphalt has been installed on Shedden Road and he hopes the project to be complete in the near future.

Alderman Martin stated there are limbs that were not cut on O'Bryan and Highland Ave and asked if they were going to be cut and stated there is still some debris that has not been picked up.

Parks and Recreation:

Vice Mayor Gilmore stated Brandon Frank has almost completed the siding and soffit. Vice Mayor Gilmore stated we will be ready for plumbing and electricity soon.

Vice Mayor Gilmore reported Smoke on the Ridge will be September 27<sup>th</sup> from 10-4 with BBQ contest at Ridgetop Station Park. Morgan on the Rim Civil War Reenactment will be October 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> at Ridgetop Station Park.

Vice Mayor Gilmore reported the mulch has been completed at Ridgetop Station Park and the new lawnmower is working well to mow the park.

Vice Mayor Gilmore reported the Experience Robertson County Event last weekend went well. There was a steady stream of people, and he handed out of 500 flyers for upcoming park events.

Vice Mayor Gilmore stated the fence that was damaged due to a car accident at Ridgetop Station Park has been repaired.

Planning and Zoning and Codes Administration:

Alderman Senft reported the city has a company running a business at a home that does not meet code. The resident had previously come before zoning appeals and was denied an exception/variance and was given 6 months to correct the issue. 6 months have passed, and the operation has not ceased. A violation was cited in court, and the hearing is scheduled for September 22, 2025.

Alderman Martin stated she believes there is a business at a home on Virginia Ave near Cobb St., she stated there is a sign on the tree, and reported they have two dilapidated vehicles.

Community and Economic Development:

Alderman Martin stated she is still working on what to put together.

Mayor Shaw reported Experience Robertson County was a success. He stated the people loved the train museum. Mayor Shaw thanked Alderman Senft and Vice Mayor Gilmore for volunteering and Chief Reasoner for all his time and help to make the event a success.

Utilities:

No Report.

Mayor Shaw congratulated Brian Dean on the arrival of a new baby girl.

Fire and Police:

No report.

**Business Reports:**

**City Recorder:**

Kelly Rider reported the city received a check in the amount of \$10,265.66 from Public Entity Partners for the water damage/mold claim.

**Attorney Freeman:**

No report.

**Mayor Comments:**

Mayor Shaw asked that you pray for our nation, city and county.

**Old Business:**

Mayor Shaw made the motion to close the city meeting and open the public hearing. Vice Mayor Gilmore seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

Mayor Shaw made the motion to close the public meeting and open the regular city meeting. Vice Mayor Gilmore seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

*Ordinance 2025-107, An Ordinance to set the property tax rate at the certified tax rate for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026 (PUBLIC HEARING)*

Alderman Senft made the motion to approve Ordinance 2025-107, An Ordinance to set the property tax rate at the certified tax rate for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026. Vice Mayor Gilmore seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

*Ordinance 2025-108, An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2016-104 to amend the Ridgetop Municipal Code, Title 12 Building, Utility, Etc. Codes, Chapter 1-7 Adopting the 2024 edition of the International Building Codes, 2018 International Energy Conservation Code, and 2024 National Electrical Code (PUBLIC HEARING)*

Alderman Senft made the motion to approve Ordinance 2025-108, An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2016-104 to amend the Ridgetop Municipal Code, Title 12 Building, Utility, Etc. Codes, Chapter 1-7 Adopting the 2024 edition of the International Building Codes, 2018 International Energy Conservation Code, and 2024 National Electrical Code. Vice Mayor Gilmore seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

*Ordinance 2025-109, An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2016-104 to amend the Ridgetop Municipal Code, Title 7 Fire Protection and Fireworks, Chapter 2-Fire Code, Adopting the 2024 edition of the International Fire Code (PUBLIC HEARING)*

Alderman Senft made the motion to approve Ordinance 2025-109, An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2016-104 to amend the Ridgetop Municipal Code, Title 7 Fire Protection and Fireworks, Chapter 2-Fire Code, Adopting the 2024 edition of the International Fire Code. Alderman Martin seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

**New Business:**

*Appoint Planning and Zoning Member*

Mayor Shaw appointed Monica Gallaher to the Planning and Zoning Board.

*Consideration of approval of Robertson County MOU 2026-2027*

Alderman Senft made the motion to defer the Robertson County MOU 2026-2027 agreement. Alderman Gregory seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

*Discussion on Non-Enforcement of Municipal Code*

Alderman Martin stated she meant this for workshop. No discussion.

*Bid approval for Culvert Replacement on Liebengood Road*

Alderman Gregory made the motion to approve Culvert Replacement on Liebengood Road in the amount of 17,590.00 from Tenn Point Construction & Ground Solutions. Vice Mayor Gilmore seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

*Bid advertisement for Maplewood Drive culvert replacement*

Alderman Senft made the motion to bid advertise for a culvert replacement on Maplewood Drive culvert replacement. Alderman Gregory seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

*City Workshop*

Alderman Gregory made the motion to schedule workshop for October 21, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. Alderman Senft seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

There being no further business to come before the board, Vice Mayor Gilmore moved for adjournment. Alderman Gregory seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

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Mayor Tim Shaw

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Kelly Rider, City Recorder