

City Meeting  
Of  
February 17, 2026

Mayor Shaw called the meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman to order at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 17, 2026. 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, Alderman Senft, Kelly Rider, City Recorder, Attorney Russell Freeman

Absent: Vice Mayor Gilmore

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of January 20, 2026, were presented for approval or corrections.

Motion made by: Alderman Senft

Second: Alderman Gregory

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

The minutes of February 5, 2026, were presented for approval or corrections.

Motion made by: Alderman Gregory

Second: Alderman Senft

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

**Citizens Comments**

John Neely

Brent Martin

McCaw Johnson

John Burke

Dan Russell

**Commissioners & Department Reports**

Finance and Administration:

Mayor Shaw stated we will start working on budget next month.

### Public Works and Streets:

Mayor Shaw reported that Upper Highland is still in need of paving.

### Parks and Recreation:

Mayor Shaw reported Vice Mayor Gilmore asked for citizens input and ideas for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration of our country.

Anna Gregory, park board chairman, gave a brief update of some things the park board has begun working on for the celebration such as good vendors, advertising and stated they are working on some other ideas.

### Planning and Zoning and Codes Administration:

Alderman Senft reported 4 permits were pulled in the last 6 weeks.

Alderman Senft stated there is no planning and zoning meeting scheduled for this month.

### Community and Economic Development:

Mayor Shaw asked for the Community and Economic Development report. Alderman Martin stated it doesn't exist. Alderman Martin stated she didn't believe the commission assignments were ever voted on in a meeting. She believed them to be appointed in a workshop. Mayor Shaw acknowledged they were approved in a city meeting. Kelly Rider reported the commission assignments were approved in the November 19, 2024, meeting, with Alderman Gregory making the motion and Alderman Gilmore seconded, all in favor.

### Utilities:

Mayor Shaw reported that the gas department completed twenty-seven 811 locate tickets, 4 service orders, meter readings and disconnects and reconnects, and worked on completing the 2026 state inspection and checking the gate station daily due to the cold weather.

Mayor Shaw reported that the sewer department completed twenty-seven 811 locate tickets, completed 2 service orders, and conducted 8 sewer tank inspections, specifically targeting inflow and infiltration (I/I) by monitoring sludge levels and identifying problem areas to mitigate excess water entering the system.

Mayor Shaw reported he went to a meeting with FEMA and TEMA to receive directions on what they are planning to do for the cities. We are still waiting for approval and to see what type of debris services will be available. We are working through the details in the next week or two in hopes of getting this all picked up and cleaned up.

### Fire and Police:

Alderman Gregory reported a total of 113 calls this month. There were 70 calls inside the city limits, 41 calls outside city limits and 9 mutual aid calls.

### **Business Reports:**

#### City Recorder:

Kelly Rider reported Amber Mathis completed the Certified Municipal Finance Officer (CMFO) Certification.

Kelly Rider stated there will be a meeting in March for the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation office of Outdoor and Recreation grant application. The grant application will apply for a walking trail grant for Ridgetop Station Park; this will apply for the 2026 Recreational Trails Program Funds. The details will be presented at the meeting in March.

Attorney Freeman:

Attorney Freeman stated the city has filed a lawsuit against Teton Premier Properties and Keystone Custom Decks. The judge has executed the lien, and it has been recorded. The lien is a document that keeps them from selling the property without having to pay the fine and cost that's existing that we have liened.

Mayor Comments:

Mayor Shaw reported it has been a rough few weeks, with the ice storm doing a lot of damage. I want to reiterate what Bro. Dan Russell stated. Our utility guys did a fantastic job clearing the streets, cleaning debris, and trying to keep everyone as safe as possible. Mayor Shaw thanked everyone involved.

Mayor Shaw reported Vice Mayor Gilmore is not here tonight due to his son being in the hospital in very serious condition. He asked that you keep him in your prayers.

Mayor Shaw stated Attorney Freeman recently lost his mother and he was extremely sorry for his loss.

Alderman Shaw stated Alderman Martin had informed him this evening that her daughter passed away today, please keep her and her family in your prayers as well.

Old Business:

*Ordinance 2026-101, An Ordinance amending Ordinance 2019-103, modifying the Natural Gas Infrastructure Fee System for the City of Ridgetop Natural Gas System, Ridgetop, Tennessee  
(second reading)*

Alderman Senft made the motion to accept Ordinance 2026-101, An Ordinance amending Ordinance 2019-103, modifying the Natural Gas Infrastructure Fee System for the City of Ridgetop Natural Gas System, Ridgetop, Tennessee. Alderman Gregory seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

**New Business:**

*Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant (Wilson Webb Property)*

Evan Sanders with Community Development Partners explained grant and answered questions for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant.

*Resolution 26-01, A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application for FY2026 State Community Development Block Grant Funds (Fire Truck)*

Alderman Senft made the motion to accept Resolution 26-01, A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application for FY2026 State Community Development Block Grant Funds. Alderman Gregory seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

*Resolution 26-02, Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS) Actuarial Study Plan*

Alderman Senft made the motion to accept Resolution 26-02, A Resolution to authorize and appropriate funds for an actuarial study to determine the cost(s) associated with a political subdivision's participation in the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS) in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 34-37. Alderman Gregory seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

*Ordinance 2026-102, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 1-102 of the Ridgetop Municipal Code to include in the order of business of the Board of Mayor and Alderman to include reservation of a period for public comment*

Alderman Senft made the motion to accept Ordinance 2026-102, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 1-102 of the Ridgetop Municipal Code to include in the order of business of the Board of Mayor and Alderman to include reservation of a period for public comment

Alderman Martin seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

*Bid Advertisement for Paving of East End Road*

Alderman Martin made the motion to table the bid advertisement for the paving of East End Road. Alderman Senft seconded.

Voting Aye: All  
Voting No: None  
**Motion Carried.**

*Bid Approval for Maplewood Culvert*

Alderman Gregory made the motion to accept the bid approval from Cedar Ridge Services in the amount of \$14,495 for the replacement of culvert on Maplewood Drive. Alderman Senft seconded.

Voting Aye: All  
Voting No: None  
**Motion Carried.**

*Items to be discussed by Alderman Martin (see attachment)*

Alderman Senft made the motion to table items to be discussed by Alderman Martin for 30 days at her request. Alderman Gregory seconded.

Voting Aye: All  
Voting No: None  
**Motion Carried.**

There being no further business to come before the board, Mayor Shaw 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