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Transcript

00:00:00 Speaker 1

I'd like to call to order the meeting of the City of Ridgetown Mayor and Alderman for February the 17th, 2026.

00:00:10 Speaker 1

It is 6.30 P.m.

00:00:12 Speaker 1

Brother Dan, if you could help us with the invocation.

00:00:21 Speaker 2

Well, we thank you for this day that you've given us, a beautiful day.

00:00:24 Speaker 2

Thank you, God, for our city, those that work hard to

00:00:28 Speaker 2

Help it keep running.

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We pray, Lord, that you would give us a unity to focus, common vision, Lord, on what you would have us to do.

00:00:35 Speaker 2

God, we represent you well, that we would live and love and care for others.

00:00:40 Speaker 2

We just pray that you would bless the city, bless each person, each family that will serve you and love you with our hearts.

00:00:46 Speaker 2

We ask it in Jesus' name, amen.

00:00:48 Speaker 2

Amen.

00:00:51 Speaker 2

Pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America

00:00:56 Speaker 2

and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

00:01:18 Speaker 1

Okay, Ms.

00:01:19 Speaker 1

Kelly, roll call.

00:01:20 Speaker 3

Mayor Shaw, here.

00:01:22 Speaker 3

Alderman Gregory, here.

00:01:23 Speaker 3

Alderman Martin, here.

00:01:24 Speaker 3

Vice Mayor Gilmore, Alderman Sensitive, here.

00:01:28 Speaker 3

Attorney Russell Freeman, here.

00:01:34 Speaker 1

Okay everyone we'll take a couple minutes to read the uh regular city meeting notes from January the 20th 2026.

00:02:47 Speaker 4

I make a motion that we approve the city meeting units of January 20th, 2026.

00:02:52 Speaker 4

I'll second.

00:02:53 Speaker 1

Any comments?

00:02:56 Speaker 1

All in favor?

00:03:00 Speaker 1

And if we could take another couple of minutes and read the minutes from February the 5th, 2026 meeting.

00:03:30 Speaker 5

I make a motion we accept the city meeting minutes of February 5th, 2026.

00:03:37 Speaker 4

I'll second it.

00:03:39 Speaker 1

Any comments?

00:03:42 Speaker 1

All in favor?

00:03:43 Speaker 1

Okay, I'd like to make a little statement here.

00:03:51 Speaker 1

Citizens comments is the period of time for comments.

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to be presented to the board.

00:03:57 Speaker 1

No comments will be addressed after this period.

00:04:05 Speaker 1

All right.

00:04:06 Speaker 1

Citizens comments.

00:04:09 Speaker 1

Yes, sir.

00:04:13 Speaker 6

My name is John Ely.

00:04:14 Speaker 6

I live in 2021 Rebecca Drive, right across from Ridge Top Station Park.

00:04:18 Speaker 6

Good evening, Mr.

00:04:18 Speaker 6

Mayor, Alder Lee and Alder.

00:04:22 Speaker 6

One, I would like to propose that y'all shelf the Land and Water Conservation Grant for the purchase of Wilson property.

00:04:31 Speaker 6

I think that we as a city need to take care of City Hall first before we start putting our irons in the fire and spend money elsewhere, such as concentrate on getting a retirement system for the employees here, which I see is off my listed for your new business.

00:04:48 Speaker 6

Hire an appropriate number of people to scan, you know, enter any old administrative documents into a computerized system instead of the current hard copy stuff that we may have.

00:04:56 Speaker 6

And then once all the documents are entered into a computerized system, instead of building onto the building, put the records in a controlled storage facility that are out there for stuff specifically like that.

00:05:13 Speaker 6

I think we should continue with the block grant about getting a new fire truck for the fire thing as far as the small community is.

00:05:20 Speaker 6

We should be able to take care of stuff like that.

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And then finally, I think we should research and find a better way to take care of the volunteer firefighters.

00:05:29 Speaker 6

The \$20 per call that could last up to four hours is ridiculous.

00:05:34 Speaker 6

And I think they're doing a great job and they're not getting the proper compensation.

00:05:38 Speaker 6

So those are the things I think that we should better spend \$600,000 for to take care of that

00:05:43 Speaker 6

before we start just throwing money away for stuff that most people in Ridgetown are not going to be able to take part in.

00:05:48 Speaker 6

Thank you.

00:05:49 Speaker 1

Thank you, John.

00:05:55 Speaker 7

Yes, I'm Dr.

00:05:56 Speaker 7

Brent Martin, 521 Struggling.

00:06:01 Speaker 7

We don't always have to agree.

00:06:05 Speaker 7

That's fine.

00:06:06 Speaker 7

I would remind you of a politician who had a very contentious campaign.

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Similar to what Ridger is somewhat known for.

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But after the election, the winner invited and populated his cabinet with his opponents.

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Why did he do that?

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Because he wanted to understand why and what they believed they were right.

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He was the 16th president, Abraham Lincoln.

00:06:37 Speaker 7

So to always not agree and populate with your opponents is probably a good idea, to the board.

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You have a personal and legal responsibility as a fiduciary.

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A fiduciary.

00:06:49 Speaker 7

If you're not clear what that means, the term means you must, and I'm going to repeat it, must put the first the interest of the population and the citizens ahead of your own biases and desires.

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Obviously, that would preclude purchasing land for a pickleball court.

00:07:10 Speaker 7

and other such decisions when you're dealing with other people's money to the tune of \$700,000 plus.

00:07:16 Speaker 7

How could you possibly know the will of the people if you haven't asked?

00:07:25 Speaker 7

To my knowledge, I have no data that you've asked them anything about this.

00:07:31 Speaker 7

My cautionary note is that we have case law in Tennessee where a board or boards

00:07:38 Speaker 7

failed to appropriately satisfy the fiduciary requirements that I'm speaking of here.

00:07:42 Speaker 7

Litigation was appropriately filed and won.

00:07:53 Speaker 1

Anyone else?

00:07:57 Speaker 1

Yes, sir.

00:07:59 Speaker 8

McCall Johnson, Highland Draft.

00:08:02 Speaker 8

Two things, do we still get the chances to buy bulk?

00:08:05 Speaker 8

natural gas and put it in storage.

00:08:08 Speaker 8

We should get through that.

00:08:10 Speaker 8

Okay.

00:08:10 Speaker 8

Second thing, looking at this agenda, what's these 14 items on a separate piece of paper for discussion?

00:08:21 Speaker 1

Those are items that Alderman Martin would like to discuss.

00:08:28 Speaker 8

This is a workshop discussion.

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We don't have workshops.

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Who doesn't have workshops when you're running a business?

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A workshop is a meeting with the board of directors, the board of mayor and all.

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I know what a workshop is.

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Why are we not having?

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Because a workshop does not properly address the requirements of a meeting.

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You cannot discuss items that are on an agenda prior to a meeting.

00:09:00 Speaker 6

You're not voting on it.

00:09:00 Speaker 8

You're having discussions.

00:09:01 Speaker 8

How do you have open ideas and open discussions?

00:09:04 Speaker 9

We have it in the meeting.

00:09:06 Speaker 9

Darrell used to do it all the time.

00:09:08 Speaker 9

It worked real well for him.

00:09:10 Speaker 9

Darrell.

00:09:12 Speaker 8

I don't care what Darrell did.

00:09:13 Speaker 9

Well, he did it right.

00:09:16 Speaker 8

You're telling me we're running three businesses here and you don't have a workshop?

00:09:22 Speaker 9

No, we don't.

00:09:24 Speaker 9

It's illegal.

00:09:25 Speaker 9

It's called a violation of the Open Meetings Act.

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The meeting is open to the public.

00:09:31 Speaker 9

It doesn't matter.

00:09:32 Speaker 9

You have to have an agenda.

00:09:34 Speaker 9

You have to have a notice, agenda, and minutes.

00:09:41 Speaker 9

There are no minutes.

00:09:44 Speaker 10

I'll meet with you.

00:09:46 Speaker 10

I'll meet with you and kind of explain the new process to you.

00:09:50 Speaker 8

The new process developed by who?

00:09:53 Speaker 9

A cold process.

00:09:54 Speaker 9

It is the law.

00:09:55 Speaker 9

It's called the Open Meetings Act.

00:09:57 Speaker 9

And it has been enforced.

00:09:58 Speaker 8

So I don't think you now have any workshops.

00:10:00 Speaker 10

Very few.

00:10:01 Speaker 10

Now, you can still have a workshop.

00:10:06 Speaker 10

And there will be items from time to time that will be most appropriately before a workshop.

00:10:12 Speaker 10

However, at this time, Bridge Stop is not having workshops because it created litigation.

00:10:21 Speaker 9

It created a violation of the Open Meetings Act.

00:10:25 Speaker 10

There was, it created litigation.

00:10:29 Speaker 10

Secondly, the, I was trying to think of the last thing we had that, and I'll give you an example.

00:10:38 Speaker 10

And I hate to always use as an example, but this is the one that I used here.

00:10:43 Speaker 10

There was a meeting about Rivergate.

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In other words, it was what was going on at Rivergate and it was presented in a presentation for educational and educational purposes only of the city commissioners to use that information and to ask questions.

00:11:10 Speaker 10

The problem with it is there has been a lot of construction and

00:11:19 Speaker 10

review of the word deliberation and you're not supposed to deliberate okay and that a lot of times there was the issue of whether or not in a workshop deliberation amongst the alderman was taking place so can we have a workshop in the future yes and I think there will be appropriate times for a workshop but it'll be just that a presentation educate

00:11:49 Speaker 10

our alderman, and then allow them to ask questions to get more information for purposes of future deliberation in a board meeting.

00:11:59 Speaker 10

That's sort of what the trend is, to be quite honest.

00:12:03 Speaker 8

Okay, that makes sense.

00:12:04 Speaker 8

So why aren't we doing it?

00:12:06 Speaker 9

We did it.

00:12:07 Speaker 8

Well, and explain the litigation.

00:12:09 Speaker 8

How does the workshop bring on litigation?

00:12:13 Speaker 10

Well, there was a suit filed against the city.

00:12:18 Speaker 7

By whom?

00:12:19 Speaker 9

Me.

00:12:21 Speaker 7

Because there's no minutes.

00:12:22 Speaker 9

There's no minutes, and there's no agenda.

00:12:26 Speaker 9

We cannot have a meeting without that.

00:12:28 Speaker 7

I wish you could ask a question.

00:12:31 Speaker 7

I was working with the litigation, too.

00:12:33 Speaker 7

I swear the litigation.

00:12:34 Speaker 7

Anyway.

00:12:35 Speaker 10

So, for instance,

00:12:39 Speaker 10

What was the last, we had a, somebody came up here and gave a big presentation.

00:12:42 Speaker 10

There was no vote on it or anything.

00:12:44 Speaker 10

It was just a presentation.

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It was in the last couple, three months.

00:12:47 Speaker 9

It was like a couple of weeks, a week ago.

00:12:51 Speaker 3

That was a meeting.

00:12:54 Speaker 3

It was, I think it was when Gary Jacob come and did the study that he was doing a couple.

00:13:01 Speaker 10

Something more recently than that.

00:13:04 Speaker 10

That would have been a good workshop item.

00:13:05 Speaker 4

Would have been a retirement, when the gentleman was here going over the retirement system on how...

00:13:11 Speaker 10

That could have been a workshop, because again, no vote was taken, it was only for purposes of, yeah, only for purposes of information to make future decisions and deliberate on what would be voted on.

00:13:26 Speaker 10

So, because basically that gentleman gave a...

00:13:33 Speaker 10

30-minute presentation.

00:13:34 Speaker 1

Yes.

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That took up 30 minutes of a meeting when it could have been done 30 minutes before the meeting, and then a subsequent vote could have been made.

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They are open to the public.

00:13:44 Speaker 10

The workshop is open to the public, and it is noticed appropriately.

00:13:51 Speaker 9

But it does not have an agenda.

00:13:53 Speaker 9

It did not in the past have an agenda.

00:13:58 Speaker 8

Well, it looks like, to me,

00:14:02 Speaker 8

Because this is a waste of a business meeting.

00:14:04 Speaker 9

We're not doing that this evening.

00:14:05 Speaker 9

I won't be able to attend.

00:14:09 Speaker 7

Excuse me?

00:14:10 Speaker 9

I won't be able to stay.

00:14:11 Speaker 9

That's my list of things that I have been bringing up for the four years so far, or the 3 1/2 years I've been on board and I wanted to attend.

00:14:20 Speaker 8

So this is not coming up for discussion tonight.

00:14:23 Speaker 9

It's not going to.

00:14:23 Speaker 9

I can't stay late enough, so we're going to postpone it till next.

00:14:28 Speaker 6

Month.

00:14:28 Speaker 6

Okay, I'll read the next month as well.

00:14:29 Speaker 9

Okay, great.

00:14:31 Speaker 1

Pipe in the call.

00:14:33 Speaker 1

Anyone else?

00:14:36 Speaker 1

Yes.

00:14:37 Speaker 11

I missed, this is just comments, correct?

00:14:40 Speaker 1

Yeah, come on up.

00:14:40 Speaker 6

All right, cool, sorry.

00:14:42 Speaker 6

Well, real quick, just in case I don't stay long enough, if this is about the big contentious tennis court snafu, I just want to reiterate once again that should it work out, I'm very excited about it.

00:14:58 Speaker 11

So I just want to be that voice, that's it.

00:15:01 Speaker 1

Thank you, sir.

00:15:04 Speaker 1

Anyone else?

00:15:05 Speaker 2

Dan Russell, Living Good Road.

00:15:08 Speaker 2

Whoever, oh, I'm sorry.

00:15:09 Speaker 2

I just want to give a hats off, a thank you to whoever took care of our roads during the ice storm.

00:15:18 Speaker 2

You didn't, my drive was still pretty bad, but the roads were fantastic.

00:15:23 Speaker 2

So thanks to the city and to the crews that spent time and energy and worked to clear up our roads, it made a big difference.

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for many of us.

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Thank you for the job that you guys do.

00:15:33 Speaker 2

I know there's a sometimes there's a lot of tension that you guys have to deal with, which is unfortunate.

00:15:39 Speaker 2

I think some of it probably stems back from things that happened even prior to you guys sitting in those chairs, which is unfortunate.

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And I realize you guys were elected.

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And when you are elected, you have the authority to make decisions and that's why you were elected by the people to make decisions.

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I do appreciate you bringing

00:15:58 Speaker 2

certain items before the community to allow them to hear their voice tonight might be one of those I'm not sure where I would stand on the property that's kind of neither here nor there I would be uh interested in the in the conversation this evening see where that goes but uh but thank you and uh may God bless you guys and give you Grace.

00:16:18 Speaker 9

Dan Dan we do have a recording of it on the website so you can always go back and listen to it listen to the whole meeting.

00:16:28 Speaker 2

Which one?

00:16:28 Speaker 2

This one?

00:16:29 Speaker 2

Yeah.

00:16:32 Speaker 2

Did I say I didn't?

00:16:35 Speaker 2

I'm sorry.

00:16:36 Speaker 2

Did I say I didn't hear the meetings?

00:16:38 Speaker 1

No.

00:16:38 Speaker 9

You just said you didn't know if you were going to be able to stay or...

00:16:43 Speaker 2

No, he said that.

00:16:45 Speaker 9

Oh, okay.

00:16:48 Speaker 2

Squirrel.

00:16:52 Speaker 1

That's all right.

00:16:53 Speaker 1

Hey, anyone else?

00:16:59 Speaker 1

again, we do appreciate the comments.

00:17:01 Speaker 1

We love hearing from our citizens.

00:17:04 Speaker 1

Anytime, good, bad, indifferent.

00:17:11 Speaker 1

You know, that's what makes our community tick.

00:17:15 Speaker 1

And we're all one, no matter what some people think.

00:17:22 Speaker 1

We try and do the job, what we feel is best for the city.

00:17:27 Speaker 1

And what's best for the city is having you guys involved.

00:17:32 Speaker 1

So, appreciate it.

00:17:37 Speaker 1

Okay.

00:17:46 Speaker 1

Commission reports.

00:17:47 Speaker 1

Finance and administration.

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We will begin building our next budget starting in March.

00:17:58 Speaker 1

Kelly and crew will start putting those numbers together.

00:18:02 Speaker 1

We've got to have them finished by the end of May.

00:18:08 Speaker 3

June.

00:18:08 Speaker 3

June has to be completely done.

00:18:10 Speaker 1

Completely done by the end of June.

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But hopefully our target date, to have it all built and voted on, you know, we're probably looking at May.

00:18:20 Speaker 5

And didn't we just get through with that?

00:18:28 Speaker 4

Never ending.

00:18:31 Speaker 1

Okay, next one is Public Works and Streets.

00:18:37 Speaker 1

Let's see, Gas Department responded to 27 Tennessee 811 locate requests.

00:18:46 Speaker 1

Completed four work orders.

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Performed multiple service disconnects and reconnects to meet customer and operational needs.

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Worked on completing the 2026 state inspection and checked gate station daily due to the cold weather.

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Sewer department completed two work orders, addressed 27 Tennessee 811 locate tickets, carried out multiple service disconnects and reconnects, conducted 8 sewer tank inspections.

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monitoring sludge levels and targeting inflow and infiltration.

00:19:31 Speaker 1

In regards to the streets, we've got a couple things.

00:19:38 Speaker 1

We've got Upper Highland that is still out due to the closure of the plants.

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That one is still out to be done.

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We will be discussing tonight

00:19:53 Speaker 1

Culvert on Maplewood Drive.

00:19:58 Speaker 1

And we've got some other projects that we're looking at for down the road.

00:20:04 Speaker 9

Tim, can I ask you a question?

00:20:06 Speaker 1

Yes.

00:20:07 Speaker 9

With the recent storm that we love so much, a couple of years ago we had something similar, icy.

00:20:17 Speaker 9

And you had said that we

00:20:20 Speaker 9

bought chains to go on the trucks so they could get down the street, past your house, and into that other neighborhood there.

00:20:29 Speaker 9

Did we not use them or can they not even get down there?

00:20:34 Speaker 1

My opinion?

00:20:35 Speaker 9

Yeah.

00:20:36 Speaker 1

They can't get down there.

00:20:38 Speaker 1

The road is too steep.

00:20:40 Speaker 1

We went over to those two roads, one in particular down my roads.

00:20:46 Speaker 1

and attempted to go down that street, slid, hit a car.

00:20:52 Speaker 1

So I made the call, right or wrong or indifferent, that I wasn't going to risk city equipment and city employees when we had other streets to be here.

00:21:06 Speaker 9

I saw somewhere in the news that some cities were renting skids, skid steers.

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And they were clearing their streets that way.

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And they were renting them.

00:21:20 Speaker 9

Is that something we can in the future?

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If it's coming, we could do that, at least make an attempt and maybe interview some companies that can do that and see if they can make themselves...

00:21:33 Speaker 9

Okay.

00:21:34 Speaker 9

When do you think we could look at that?

00:21:36 Speaker 9

In a couple of months.

00:21:37 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:21:38 Speaker 9

Kelly, could you put that on the calendar for a couple of months from now?

00:21:45 Speaker 9

I'm having my phone calls.

00:21:47 Speaker 1

Yeah, we'll reach out and have some discussion.

00:21:49 Speaker 1

Yeah.

00:21:52 Speaker 1

All right, Parks and Recreation.

00:21:57 Speaker 1

He's not here.

00:21:59 Speaker 4

He's not here.

00:22:01 Speaker 1

You may have some comments that he might have passed out to you.

00:22:04 Speaker 5

And I don't know if it's on the agenda.

00:22:08 Speaker 5

Did he have anything about appointing new park board members?

00:22:11 Speaker 5

I don't see it on there.

00:22:12 Speaker 1

No.

00:22:12 Speaker 1

He didn't have it on there.

00:22:14 Speaker 5

Okay, never mind.

00:22:15 Speaker 5

I'll leave that up to him.

00:22:19 Speaker 1

He did ask that I put out a notice to the citizens to give us some ideas that you may have for our 4th of July celebration.

00:22:34 Speaker 1

Any input, suggestions, involvement would be fantastic.

00:22:41 Speaker 5

And that was discussed last Tuesday night at their park board meeting that I attended.

00:22:48 Speaker 5

They do have kind of a comprehensive list of what they're going to try and get some food trucks and who they're going to try and get.

00:22:58 Speaker 5

Hey, Anna.

00:23:00 Speaker 5

Anna.

00:23:03 Speaker 5

Anna.

00:23:03 Speaker 5

I'm sorry.

00:23:07 Speaker 5

The 4th of July he was asking about for the park.

00:23:10 Speaker 5

We had talked about some comprehensively getting some food trucks and some vendors and some of that sort of stuff.

00:23:18 Speaker 5

Nothing's written in stone.

00:23:20 Speaker 5

I don't know that they have actually reached out to anybody.

00:23:23 Speaker 5

But in Dale's absence, I'm trying to fill in a little bit just to inform people.

00:23:28 Speaker 12

Miranda Shrunk has reached out to two or three.

00:23:31 Speaker 12

She has not.

00:23:33 Speaker 12

Either she has not heard back from them or she has not reported back to me about whether or not that they would be available.

00:23:40 Speaker 12

So we're starting to put some feelers out and hopefully we will have something to sing.

00:23:48 Speaker 12

Hopefully, hopefully by our next meeting.

00:23:52 Speaker 12

So we talked about, we had a good discussion the other night.

00:23:57 Speaker 12

We had some good ideas.

00:23:59 Speaker 12

So I think

00:24:02 Speaker 12

Stephanie, if you have anything to add that I'm forgetting about that might be helpful for tonight.

00:24:08 Speaker 13

I think they're just really trying to brainstorm at this point.

00:24:11 Speaker 13

Right.

00:24:12 Speaker 13

Throw anything out and see what sticks on the wall.

00:24:14 Speaker 13

We had made mention that we have a Daughters of the Revolution up in Springfield, and I was going to reach out to them and see what they can offer.

00:24:24 Speaker 13

I recently got involved with a group that's called 917 Society, and they pass out pocket constitutions.

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Her name, her first name is Joanie.

00:24:34 Speaker 13

I was thinking about maybe seeing if they would be willing to put up a booth.

00:24:38 Speaker 13

So we just all kind of brainstormed and try to, you know, what can we feasibly do in a city our size?

00:24:44 Speaker 13

And I mean, sky's the limit on ideas about what we can rent, what we can do.

00:24:49 Speaker 12

I mean, we have to work on parking, because I feel like where we normally park, that's where the...

00:24:55 Speaker 12

fireworks are going to be set off.

00:24:57 Speaker 12

So we've got to figure out where we're going to park all the folks and then where to put the vendors and the food trucks, which I think will kind of work kind of like smoke on the bridge.

00:25:08 Speaker 12

So I think we'll maybe have some bouncy houses and start around four o'clock.

00:25:12 Speaker 12

So it's not an all day event because I've seen some people will not have work off even though it's the official work day holiday on the third.

00:25:24 Speaker 12

Maybe have some bouncy houses for the kids.

00:25:26 Speaker 12

Maybe you get the fire and maybe have the kids be sprayed with the water from the fire truck for just a few minutes.

00:25:39 Speaker 12

So that's kind of where we are on that to be determined.

00:25:46 Speaker 13

One of the things that we discussed

00:25:49 Speaker 13

As far as like advertising, I'm saying that right way, like maybe so we have good advertising, whether it's our Facebook page or different outlets, maybe talking to the different churches in the area so that they can help get the word out or groups or city of commerce.

00:26:04 Speaker 13

Just how can we get this posted out as fast as possible?

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And also perhaps get with Green Ridge.

00:26:11 Speaker 12

Chamber of Commerce to try to get Greenbrier pulled in.

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A little more because I don't believe there.

00:26:17 Speaker 12

I mean, are they even going to have a parade this year?

00:26:20 Speaker 12

I mean, I assume they're- Have not heard.

00:26:22 Speaker 1

Okay.

00:26:24 Speaker 12

Well, I know they don't have, I'm pretty sure they don't have a fire show going on.

00:26:27 Speaker 12

So if we can get the Greenbrier Green Ridge Chamber pulled in on that, that would be helpful to them, I feel like.

00:26:34 Speaker 1

Okay.

00:26:36 Speaker 1

just to go kind of further on this, it's not just a fireworks show.

00:26:45 Speaker 1

We're trying to build a celebration for the 250 years for our country.

00:26:52 Speaker 1

So we're looking to, for lack of better terms, have a blowout.

00:27:00 Speaker 12

Do we want t-shirts made?

00:27:03 Speaker 12

250 shirts bridge top celebrating.

00:27:07 Speaker 1

I think it wouldn't be a bad idea.

00:27:09 Speaker 13

We talked about that too and having sponsors.

00:27:12 Speaker 13

Anybody that helps with the shirts put their names on it along with whatever logo we designed with 250 on it.

00:27:19 Speaker 13

That way we could generate money that way and sponsor local businesses and stuff.

00:27:23 Speaker 1

All right, thanks for the update.

00:27:28 Speaker 1

Okay, planning and zoning.

00:27:30 Speaker 4

Planning and zoning we've had

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four permits pulled here within the last six weeks.

00:27:38 Speaker 4

In addition, a couple of mechanical and a couple of accessory buildings.

00:27:42 Speaker 4

So, but I think with the winter storms and everything going on, things might not have been progressing very well.

00:27:47 Speaker 4

I have a friend that was actually starting a house, and of course he got locked in and not able to do anything.

00:27:53 Speaker 4

So, we do have, and I'm sure Russell will give a report, that continuing the litigation in regards to 1775 Nelson Road.

00:28:03 Speaker 4

and dealing with Teton Premier Properties and Keystone Custom Decks.

00:28:07 Speaker 4

I will say I got a report from one of the neighbors because she's taking contacts with me.

00:28:12 Speaker 4

If I could pull my phone up here.

00:28:15 Speaker 4

She had texted me after, it was not too long ago.

00:28:21 Speaker 4

Let me see if I can find it real quick.

00:28:23 Speaker 4

Basically, she's seen a slow down, not as much activity.

00:28:29 Speaker 4

She's saying, what did you guys do?

00:28:30 Speaker 4

Thinking that, because I know we filed suit.

00:28:33 Speaker 4

We're trying to get them served, to get them into court, to get an injunction, to get them to stop.

00:28:36 Speaker 4

But she says things seems to have slowed down a little bit.

00:28:40 Speaker 4

It's not all the commotion, not all the vehicles.

00:28:42 Speaker 4

They're not doing what they were doing.

00:28:44 Speaker 4

So I don't know what's going on.

00:28:46 Speaker 4

I'm just giving a report of what she has reported to me.

00:28:50 Speaker 4

Have we, have they gotten service on that there from the Chancery Court or?

00:28:54 Speaker 10

Well, if you want me to give my report on it, I will now.

00:28:56 Speaker 4

I'll hold off on that.

00:28:58 Speaker 4

Just let you know that that's part of mine.

00:29:00 Speaker 4

I know it's part of yours, so I'll leave that alone.

00:29:04 Speaker 4

And there's not nothing else on the agenda for planning and zoning this month, so there will not be a meeting.

00:29:08 Speaker 4

So that's all I've got.

00:29:10 Speaker 9

Can I ask you?

00:29:11 Speaker 9

Yes.

00:29:12 Speaker 9

Does anyone, is anyone responsible for going around town and verifying that ordinances are being obeyed?

00:29:22 Speaker 4

In regards to.

00:29:25 Speaker 9

Junk cars, bad lawns, abandoned properties.

00:29:29 Speaker 9

There's quite a lot of junk and, you know, properties that aren't built on and yet the weeds and noxious and all those words in the municipal code, they're not being properly cleared out.

00:29:52 Speaker 9

and neighbors don't like it.

00:29:55 Speaker 9

reads vermin.

00:29:56 Speaker 4

I know when complaints are filed and they're filed with the city and Kelly gets those, or Jeanette, and those are sometimes passed on to Mike Bowers, who's the building inspector.

00:30:08 Speaker 4

Sometimes I get those.

00:30:09 Speaker 4

I know Dale had one recently on he had a accessory building that was going up and one of the neighbors was concerned about the setbacks, maybe it was being done on their property.

00:30:20 Speaker 4

Mike Bowers went by this afternoon, got with the owner, found the property pins, measured everything, and found out it was in compliance.

00:30:28 Speaker 4

So I gave that report to Dale 'cause it's just when someone files a complaint, we act on it.

00:30:35 Speaker 9

But we don't seek to see what's going on.

00:30:39 Speaker 9

It's nobody's job to look around the city when they, I mean, I can see 'em everywhere, frankly, but--.

00:30:47 Speaker 1

Mike.

00:30:48 Speaker 1

Bauer, our city inspector, does that, but we also lean on our citizens if they have issues.

00:30:57 Speaker 1

Okay.

00:30:58 Speaker 1

Report them in and we react.

00:31:01 Speaker 9

Okay, so if I see things, I can tell Mike Bauer and he can...

00:31:08 Speaker 1

Contact office first.

00:31:10 Speaker 9

They go to Jane.

00:31:10 Speaker 1

Get a proper letter out and inform the people.

00:31:15 Speaker 9

I would think he would make a decision as to whether or not there's a violation, a real violation.

00:31:21 Speaker 4

Tim, hang on one second.

00:31:22 Speaker 4

If he would notify Jeanette, she deals with planning and zoning.

00:31:25 Speaker 4

And so then she could file the proper paperwork and notify mine.

00:31:29 Speaker 2

So that would be a good idea.

00:31:31 Speaker 9

All right.

00:31:32 Speaker 9

I'm just verifying.

00:31:33 Speaker 9

I didn't know anybody's job was to notice these things and report them into the office.

00:31:41 Speaker 9

Okay.

00:31:41 Speaker 1

All right.

00:31:44 Speaker 1

All right.

00:31:44 Speaker 1

Community and Economic Development.

00:31:47 Speaker 9

Well, that doesn't exist.

00:31:50 Speaker 1

Yeah, it does.

00:31:51 Speaker 9

No, it doesn't.

00:31:54 Speaker 9

That was, there is no record of us being assigned our commissions.

00:32:02 Speaker 9

It happened in a workshop and it's not valid in a workshop.

00:32:07 Speaker 9

No, we didn't.

00:32:09 Speaker 1

Oh, we did that in a meeting.

00:32:11 Speaker 9

No, it's in a workshop.

00:32:14 Speaker 1

No.

00:32:14 Speaker 1

It was assigned in a regular meeting.

00:32:16 Speaker 9

Could you pull that tape then for me?

00:32:19 Speaker 3

I'll find the minutes.

00:32:20 Speaker 9

Oh, whatever.

00:32:22 Speaker 9

I'd like to see the tape too, Bill.

00:32:24 Speaker 9

I looked through the minutes and I can't find it.

00:32:26 Speaker 1

Yeah, specifically assigned them in a regular meeting.

00:32:30 Speaker 9

Okay.

00:32:30 Speaker 9

It didn't say that in the minutes I looked at, but maybe I got the wrong ones.

00:32:34 Speaker 9

Okay.

00:32:35 Speaker 9

Okay.

00:32:36 Speaker 1

All right.

00:32:37 Speaker 1

Utilities.

00:32:39 Speaker 1

I already gave that report, but I also wanted to inform everyone with this recent ice storm.

00:32:50 Speaker 1

It created a lot of damage within our city.

00:32:53 Speaker 1

A week ago, Kelly and I had a meeting with FEMA, TEMA.

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got some direction of what they're going to try and do to help us.

00:33:09 Speaker 1

You know, we're still working through that, waiting for them to give us their approval that the debris pickup has been approved.

00:33:19 Speaker 1

But we're also working on a secondary plan to get this material picked up.

00:33:29 Speaker 1

And what I'd like to let everybody know, we've got an e-mail blast that has been set up for the city.

00:33:37 Speaker 1

I think several of you might have already received it.

00:33:40 Speaker 9

Yeah, it was cool.

00:33:43 Speaker 1

We'll keep posting to that, major events that are coming up within the city, when we're going to get this finalized and the material picked up.

00:33:55 Speaker 1

Our plans are to try and get it done

00:33:58 Speaker 1

ASAP.

00:34:00 Speaker 1

But when you're dealing with FEMA, they tend to be a little bit slow.

00:34:08 Speaker 1

And that's putting it mildly.

00:34:11 Speaker 1

So we're trying to work out these details and we should have something, hopefully, within the next week to two weeks to get this all picked up and cleaned up.

00:34:23 Speaker 9

Do we know how many people have signed up or opted in to that program, Kelly?

00:34:28 Speaker 3

I don't.

00:34:29 Speaker 9

Is there a way that we can?

00:34:31 Speaker 3

I'm sure that we can look and see, but I didn't look to know.

00:34:34 Speaker 3

I don't know the number off the top of my head, but I do know the answer to your other question.

00:34:39 Speaker 3

They were voted on November the 19th, 2024.

00:34:43 Speaker 3

In the minutes assigned commission positions, it says Planning and Zoning and Codes Administration, Community and Economic Development, Alderman Martin.

00:34:55 Speaker 3

And everyone voted

00:34:57 Speaker 3

It was unanimous.

00:34:59 Speaker 9

All right, but we have since discovered that.

00:35:02 Speaker 3

Alderman Gregory made the motion and Alderman Gilmore seconded it.

00:35:08 Speaker 9

But we, as I provided paperwork, that old one that has never been used, that was assigned to me, was converted into a city job description and a paid position.

00:35:24 Speaker 9

of which the educational requirements alone, I don't have them.

00:35:29 Speaker 9

So I'd really respectfully like to request to have Streets and Public Works back.

00:35:37 Speaker 9

I was getting into the swing of it at that point and I was feeling comfortable with it, Tim.

00:35:43 Speaker 1

Okay, we'll take it under consideration.

00:35:45 Speaker 9

Yeah, I asked you that before and that's what you said before.

00:35:51 Speaker 6

Still taking it.

00:35:52 Speaker 9

Okay.

00:35:54 Speaker 1

All right, fire and police.

00:35:58 Speaker 5

Calls responded to the period of January 1, 2026 through January 31st, 2026.

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Storm damage had 62 calls.

00:36:08 Speaker 5

Surprised that number is not higher than that.

00:36:10 Speaker 5

Five structure fires, two first responders, EMS assist.

00:36:15 Speaker 5

We had 23, three public service, 8 false alarms, 4 grass fires.

00:36:21 Speaker 5

11045 and 10310 46 for a total of 113 calls, 70 inside the city, 41 outside the city and nine mutual aid calls.

00:36:34 Speaker 1

I was quite a few.

00:36:39 Speaker 5

I do know the fire department, Caleb and Tony were out also helping clear debris out of the streets and well,

00:36:49 Speaker 5

helping so there was a lot of that going on so.

00:36:53 Speaker 1

Yeah I'd like to say thanks for the work that you guys did um you know you deserve Pat on the back every once in a while but uh you guys did did a really good job of getting the debris and so forth cleaned off the streets thanks

00:37:18 Speaker 1

Okay, business reports.

00:37:22 Speaker 1

Ms.

00:37:22 Speaker 1

Kelly.

00:37:24 Speaker 3

Amber Mathis completed her CMFO certification this past month.

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She is happy to report that.

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The -- Evan will be here tonight, but he is also reporting on another grant, but he is also working with us on -- from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Office

00:37:46 Speaker 3

on the outdoor recreation grant application.

00:37:49 Speaker 3

Next month we will be reapplying, right, for a grant that we applied for last year.

00:37:57 Speaker 14

Well, it's an intent to apply that was submitted in January.

00:38:02 Speaker 14

It'll be a full application if there's an interest in April.

00:38:07 Speaker 3

Okay, so we will have a meeting next month like we did on February the 5th for this grant.

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Do we know what that grant is specifically for?

00:38:18 Speaker 3

I do.

00:38:19 Speaker 3

That grant will be for the walking trail at Ridgetop Station Park.

00:38:23 Speaker 3

And that grant will be called the 2026 Recreational Trails Program Fund.

00:38:29 Speaker 9

And do we have any details of?

00:38:31 Speaker 3

That?

00:38:31 Speaker 3

They will be presented at next month's meeting.

00:38:33 Speaker 9

Okay, so that's at Ridgetop Station Park.

00:38:36 Speaker 9

Okay.

00:38:37 Speaker 1

It's a greenway coming off of Glen Circle.

00:38:41 Speaker 9

Oh, that's that one.

00:38:42 Speaker 9

Okay, okay.

00:38:46 Speaker 1

Yes.

00:38:50 Speaker 1

Anything else?

00:38:52 Speaker 3

That's all.

00:38:54 Speaker 9

I wanted to ask a question, Kelly.

00:38:58 Speaker 9

In the documents section of the city agendas and minutes,

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of what we can see.

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Why is it we don't have any available minutes for any of the commissions?

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I'm looking at...

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Say that again.

00:39:23 Speaker 9

I can hand this to you.

00:39:29 Speaker 7

Hold on.

00:39:29 Speaker 7

I'll run it over.

00:39:50 Speaker 9

Years of not available on minutes for the commission meetings.

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If you pull those up, they were probably workshops.

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Those are probably dates for workshops.

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Well, I think most of them are like the park board meetings, things like that.

00:40:06 Speaker 3

Without knowing what those dates are, I can't answer that.

00:40:10 Speaker 3

I can't just look at this piece of paper with dates and tell you what the answer to that is.

00:40:14 Speaker 9

All right.

00:40:15 Speaker 9

I'll look at them and name them for you, and then I can ask you again, right?

00:40:20 Speaker 9

Okay.

00:40:20 Speaker 9

Sure.

00:40:21 Speaker 9

Okay.

00:40:23 Speaker 9

We should be able to access city documents.

00:40:27 Speaker 3

Well, if you pull up the agenda that's next, the hyperlink that's next to that date, it tells you the agenda.

00:40:33 Speaker 9

It doesn't have the minutes.

00:40:34 Speaker 3

No, it should tell you what that meeting was.

00:40:36 Speaker 9

But there should be minutes.

00:40:38 Speaker 3

But if it pulls up and it says it's a workshop, that'll tell you why there's not minutes beside of it.

00:40:44 Speaker 3

That'll answer your question.

00:40:46 Speaker 9

Oh, okay.

00:40:47 Speaker 3

Yeah.

00:40:47 Speaker 9

Thank you.

00:40:48 Speaker 3

You're welcome.

00:40:50 Speaker 1

Hey, Attorney Russell Freeman.

00:40:53 Speaker 10

Yeah, a short follow-up from what Alderman Siniff was talking about.

00:40:57 Speaker 10

We have filed a lawsuit against Teton Premier Properties and Keystone Custom Decks.

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The judge did execute the lien list pendants, which has been recorded.

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That just is a document that keeps them from selling their property without having to pay the fine and cost that's existing that we've liened.

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We are in the lawsuit.

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We're asking because it's a continuing \$50 per day violation.

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Obviously, by the time we get to court, that number will have grown.

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So the judge did file a sign also what's called an ex parte restraining order that is actually set for a hearing.

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I don't have

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anything back yet indicating there's been effective service of process.

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The restraining order became effective upon signing and notice was provided via an e-mail to a designated individual there at Keystone because we didn't have a website at, I mean, an e-mail for the T-Ton Premier Properties, which is actually a Pennsylvania LLC that owns the real estate.

00:42:02 Speaker 10

That could be the basis for some of the slowdown, but it doesn't say you can have to slow down.

00:42:06 Speaker 10

It says you have to cease.

00:42:08 Speaker 10

So judge probably won't be too happy to know they're still going on.

00:42:12 Speaker 10

So obviously the more your neighbor can supply with videos, photos, things at this stage that we've discussed that would be presented and bring her to court and testify as to the activity.

00:42:25 Speaker 4

She's got plenty of pictures and a lot of information.

00:42:27 Speaker 10

That will be helpful.

00:42:29 Speaker 10

And I'm sure she'll be more than willing to go.

00:42:31 Speaker 10

So that's all I have to report unless there's any other questions.

00:42:36 Speaker 1

Not at this time.

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Thank you, Russell.

00:42:39 Speaker 10

Welcome.

00:42:42 Speaker 1

Hey, mayor's comments.

00:42:44 Speaker 1

It's been a rough few weeks.

00:42:52 Speaker 1

You know, the ice storm did a lot of damage within the city.

00:43:01 Speaker 1

And first and foremost, I want to reiterate what Dan Russell had said.

00:43:08 Speaker 1

Our guys did a fantastic job of clearing the streets, clearing the debris, trying to keep everybody as safe as humanly possible.

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And I really want to say thank you to everyone involved.

00:43:26 Speaker 1

Couldn't ask for anything better.

00:43:29 Speaker 1

Secondly,

00:43:31 Speaker 1

From a health standpoint, y'all will notice that Dale is not here this evening.

00:43:37 Speaker 1

His son has been in the hospital for the last week.

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At least five days, we do a little more, yeah.

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In very serious condition.

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He was on full wifes.

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He was on, yeah, for a period of

00:44:00 Speaker 1

Three or four days he was on total life support.

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We weren't sure if he was going to make it, but he is showing some signs of improvement.

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He's still on a ventilator.

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Things are starting to function a little bit, but he's nowhere near out of the woods.

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So please keep him in your prayers.

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Secondly, Russell Freeman, we're sorry for your loss.

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Thank you.

00:44:31 Speaker 1

Russell just recently lost his mother, and we're extremely sorry to hear that.

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Thank you.

00:44:40 Speaker 1

Thank you.

00:44:41 Speaker 1

And finally, Kim's daughter, I was informed this evening, passed away today.

00:44:52 Speaker 1

So please keep her and their family in your prayers as well.

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Thank you.

00:45:03 Speaker 1

And let's see, next month's.

00:45:05 Speaker 4

Can I say something real quick?

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Miss Martin, I'm very sorry.

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I really know.

00:45:09 Speaker 4

I know it took a lot for you to be here tonight too, I'm sure.

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So thank you.

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If I could say one thing, I know we thank the city workers.

00:45:17 Speaker 4

I know they were out when that storm hit all weekend, Saturday into Sunday and clearing ice, clearing debris.

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I know the mayor was out there clearing branches.

00:45:28 Speaker 4

I know one time my son and I made a little run out there.

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What impressed me, it's not what the city, just the city workers and Cumberland Electric, but it was the citizens.

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It was the neighbors of the communities.

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As I watched them checking on each other, we went out and did some well checks on some of the streets that were without power for a week or more.

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And there was always neighbors looking in on each other, making sure people were being fed, making sure people were getting rides.

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making sure that people were being kept warm.

00:46:01 Speaker 4

It showed a lot of love and compassion from the community.

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And that impressed me.

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I want to say that.

00:46:08 Speaker 4

Thank you to all of you that were looking out for your neighbors.

00:46:12 Speaker 1

Very proud of our city.

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Yes.

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Very proud.

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And also in reference to what Kelly was discussing for next month's meeting, she had asked if we could

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schedule a meeting at 6 o'clock rather than 6:30 to discuss this grant application.

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Which one?

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The parks, recreate, the walking path.

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It'll actually be two different meetings.

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We'll do a second.

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One for that and then we'll go right into our regular meeting.

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Correct.

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Okay, next item up on the agenda.

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old business.

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This is ordinance 2026-101, second reading.

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This is an ordinance to amend ordinance number 2019-103, modifying the natural gas infrastructure fee system for the city of Ridgetop Natural Gas System, Ridgetop, Tennessee.

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We are making modifications

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to our fees.

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Again, this is the second reading.

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We're increasing the installation charge for new gas service to \$8.50 per linear foot.

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The cost of the polyethylene pipe fittings, et cetera.

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to \$8 per linear foot.

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And this is all due primarily to, as everybody's well aware, the rising cost that we've had throughout the country.

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I would emphasize one thing on that.

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What you're saying is this is cost.

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This is not anyone making a profit.

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this is just what it cost the city to do to put this in so I think it's very reasonable for the today and age and what things do really cost out there yes I make a motion we approve ordinance number 2026-101 an ordinance to amend ordinance number 2019-103 modifying the natural gas infrastructure fee system for the city of Ridgetop natural gas system Ridgetop Tennessee I'll second.

00:48:59 Speaker 1

Any questions?

00:49:02 Speaker 1

All in favor?

00:49:03 Speaker 1

Aye.

00:49:04 Speaker 1

Okay, next item up, new business.

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This is a presentation that we're going to have from Evan Sanders in regards to the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for the Wilson Webb property.

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Evan.

00:49:23 Speaker 14

I didn't know I was presenting, but I'll

00:49:31 Speaker 14

You know, and I think you all are aware of the grant at hand and kind of the status, but I'll reiterate, at least from the grant perspective, where thanks, of course, the intent to apply was filed in January of last year, the application in April, and the state did

00:49:54 Speaker 14

indicate that this was moving towards approval.

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There's not a final approval process because they're funding this through what's called the local, the Land Water Conservation Fund, LWCF.

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They've got three pots of money that they administer through this division within the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

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And they've got the LWCF, which this is

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The funding that's being considered, it is federal funding.

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So it's federal dollars that actually get administered by the state of Tennessee through TDEC.

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The other project that you all mentioned earlier, the connector, Greenway connector, the Lynn Circle and Station Park.

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Same division, just a different program, Recreational Trails Program, RTP.

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Those are also federal dollars, and then they also oversee the local park recreation fund, LPRF, which is actually state dollars.

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But the web property, per se, potential acquisition, the application is a total, I think it's been mentioned, a \$600,000 grant opportunity.

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The requirement to receive the grant is a 50%, it's a 50% match.

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Consequently, the RTP, just to give a side note, is a 20% match.

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But RTP has to be trail related.

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Could you explain that a little cleaner?

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I'll try and explain which portion of it.

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Just the difference in the two pots of money.

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Yes.

00:51:41 Speaker 14

Sure.

00:51:41 Speaker 14

Yeah, they're both federal.

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LWCF and RTP, RTP recreational trails program has to be trails or trail related facilities.

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So in essence, obviously the greenway connector between the station park and the circle, that's trail related.

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But they will also allow things to support trails like trail heads or kiosks or parking, restrooms even specifically for

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to support a trade.

00:52:14 Speaker 14

But acquisition projects, you know, as the web property, tennis court facilities and future land for future potential development, that would not fit the RTP criteria.

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So that either had to go

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LWCF or LPRF.

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So either LWCF, which is the federal, or LPRF, both of them are 50/50.

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So there's no difference in the match in either of those.

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So where things stand is, yes, they did kind of put this towards the, or the project was put towards the federal pot of money, which means that

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There are some additional federal forms, just application forms for the federal process, even though it's still running primarily through the state of Tennessee, they work in conjunction with the federal division.

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And, you know, in short, and kind of in, you know, to kind of give an example, those that were funded at the same time with

00:53:26 Speaker 14

LPRF funding state dollars those are already well off off and running the federal process does take a little bit longer however the ball is in the city's court um you know if there's an interest in continuing with the pursuit of the grant then we would need to get the forms you know back into the to the uh funding agency and if not we simply need to make sure they're aware that the city you know chooses not to move forward so it's kind of

00:53:54 Speaker 14

you know, they've reached out asking, Hey, what's the status?

00:53:57 Speaker 14

And maybe there would be a meeting coming up first of the year to discuss.

00:54:01 Speaker 14

It's kind of what we had communicated with them.

00:54:04 Speaker 14

So that's kind of basically where things stand.

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Okay.

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Thank you very much, sir.

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Can I ask a question?

00:54:13 Speaker 9

What, before we put the grant in, we have to have certain things done at our expense, is that correct?

00:54:22 Speaker 14

There shouldn't be anything at your expense, you know, maybe a newspaper publication or something like that, but no fees.

00:54:32 Speaker 14

No engineering?

00:54:34 Speaker 14

No engineering, no.

00:54:36 Speaker 14

The project is an acquisition only project, so there's no engineering involved.

00:54:42 Speaker 14

It would just be a land purchase project only.

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So if we, okay, so no other fees are included in the grant?

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Not, oh, in the grant itself, in the implementation of the grant.

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Yes.

00:54:58 Speaker 14

Yes, there are our fees, the administrative management fees, and that's the only other fee that's in there.

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And that would be how much?

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That I think was, it was a 1.2 million, I think ours were set at 30,000.

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That's correct.

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Okay.

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And that's simply for the management and compliance regulatory.

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You're doing work.

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You're doing work.

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We get that.

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Yeah.

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Okay.

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I thought there was an engineering.

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And so there would be no.

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There shouldn't be any engineering on this.

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I will say that there they do require an appraisal, but that has not been done.

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Those are non eligible costs.

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So appraiser would have to be brought on board above and beyond the.

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total cost of the project.

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So that is something outside of the project, but required.

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Would there be any operational plans needed?

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No.

00:56:02 Speaker 9

I mean, at this point, it is literally just- Land acquisition.

00:56:06 Speaker 14

Yeah, but it's literally just land acquisition only.

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Okay, so all the other details and operations and equipment that would be needed and all the others- For future?

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Is that correct?

00:56:18 Speaker 14

Yeah.

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That's not part of this.

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That's not part of this.

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Okay, so nothing else is covered.

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And if we run over, it's our responsibility.

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Well, yes.

00:56:30 Speaker 14

Let's say the total grant's 1.2.

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I think, of course, if you take off the fee, I think that's the, you know, close, you know, 1.17 or something like that for the land acquisition.

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If it comes in,

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in excess of that, if the appraised value, the fair market value comes in excess, you can make a request to the grain agency to try and cover, split the difference.

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It used to be they never did that, but occasionally there has been success in that in the last few years.

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I'll be honest, I think that with the number of applications they're currently beginning to get, I just don't think that is likely.

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just to be open.

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So, you know, if there was still interest in continuing on, if it were \$100,000 over, let's say, you know, that would have to be local money.

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But again, that's at the time.

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There's nothing to say that, you know, once you get the appraised value, you couldn't discontinue things.

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It's not ideal if you're already under contract with the state.

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But, you know,

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I have seen projects be discontinued because of budget reasons before.

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So if it's just for a wild figure, if it was actually appraised at 2 million.

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Yeah, that's, you know, you would have to get with the state and say, gosh, that came in much higher than anticipated.

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You know, we don't have the additional money to put forward.

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So we would have to come up with that.

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If you want it to proceed.

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If you want it to proceed.

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But the additional money only goes in the event the acquisition price is greater than what you've contracted for.

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The appraisal is not, but if price is not set based on appraisal, you would not receive the money.

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Correct.

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That is correct.

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You get the grant.

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Based on price.

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Based on anticipated cost to begin with.

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Then you have it appraised.

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If it comes in higher, it's either potentially kicking in more money.

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If it comes in less, then you're giving money back to the state.

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If it comes in \$100,000 less than anticipated, you're basically not spending as much.

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So you're not using all the grant, you're not using all your match.

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Okay.

00:58:56 Speaker 9

But that does not include any development.

00:59:02 Speaker 9

Of the land.

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That is correct.

00:59:04 Speaker 9

Whatsoever.

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Not with this grant.

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So we could go significantly higher with development of it and who knows what's there and what needs to be fixed and la la la.

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That's future correct.

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The grant program, I will say, when they use their funds, just so everybody, when their funding is used for acquisition, they do have a requirement that development begins to occur.

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within a three-year period.

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Now, this is a little bit of an unusual situation because there are already improvements on site.

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Normally, the land acquisition is just vacant land.

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So they want to get some sort of recreation.

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It's already got recreation on there.

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So what does development mean?

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You know, that will have to be defined.

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It could mean a lot of things.

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It could mean a lot of things.

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We don't know really what kind of condition everything's in.

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The parking is a problem.

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There's trees everywhere.

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It, you know, needs paving and...

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But that doesn't affect the grant, does it?

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No, no, but it does affect the bottom line of what we're getting and having to repair and maintain and all that, which could be another

01:00:25 Speaker 9

how much?

01:00:27 Speaker 9

Okay, thank you.

01:00:28 Speaker 9

You asked your question.

01:00:30 Speaker 5

I do have a question real quick.

01:00:33 Speaker 5

How long is this grant before?

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I'm sure there's stipulations as to how long we keep the property and that sort of thing.

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At what point in time are we free and clear of the grant?

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And the obligation of the property.

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Yes.

01:00:50 Speaker 14

That's a good question.

01:00:51 Speaker 14

So when they award grants and you implement a project, their interest is in securing recreational land for the state of Tennessee.

01:01:03 Speaker 14

So they do have a requirement that what's called a notice of limitation of use be developed and recorded against said deed of the property since their grant was involved, and really what that NLU

01:01:18 Speaker 14

is saying is that that land will be used for recreational purposes forever.

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It's, you know, it's to be a, you know, they want to protect everybody's money that's going into this.

01:01:30 Speaker 14

They want to secure park land and they want to make sure that that's used for park and recreation, you know, forever in time.

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As they put it,

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forever and a day.

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Now, technically, there are ways of converting if something popped up and you needed that land for something urgent, specific.

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There are conversion mechanisms that can be navigated, but it means you gotta come up with some other land to kind of convert one for the other.

01:02:01 Speaker 9

So it would be a trade-off.

01:02:02 Speaker 14

Yeah, it would be kind of a trade-off.

01:02:04 Speaker 9

So if we couldn't afford to do what we think we think we can afford to do,

01:02:09 Speaker 9

then we just can't sell the land or we can't build houses on it.

01:02:12 Speaker 9

That's correct.

01:02:13 Speaker 9

To bring in our tax revenue by using it for a subdivision.

01:02:18 Speaker 14

That's without converting it, legally converting it through the process and involving a grant agency.

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Okay.

01:02:25 Speaker 14

Okay.

01:02:25 Speaker 1

Any options?

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All right, thank you, Evan.

01:02:32 Speaker 4

Thank you.

01:02:33 Speaker 14

Absolutely.

01:02:33 Speaker 14

And I'd just say, you know, kind of where we are is, of course, we need to provide some sort of follow-up with the state, just kind of, you know, at some point, you know.

01:02:43 Speaker 4

I was gonna say, how much time do we have to make that decision?

01:02:47 Speaker 4

Those funds are available.

01:02:48 Speaker 14

We've kind of pushed that a little bit, to be real honest, you know?

01:02:52 Speaker 9

I think this is your schedule of it, isn't it?

01:02:57 Speaker 14

I'd have to really think.

01:02:58 Speaker 9

It was in the deadline for the grant yeah.

01:03:02 Speaker 14

And it may be so I mean but as far

01:03:05 Speaker 14

As far as where we are, I mean, since the grant is not awarded, they are encouraging things to kind of get-- Move forward.

01:03:15 Speaker 14

Yeah, either move forward or not, I guess is the best way of putting it.

01:03:20 Speaker 14

And so we need to provide them notification one way or the other.

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Okay.

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All right, well thank you again for your time and help.

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In regards to this, just a few comments on my end.

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There's been a lot put out there about this project.

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The project was purchase of 1.2 million, of which Evan has described to us that we've gotten \$600,000.

01:04:06 Speaker 14

Yeah, let me cannot, Jim, they've not actually formally gotten it yet, they're still trying to get that finalization if you sub choose to move forward.

01:04:16 Speaker 1

Okay, thank you.

01:04:17 Speaker 9

Sir, they're not committed yet.

01:04:19 Speaker 9

None of us are committed yet.

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Thank you.

01:04:21 Speaker 1

No, none of them.

01:04:23 Speaker 1

So, some of the pros that I'd like to just speak of, three in particular, one, it allows us as a city to expand our park system.

01:04:39 Speaker 1

Good or bad, that's something that we've got to look at.

01:04:44 Speaker 1

It would add additional, potentially add additional sports complexes other than pickleball and tennis, and potentially generate some revenue for us through tournaments and the such.

01:05:03 Speaker 1

Some of the negatives, cost.

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You know, there's a lot of money potentially that would need to be spent on this project.

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You know, developing these areas, walking trails, et cetera.

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So it's something that we need to consider.

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You know, we've got a lot of other needs within the city.

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We've got to take into consideration, which include, you know, sewer systems for Barwood area, streets, et cetera.

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You know, we'd probably have to hire an additional person.

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At least.

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I would think we'd need quite a few.

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We'd need-- To maintain?

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Yeah, security.

01:05:57 Speaker 1

You know, the other end is, you know,

01:06:01 Speaker 1

potentially could be a residential construction, which would, again, generate revenue for the city.

01:06:08 Speaker 9

Yes, it would.

01:06:09 Speaker 1

So, you know, these are some of the things that we need to really take into consideration and review.

01:06:17 Speaker 1

Well, John, you had some things that you wanted to mention.

01:06:20 Speaker 4

I got a couple things I've been working on.

01:06:22 Speaker 4

One, I contacted Gary Jackal, and in contact with Kelly as well, and I'd like to propose a site visit for the BOMA.

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All of us together go out as a group and walk the grounds, inspect the tennis courts, pickleball, the clubhouse, the house, everything.

01:06:42 Speaker 4

Walk the acreage, kind of look at it.

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Now there will be certain parameters that Mr.

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Jackal has asked us to follow, and there are certain discussions we cannot have.

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We are there just to observe.

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and to a fact finding basically.

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Will we get a list of what Mr.

01:07:01 Speaker 9

Jacob is proposing.

01:07:01 Speaker 4

Yes, yes.

01:07:03 Speaker 4

I'll make sure that, I'll print that out so we won't get it ahead of time so we know what we can and cannot discuss.

01:07:08 Speaker 9

Right.

01:07:09 Speaker 4

Okay, that'll be done so we don't violate any sunshine laws.

01:07:12 Speaker 4

Right.

01:07:13 Speaker 4

But as a group, we can go out there and inspect.

01:07:15 Speaker 4

Okay.

01:07:16 Speaker 4

So I'm waiting on Dale Gilmore.

01:07:20 Speaker 4

with the situation with his son before I go ahead and set a date for that.

01:07:24 Speaker 4

If everybody's on board, I would like to propose us going out there as a group and looking at this.

01:07:29 Speaker 9

So we're not voting on anything tonight?

01:07:31 Speaker 9

No, I would also like to make some comments about it too, if I may.

01:07:35 Speaker 4

Well, can I finish?

01:07:37 Speaker 4

No, that's all right.

01:07:38 Speaker 4

That's just one of the things I was working on.

01:07:41 Speaker 4

The other, actually, Tim, did you want to discuss what Mr.

01:07:44 Speaker 4

Jackal had to say about municipal bonds and possibly, because we don't know, like you said,

01:07:49 Speaker 4

additional funding to finish the acquisition, what's available, and I spoke to Mr.

01:07:57 Speaker 4

Jacqueline.

01:07:57 Speaker 4

I think he gave you some of the information.

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Basically what he informed me of today, there's a low interest bond loan that we could apply for at a fixed rate.

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It would give us three to four years to decide on how we want to use the funds.

01:08:19 Speaker 1

I think we have the capability of going up to a million dollars.

01:08:25 Speaker 1

And then it has a 25-year term to repay.

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So those were the general parameters of the bond funds.

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How would that impact our fund, our reserve fund that we're not allowed to touch?

01:08:49 Speaker 1

Wouldn't affect it.

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We'd still have our reserve fund.

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Okay.

01:08:56 Speaker 1

All right.

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And that's what we're trying to avoid.

01:08:59 Speaker 9

Right.

01:09:00 Speaker 10

Correct.

01:09:02 Speaker 5

Yeah, I think I can speak for all of us up here that we're not gonna buy this property and put the city in a bad situation at \$600,000.

01:09:12 Speaker 5

We don't, I mean, even if we've got it in the bank, that's more than we can afford.

01:09:19 Speaker 5

if if there's other ways around it than uh the bonds or something like that uh I'd definitely be interested in hearing some more information on it so okay.

01:09:30 Speaker 10

One quick question um with regard to one of the structures that are already there being a residential structure is there going to be a required conversion of that for some sort of

01:09:43 Speaker 10

recreation type facility or can it be maintained as a residential?

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Typically, it's going to be recreation.

01:09:49 Speaker 14

I mean, I think they when when the entire land is is acquired, yeah, I mean, that's that then becomes part of recreational land.

01:09:59 Speaker 9

So we couldn't rent the house to have someone on the property to secure the house.

01:10:04 Speaker 14

I'll be honest, that would be those would be things we'd need to find out.

01:10:07 Speaker 14

Find out if there are those kind of questions because this I'll be honest.

01:10:11 Speaker 14

this is an unusual situation where there's actually a structure on land that's going to be acquired.

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I wouldn't.

01:10:20 Speaker 4

Mind adding to that because the gentleman who began this foundation 25 years ago here in Ridgetop, Summercrest, resides in that house, him and his wife.

01:10:30 Speaker 4

He just turned 86, his wife, William's going to be turning 84, and

01:10:36 Speaker 4

they would be interested maybe in even residing there as a caretaker to look out for things, but also paying rent back towards the city to help with the operating costs for a state of town.

01:10:50 Speaker 4

So that's what I'm saying, those things that we can ask and find out if that's possible.

01:10:54 Speaker 14

Those are definitely kind of outside the box on the norm of what a project normally would look like.

01:11:00 Speaker 14

So we would definitely need to get guidance from a funding agency on what

01:11:06 Speaker 14

May or may not be allowed.

01:11:07 Speaker 1

Okay.

01:11:08 Speaker 9

Would that be a long drawn out process?

01:11:10 Speaker 14

I don't think so.

01:11:16 Speaker 9

Okay.

01:11:16 Speaker 9

Am I okay to talk now?

01:11:18 Speaker 9

Yep.

01:11:18 Speaker 9

I'm done.

01:11:20 Speaker 6

Sorry.

01:11:21 Speaker 6

Go ahead.

01:11:22 Speaker 6

I'm done.

01:11:23 Speaker 9

I have a little speech.

01:11:25 Speaker 9

I don't

01:11:26 Speaker 9

I don't think we have any information or a clear indication that the citizens of Ridgetop desire to acquire this property or have any idea of the magnitude, expense, or probable ongoing property tax implications of this property could produce.

01:11:42 Speaker 9

Our greatest responsibility is to be prudent stewards of every single taxpayer dollar.

01:11:48 Speaker 9

All historic and anticipated expenses anticipated to be incurred by the city prior to

01:11:55 Speaker 9

The grant approval must be specifically detailed, outlined, and presented to the citizens in a clear and understandable manner prior to the city going forward with the application.

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This should include, but not limited to, the following.

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I guess we don't need the engineering study, but that was on the list of things that needed to be done.

01:12:19 Speaker 9

The appraisal, operational plan of the project,

01:12:24 Speaker 9

with detailed estimates of all areas of necessary operational and maintenance equipment, code upgrades, insurance costs, employment needs to cover staffing, and one more page.

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supervision, maintenance, personnel, security, removal of hazardous conditions, land clearing, parking lot planning, rating and paving, advertising, proposed future development of walking trails, bridges to Station Park or other neighborhoods, a plan of proposed revenue from the property, et cetera, and an operation plan must be developed and evaluated prior to the purchase, in my opinion, this is my opinion.

01:13:04 Speaker 9

The needs and cost assessment must be in front of the citizens and the Board of Mayor and Alderman with time to meet, discuss, review, analyze and address the plans and assess probable ongoing property tax consequences to the city prior to making appropriate decisions.

01:13:23 Speaker 9

The citizens deserve to have specific details as to how this endeavor will impact their property taxes going forward.

01:13:34 Speaker 9

Thank you.

01:13:35 Speaker 4

If I could respond to that real quick.

01:13:37 Speaker 4

Sure.

01:13:37 Speaker 4

Along with the site visit, by the middle of next week, we should have operational costs from the foundation going back several years, from Summer Press.

01:13:45 Speaker 4

How it operates, how it funds itself, so the city can see what it takes to do that.

01:13:51 Speaker 9

We've been waiting for that for a long time.

01:13:53 Speaker 4

They're putting it together.

01:13:55 Speaker 9

Okay.

01:13:57 Speaker 9

Kelly, would you like a copy of what I just said?

01:14:04 Speaker 3

No, that's okay.

01:14:05 Speaker 3

Thank you.

01:14:06 Speaker 3

I don't think I need it.

01:14:10 Speaker 3

Yeah, I think I'm good.

01:14:12 Speaker 3

Thank you.

01:14:13 Speaker 3

Okay.

01:14:14 Speaker 1

All right.

01:14:14 Speaker 9

Would anybody else like a copy of what I have so that you can look it over?

01:14:19 Speaker 9

Yes?

01:14:19 Speaker 9

Okay, thank you.

01:14:22 Speaker 1

Okay, I guess that will conclude the discussion on this.

01:14:27 Speaker 1

We'll move on to resolution

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26-01.

01:14:37 Speaker 1

This is a resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgetop, Tennessee, authorizing the submission of an application, fiscal year 2026, State Community Development Block Grant funds, in particular to purchase a, potentially purchase a fire truck down the road.

01:15:10 Speaker 4

I make a motion that we approve resolution number 26-01.

01:15:14 Speaker 4

Do you want to have a discussion?

01:15:17 Speaker 4

Oh, I'm sorry.

01:15:19 Speaker 4

I'm sorry.

01:15:19 Speaker 4

I make a motion to approve resolution number 26-01, a resolution of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Ridgetop, Tennessee, authorizing the submission of an application for F-26 State Community Development Block Grant funds.

01:15:35 Speaker 4

I'll second.

01:15:37 Speaker 1

Any discussion?

01:15:39 Speaker 9

Yeah, there's discussion.

01:15:43 Speaker 9

We have not gotten any specific details of what fire truck it is.

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I think we have a few.

01:15:52 Speaker 9

What the make, model, I know we've spent a lot of money in the last few years specifically repairing that and

01:16:04 Speaker 9

It just seems like, are we rushing it?

01:16:08 Speaker 9

Should we wait longer?

01:16:09 Speaker 9

I mean, we have to get rid of the fire truck once, we can't hang on to it once we get ready to buy another one.

01:16:18 Speaker 9

From what I understand from the county mayor, he said that it could not be retained.

01:16:25 Speaker 9

And so we have to get rid of it after all this money we just put into it, and we don't know the mileage on it, we don't know anything about it.

01:16:34 Speaker 9

And I find that a little concerning that we don't get or haven't gotten all the details about the machine after we spent a couple hundred thousand dollars repairing it.

01:16:45 Speaker 9

It's a little scary to me.

01:16:47 Speaker 5

That was a different fire truck.

01:16:48 Speaker 5

The fire truck.

01:16:49 Speaker 9

That's what I'm saying.

01:16:50 Speaker 5

The fire truck we had repaired was the ladder truck.

01:16:52 Speaker 5

This is the green truck, if I'm not mistaken.

01:16:56 Speaker 11

Ladder truck, yes.

01:16:57 Speaker 9

Well, could we get details on what it is, mileage,

01:17:02 Speaker 9

The repair, I mean, it's supposed to be maintained on a certain schedule.

01:17:06 Speaker 9

I'm not saying I'm not for it.

01:17:08 Speaker 9

I just want to know what it is, because we don't have an idea.

01:17:13 Speaker 9

Well, apparently you know what it's about, Ronte, but I never got told it was a different truck.

01:17:21 Speaker 4

Tony, which truck is it?

01:17:23 Speaker 4

What age is it?

01:17:24 Speaker 4

Can you give us some information on that?

01:17:26 Speaker 4

The ones to be replaced, the pump truck, I believe.

01:17:28 Speaker 11

Yeah, but I got to go back and back up.

01:17:30 Speaker 11

I heard the county mayor there tell me that we had to get rid of one.

01:17:34 Speaker 11

Now that might be in the picture, but we've got a truck.

01:17:37 Speaker 11

Our oldest one's a 93.

01:17:39 Speaker 11

It's less computer operated, which means it's a better truck.

01:17:44 Speaker 11

Oh, we don't put 30,000 miles a year on the whole fleet.

01:17:50 Speaker 11

We just don't do that.

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Our oldest, our nuclear one to do is

01:17:54 Speaker 11

which is a 99.

01:17:55 Speaker 11

We bought it in 2002 out of Talladega, Alabama.

01:18:01 Speaker 11

That's probably one of our most computerized.

01:18:03 Speaker 11

That's going to give us more trouble.

01:18:06 Speaker 9

So then if they're in good condition, not hardly driven and all that, why are we doing it?

01:18:13 Speaker 11

Well, we're having problems with them.

01:18:15 Speaker 9

Oh, well, this is the first we've heard of any problems.

01:18:17 Speaker 11

I've never, nobody's ever asked me a question.

01:18:20 Speaker 9

Well, I didn't hear about

01:18:22 Speaker 9

a proposal for a truck until I got it the fifth.

01:18:25 Speaker 11

The you don't wait till one breaks down or I understand till you ask for a grant this is two.

01:18:31 Speaker 1

Years out and that's that's the purpose of this whole thing is to get the application in there determine which truck is in for lack of better terms the worst condition

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and plan for the future so we can keep this equipment up to date and our citizens safe.

01:18:53 Speaker 9

I totally get it.

01:18:54 Speaker 9

It's just that we haven't gotten any details.

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Because there are no details right now.

01:19:02 Speaker 1

Right now, we're sitting in a situation to apply for a grant.

01:19:07 Speaker 1

We're not sure how much we're going to get, so that's going to determine what we're going to purchase, and at that time, when and if the grant is approved,

01:19:17 Speaker 1

Then we can make a decision on, okay, which truck do we want to look at?

01:19:21 Speaker 9

Oh, so we're kind of going to pick whichever one's in the worst shape.

01:19:24 Speaker 1

Depends on what we're trying to do.

01:19:27 Speaker 9

But could we get the information of the trucks is what I'm asking.

01:19:32 Speaker 9

I'm not going to turn in my car with no-- We'll.

01:19:36 Speaker 1

Get you the information.

01:19:38 Speaker 9

Thank you.

01:19:38 Speaker 11

Okay.

01:19:41 Speaker 1

All right, any other questions?

01:19:44 Speaker 9

I did want to ask that, what was it, an ordinance on that one?

01:19:50 Speaker 1

Yes, resolution.

01:19:53 Speaker 9

Resolution, wait a minute.

01:19:56 Speaker 9

Why did we not specify in the document the resolution what it was we were doing?

01:20:03 Speaker 9

It says block grant, it does not say fire engine.

01:20:08 Speaker 9

There's a whole menu there.

01:20:10 Speaker 9

That's what the blocks, I guess, mean, blocks of a menu.

01:20:14 Speaker 9

So why does it not say specifically what we're going to do with that money so that you and I know that it's going for a truck and we don't get told, oh, by the way, we decided to do this with it, when we're supposed to vote on something and have all the details.

01:20:35 Speaker 14

Can I say, do you have a copy of the resolution?

01:20:38 Speaker 14

I'll make sure the language is.

01:20:40 Speaker 9

Um I'd be happy to correct so yeah.

01:20:43 Speaker 14

Um so the category that that fire equipment emergency service equipment fall under is public health and safety and um and the uh first that Tim Shaw mayor of successor where it spells out it says uh block grant funds in the amount not to exceed \$420,000 for a public health and safety project

01:21:09 Speaker 14

So that's the umbrella of which, could be a fire truck, could be an ambulance, but that's the umbrella of which the program specifies for the category that a fire truck would compete under.

01:21:24 Speaker 9

Okay.

01:21:25 Speaker 14

But it's going to be a sewer project that, you know, that there would say, you know, wastewater project.

01:21:31 Speaker 9

Okay.

01:21:32 Speaker 9

So it is, you're saying it's that specific?

01:21:35 Speaker 14

Yeah, I mean, yes, it's got the specific category that you would be applying for.

01:21:43 Speaker 9

All right.

01:21:51 Speaker 9

And if the cost of the fire truck is well in excess of what we can, of the portion that we would be paying, we're just out of luck and we have to pay.

01:22:04 Speaker 14

So the maximum

01:22:06 Speaker 14

Grants 420 as we have discussed previously.

01:22:11 Speaker 14

So anything above and beyond yes is local dollars.

01:22:14 Speaker 14

The grant can't go above that particular amount.

01:22:17 Speaker 14

Now the minimum match is 24% of the total project.

01:22:24 Speaker 14

But, you know, so if you're able to find a vehicle within, you know, the 420 plus match, then, you know, that's all well and good.

01:22:35 Speaker 14

If you find a vehicle that's in excess of that, then, again, that has to be local money, yes?

01:22:40 Speaker 9

Okay.

01:22:41 Speaker 14

To proceed, it doesn't mean you have to proceed, again, but to proceed, you would have to put up additional local money.

01:22:48 Speaker 14

Just as if you bid a sewer project and it came in over the amount anticipated, you've got to make the decision, do we go or do we not go?

01:22:57 Speaker 9

What does the fire truck cost?

01:22:59 Speaker 14

They are all over the place.

01:23:01 Speaker 14

It depends on the size, you know, what sort of features, you know, safety.

01:23:08 Speaker 14

We see them all over.

01:23:09 Speaker 14

It depends on how, whether you're getting a brand new or a demonstration model or, you know, a low mileage.

01:23:17 Speaker 14

There is a lot of factors.

01:23:20 Speaker 14

Yes.

01:23:21 Speaker 9

So we don't know.

01:23:24 Speaker 14

Well, you know, not specifically, I don't.

01:23:27 Speaker 14

Now, typically when an application goes in, you know, it is researched as far as, okay, the type vehicle that we would like to get would be set amount.

01:23:36 Speaker 14

That's not something we do.

01:23:37 Speaker 14

We usually rely on the departments to, you know, work through their vendors and try and get some quotes or estimates of what something may be.

01:23:47 Speaker 4

How long does this process take to obtain this grant?

01:23:51 Speaker 14

The application would go in.

01:23:53 Speaker 14

They've just moved it since our last meeting from March 20th to April 10th.

01:24:00 Speaker 14

They will, the ones that we submitted this past year, they didn't announce until November 13th.

01:24:06 Speaker 14

So you don't find out whether you even get it or you don't get it until usually November, December.

01:24:12 Speaker 14

Then the process, the implementation process starts, the bidding, you know, putting the documents together, the bidding process, the, you know, award, and then, you know,

01:24:22 Speaker 14

have a successful bid and you the manufacturing process can take months on end um unless it's already a demonstration model or something like that that's available so it's it's usually you know it's usually a two-year process yes.

01:24:39 Speaker 4

So if we start right now we approve this it could be two years before we actually before we're done before we're done and get a new fire truck okay.

01:24:47 Speaker 14

Can we withdraw at any time uh yes um

01:24:52 Speaker 14

Projects are not frequently, but they are withdrawn, you know, so you just want to make sure you're doing it obviously before you get obligated to, you know, if a bid comes in, double what you're expecting or, you know, yes, I mean.

01:25:09 Speaker 9

Okay.

01:25:09 Speaker 14

That's your justification.

01:25:11 Speaker 9

Okay.

01:25:13 Speaker 9

Thank you.

01:25:13 Speaker 9

You've been very informative, you've been very informative, and your presentation was really good.

01:25:21 Speaker 1

I appreciate it.

01:25:22 Speaker 1

Okay.

01:25:25 Speaker 1

All in favor.

01:25:27 Speaker 4

Aye.

01:25:27 Speaker 4

Aye.

01:25:27 Speaker 1

Aye.

01:25:28 Speaker 9

Aye.

01:25:38 Speaker 1

Next item up is resolution number 26-02.

01:25:46 Speaker 1

This is the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System, TCRS, buyback study plan.

01:25:56 Speaker 1

Basically, what we're looking to do here is approve the study, which is \$1,300, to see what it would cost us to go back 15 years and 25 years, gather the information on the retirement plan.

01:26:23 Speaker 9

That's what we're starting, where we're starting.

01:26:27 Speaker 1

You have to pick two dates.

01:26:29 Speaker 9

Yeah, why is it already picked?

01:26:32 Speaker 9

Before we vote.

01:26:34 Speaker 1

They asked me for the two requests, and that's what I gave them.

01:26:44 Speaker 9

But we're supposed to vote on that.

01:26:49 Speaker 1

In order to get this, we had to do that.

01:26:53 Speaker 1

You know, I think it was appropriate.

01:26:59 Speaker 4

Well, I believe the \$1,300 is a flat rate no matter how far back you go.

01:27:04 Speaker 4

It doesn't matter how far back, it's \$1,300 to go back retro to research that.

01:27:09 Speaker 9

Okay, so none of this assumes we're voting to do anything other than spend the \$1,300?

01:27:17 Speaker 9

Fine, works for me.

01:27:19 Speaker 9

I.

01:27:19 Speaker 10

Think the date was picked for purposes of the study

01:27:23 Speaker 10

Including the vesting period of a few employees that have been in the longest.

01:27:32 Speaker 1

Yes.

01:27:34 Speaker 1

That is correct.

01:27:38 Speaker 4

I make a motion to approve resolution 26-02, a resolution to authorize and appropriate funds for natural study to determine the costs associated with the political subdivision's participation in the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System

01:27:53 Speaker 4

in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated Title 8, Chapter 34-37.

01:27:57 Speaker 4

I'll second.

01:28:02 Speaker 1

Any questions?

01:28:04 Speaker 1

All in favor?

01:28:06 Speaker 1

Aye.

01:28:06 Speaker 1

Okay, next item up is ordinance number 2026-102.

01:28:14 Speaker 1

This is an ordinance to amend ordinance 1-102 of the Ridgetop Municipal Code

01:28:23 Speaker 1

to include in the order of business of the board and mayor and aldermen to include reservation of a period for public comment.

01:28:35 Speaker 1

And basically what this is, is just putting it into our ordinances and municipal code that we'll have a time set aside specifically for public comments.

01:28:48 Speaker 10

Correct, Mayor, this is a housekeeping item basically to bring the ordinance current

01:28:53 Speaker 10

under the state statute and allow for citizens comments in a particular order of business.

01:29:01 Speaker 9

Do we have to do that immediately if we vote on it today, Kelly?

01:29:10 Speaker 3

Do what immediately?

01:29:13 Speaker 9

Put it into effect.

01:29:15 Speaker 10

It's already in effect.

01:29:16 Speaker 10

We've been giving citizens comments for a long time, but this is just a housekeeping to clean up the ordinance that did not have an item four for citizens comments as we've been putting it on our agenda.

01:29:28 Speaker 9

Right.

01:29:28 Speaker 9

I also noticed, though, that there's streets missing in the municipal code with the names of the streets, and that would apply the

01:29:39 Speaker 9

speed limit to them.

01:29:40 Speaker 9

So we're missing a whole bunch of streets too.

01:29:43 Speaker 9

I just thought it might be easier if we did them together.

01:29:45 Speaker 3

That would be a different ordinance.

01:29:47 Speaker 9

Yeah.

01:29:47 Speaker 9

Okay.

01:29:47 Speaker 3

This is just order of business.

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Right.

01:29:51 Speaker 9

Okay.

01:29:54 Speaker 4

I'll make a motion to approve ordinance 2026-102 of an ordinance to amend ordinance 1-102 of the Ridgetop Municipal Code to include in the order of business the Board of Mayor and Alderman to include the reservation of a period for public comment.

01:30:10 Speaker 4

I'll second.

01:30:10 Speaker 5

I'll second.

01:30:12 Speaker 1

Any additional comments?

01:30:15 Speaker 1

Okay, all in favor.

01:30:16 Speaker 4

Aye.

01:30:18 Speaker 1

Next item up is put out for bid the repaving of East End Road that has been damaged from the trucks flowing up and down the road.

01:30:36 Speaker 1

We have a

01:30:38 Speaker 1

I'm going to say it's about a 30, 40 foot stretch that has to be repaired.

01:30:45 Speaker 1

So I'm proposing that we put it out for bid and get this road fixed.

01:30:52 Speaker 4

Is the trucks, are they done running on it?

01:30:56 Speaker 1

I haven't seen one running up and down that road.

01:31:00 Speaker 1

in a few weeks now.

01:31:01 Speaker 9

They're running up and down the road every day.

01:31:03 Speaker 9

Sorry to speak out of term, but every day they're up and down the road.

01:31:06 Speaker 1

Okay, then we don't need to put this out there.

01:31:09 Speaker 1

Okay, thank you.

01:31:12 Speaker 10

We will continue to work on the item of the restricted access based on the width and the shoulder conditions to disallow trucks, which would be able to get citations to those trucks in violation.

01:31:25 Speaker 9

So we'll table it then.

01:31:27 Speaker 1

Yes.

01:31:27 Speaker 1

Okay.

01:31:29 Speaker 1

Okay, next item up is...

01:31:30 Speaker 9

Do you want to make a motion to table it?

01:31:33 Speaker 1

I don't know what do we mean.

01:31:33 Speaker 10

We should make a motion to table.

01:31:36 Speaker 10

Go ahead.

01:31:39 Speaker 9

I make a motion that we table this item in, what do you think, 60 days?

01:31:47 Speaker 1

Yeah, probably.

01:31:48 Speaker 9

60 days.

01:31:53 Speaker 4

I'll second.

01:31:54 Speaker 1

Okay, any comments?

01:31:57 Speaker 1

Okay, all in favor?

01:32:00 Speaker 1

Next item up is a bid approval for the Maplewood Culvert.

01:32:05 Speaker 1

We received 4 bids.

01:32:09 Speaker 1

Cedar Ridge Service came in at 14,495.

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Ten Point came in at 22,900.

01:32:19 Speaker 1

Prime Trucking and Excavating came in at 26,6.

01:32:25 Speaker 1

And Tuckson

01:32:26 Speaker 1

group came in at \$22,195.

01:32:29 Speaker 1

I'm making the recommendation that we accept Cedar Ridge service to do the repair on the Maplewood Court.

01:32:38 Speaker 9

I'll second that.

01:32:41 Speaker 5

Real quick, is this, theirs is quite a bit cheaper, but this is, is this the people that we use for the, for the?

01:32:47 Speaker 1

Maybe.

01:32:48 Speaker 5

Yes.

01:32:49 Speaker 5

For CRS.

01:32:49 Speaker 1

Yes, CRS.

01:32:52 Speaker 4

And it is, I haven't had a chance to go, it is exactly the same with what they're wanting to do.

01:32:57 Speaker 4

Yes.

01:32:59 Speaker 3

I'm sorry, I missed you made the motion.

01:33:06 Speaker 4

Nobody has.

01:33:07 Speaker 5

Oh, I'm sorry, I thought you second.

01:33:10 Speaker 3

I thought, well, I heard Alderman Martin second, I didn't, I thought I missed the first.

01:33:13 Speaker 11

No, no, we don't think we made a motion.

01:33:15 Speaker 5

I heard the second, okay, all right.

01:33:18 Speaker 5

I make a motion that we accept the bid from Cedar Ridge Service in the amount of \$14,495 for the replacement culvert on Maplewood.

01:33:33 Speaker 4

I second.

01:33:35 Speaker 1

Okay, any comments?

01:33:38 Speaker 1

All in favor.

01:33:39 Speaker 4

Aye.

01:33:40 Speaker 1

Okay, and the last item up are the items to be discussed by Alderman Martin.

01:33:47 Speaker 1

uh she has asked that we table these um for 30 days uh due to her current um circumstances with her.

01:33:57 Speaker 9

With her daughter I just need to go home folks.

01:34:04 Speaker 1

So can I get a motion to table these?

01:34:10 Speaker 4

I'll make a motion to table it I'll second any discussion.

01:34:17 Speaker 1

All in favor.

01:34:18 Speaker 4

Aye.

01:34:18 Speaker 1

All right, I make a motion that we close the meeting.

01:34:25 Speaker 5

I'll second.

01:34:26 Speaker 1

Any concerns?

01:34:29 Speaker 1

All in favor?

01:34:31 Speaker 1

Aye.

01:34:33 Speaker 1

Thank you all.

