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Transcript

00:00:00 Speaker 1

For the meeting of the City of Ridgetop Mayor, Board of Mayor and Alderman for April the 21st, 2026.

00:00:08 Speaker 1

It is 6.30 P.m.

00:00:13 Speaker 1

Well, then you're up again.

00:00:18 Speaker 2

Lord, we thank you for this day.

00:00:20 Speaker 2

We thank you, Lord, for who you are.

00:00:23 Speaker 2

Just pray, God, that you'll help us to be kind, respectful.

00:00:26 Speaker 2

We pray, Lord, that tonight that your will is done for this city.

00:00:30 Speaker 2

we appreciate that you give us a beautiful day and a beautiful city God thank you for these that have served this city and we pray that you'd bless us tonight you keep us and give us your divine direction we ask it all in Jesus name amen amen I.

00:00:46 Speaker 3

Pledge allegiance to the flag of the.

00:00:49 Speaker 2

United States of America and to the republic for which it stands one nation under God.

00:00:56 Speaker 4

Indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

00:00:59 Speaker 1

Okay, Ms.

00:01:06 Speaker 1

Kelly, roll call.

00:01:08 Speaker 5

Alderman Shaw.

00:01:09 Speaker 6

Here.

00:01:09 Speaker 5

Alderman Gregory.

00:01:10 Speaker 6

Here.

00:01:10 Speaker 5

Alderman Martin.

00:01:11 Speaker 5

Here.

00:01:12 Speaker 5

Vice Mayor Gilmore.

00:01:13 Speaker 5

Here.

00:01:13 Speaker 5

Alderman Sinek.

00:01:14 Speaker 6

Here.

00:01:15 Speaker 5

Attorney Russell Freeman.

00:01:16 Speaker 6

Here.

00:01:21 Speaker 1

Okay, if everyone could read over the minutes.

00:01:26 Speaker 1

for our regular city meeting on March the 17th, 2026.

00:02:26 Speaker 6

I make a motion that we approve the minutes from the city meeting of March 17th, 2026.

00:02:33 Speaker 7

I'll second.

00:02:35 Speaker 1

Any questions?

00:02:37 Speaker 1

All in favor.

00:02:39 Speaker 6

Aye.

00:02:41 Speaker 1

Okay, if we could take a minute or two to read over the minutes.

00:02:46 Speaker 1

Second meeting on March 17th, 2026 30 p.m.

00:03:05 Speaker 7

I'll make a motion we accept the minutes of special call meeting of March 30th, 2026.

00:03:13 Speaker 8

I'll second it.

00:03:15 Speaker 1

Any questions?

00:03:16 Speaker 5

This should be...

00:03:17 Speaker 3

Is that the 17th or the 30th?

00:03:18 Speaker 5

This should be the second.

00:03:20 Speaker 5

Yeah, not the special call, but just the...

00:03:22 Speaker 3

The special call on the 17th.

00:03:23 Speaker 3

There were two...

00:03:25 Speaker 5

There were two on the 17th.

00:03:28 Speaker 7

Oh, okay.

00:03:29 Speaker 7

All right, sorry.

00:03:35 Speaker 1

We need to re-up.

00:03:38 Speaker 7

I'll make a motion we accept the minutes of March 17th, 2026.

00:03:41 Speaker 3

Of regular media.

00:03:44 Speaker 4

Of the regular media.

00:03:45 Speaker 7

I'll second it.

00:03:47 Speaker 1

Any questions?

00:03:50 Speaker 1

All in favor?

00:03:51 Speaker 1

Aye.

00:03:54 Speaker 1

And then we have the special call meeting on March the 30th, 2026 to review the minutes of that particular meeting.

00:04:10 Speaker 6

Make a motion we approve the minutes of the special call city meeting of March 30th, 2026.

00:04:16 Speaker 7

I'll second.

00:04:17 Speaker 1

Any questions?

00:04:19 Speaker 1

All in favor.

00:04:21 Speaker 8

Aye.

00:04:25 Speaker 1

Okay, citizens comments?

00:04:28 Speaker 1

Yes, sir.

00:04:29 Speaker 4

What, out of court again?

00:04:33 Speaker 4

My name is John Ely and I'm 2021 Rebecca Drive right across Ridgetop Jacent Park.

00:04:37 Speaker 4

I just would like to ask each of you to review the memorandum of understanding between the City of Ridgetop and Roberts County Sheriff's Department before you approve the next MOU to actually read it and look at it and see what it says because I'm pretty sure you're going to be surprised at what's in there.

00:04:57 Speaker 4

Thank you.

00:04:58 Speaker 1

Thank you.

00:05:00 Speaker 1

I'm Dr.

00:05:01 Speaker 1

Brent Martin, 521 Strugwick.

00:05:02 Speaker 1

I wanted to ask, Mr.

00:05:04 Speaker 1

Neeley one time made a suggestion, which I thought had some merit, to move citizen's comments to the lead in the agenda, and you, Mr.

00:05:11 Speaker 1

Shaw said that you guys would consider, what was the result of that joint discussion of you guys talking about moving citizen's comments to the end?

00:05:21 Speaker 1

From what I recall, we had the discussion and we felt that the citizen's comments were in the appropriate place.

00:05:32 Speaker 1

That was back a couple months ago.

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Do we have that in the minutes?

00:05:37 Speaker 1

Would that discussion be reflected in the minutes?

00:05:40 Speaker 5

I don't believe so.

00:05:41 Speaker 5

There wasn't a motion made.

00:05:42 Speaker 5

I'm sorry?

00:05:43 Speaker 5

I don't believe so.

00:05:44 Speaker 5

There wasn't a motion made.

00:05:45 Speaker 4

Okay, so that was just like an offline discussion.

00:05:49 Speaker 1

Okay, but there's no record of what you guys are discussing.

00:05:56 Speaker 1

Anyone else?

00:05:59 Speaker 9

Kristen Harrison, 412 Hazel Drive.

00:06:02 Speaker 9

I have two things.

00:06:03 Speaker 9

One, I'd like to make a blink about the political sign of it, the red light coming from Woodruff.

00:06:12 Speaker 9

It impedes my view from the left, so turning right.

00:06:16 Speaker 9

So if that could be moved a little bit, I'd appreciate it for the safety of myself and others.

00:06:22 Speaker 9

And then I also have something I'd like to address you, Alderman Martin.

00:06:29 Speaker 9

Alderman Martin, what will it take for you to let go of your hatred for certain individuals within the community and realize that your actions are only causing false narratives, continued turmoil, and further divide within our community?

00:06:41 Speaker 9

Or is that your actual goal?

00:06:43 Speaker 9

During your time in office, can you please explain what accomplishments you have been able to achieve?

00:06:48 Speaker 9

From where I'm sitting, it is hard to see anything you have truly accomplished and fall short of the oath you swore to uphold.

00:06:54 Speaker 9

I see your post on Facebook and how you feel so proud of suing the city to make meetings compliant.

00:06:59 Speaker 9

But at what cost was that accomplished?

00:07:03 Speaker 9

Do you think the citizens in our town would be thrilled to know how much their tax dollars were spent on this lawsuit?

00:07:09 Speaker 9

How many citizens truly go looking for minute meetings?

00:07:14 Speaker 9

How many are meeting down the doors of City Hall to know what was said in city meetings?

00:07:19 Speaker 9

Do you think if they had the option, they would choose to have the money spent on a lawsuit or would have felt it better spent elsewhere?

00:07:26 Speaker 9

You feel you speak for the people, but in my opinion, you are speaking for yourself and a handful of people.

00:07:32 Speaker 9

You are speaking from a place of hate, disgust and ill intent because you have yet to prove of what you believe in your heart to be true.

00:07:38 Speaker 9

At what point do you let the witch hunt go and see that there is nothing corrupt going on?

00:07:43 Speaker 9

At what point do you turn your efforts to doing something good for the community instead of further divide?

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At what point do you learn to work with the board and staff to accomplish good things for the community instead of believing everyone?

00:07:55 Speaker 9

But you were wrong.

00:07:56 Speaker 9

I have witnessed many times where you were wrong in your findings and understanding of things because you only view things through your skewed blinders.

00:08:03 Speaker 9

You try to force your narrative rather than see things of how they truly are.

00:08:07 Speaker 9

You choose to step down.

00:08:08 Speaker 9

I have three minutes.

00:08:10 Speaker 9

You choose to step down because you don't feel qualified, but when I believe you should have turned your efforts to becoming more qualified.

00:08:17 Speaker 9

You are choosing to focus on the wrong things instead of seeing all the good that the past and current boards are trying to do.

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Were the past and current boards perfect in all they do?

00:08:26 Speaker 9

No, because who is?

00:08:27 Speaker 9

But every day they are choosing to try to make the best choices with the information they have before them.

00:08:32 Speaker 9

Every day they are putting forth efforts to make Ridgehock a better place.

00:08:36 Speaker 9

All the while all I see from you is hating.

00:08:38 Speaker 9

You choose to go to Facebook and blast anyone and everyone if you think you can.

00:08:42 Speaker 9

Most times with half truth and then go delete things when you're called out for your misinformation.

00:08:47 Speaker 9

Maybe let's stay off of Facebook if we can't say anything nice.

00:08:50 Speaker 9

Maybe we leave Facebook alone and we can't post 100% truths.

00:08:54 Speaker 9

Maybe let's quit with the snide comments and find ways to work with others for the sake of our community.

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Maybe let's remind our spouse that citizens comments are not the place dispute his derogatory comments and narcissistic behavior and instead ask how he can help the community.

00:09:08 Speaker 9

Maybe let's take a job of community and economic development and find ways you can do the job rather than spend time finding ways you can't do it.

00:09:15 Speaker 9

Most of the time, the good things in life come from hard lessons.

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I, for one, as a citizen of Ridgetop, Tennessee, I'm tired of the constant hatred and ill intent being spread by an individual who swore to do right by their citizens.

00:09:27 Speaker 9

You think you speak for the majority, but from what I hear, you do not.

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If you want honesty, I hear more about you being crazy and ignorant to the job than I do about you being a savior to the community.

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Many people ask me why you don't just move if you hate it here so much.

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You were so quick to compare Ridgetop to other town cities instead of finding ways to make us stand out.

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Ridgetop is a small town with limited resources.

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Keeping up a website to match another city who has a larger staff and tax base will not be easy for Ridgetop.

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It costs money for every change made and personnel to maintain it.

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And in the end, is there enough foot traffic to the website to make those costs worthwhile?

00:10:04 Speaker 9

You have so much potential in the position you serve, which is why I feel it is a shame that it seems to be used in a harmful way rather than used to bring good things and unity to our community.

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That was okay.

00:10:16 Speaker 4

She had my freedom.

00:10:19 Speaker 3

No, you didn't.

00:10:20 Speaker 3

It's not the legislature.

00:10:27 Speaker 8

I would like to answer that with a quote from someone in the audience, No comment.

00:10:38 Speaker 1

Anyone else?

00:10:43 Speaker 2

Dan Russell, 5250 Livingdon Road.

00:10:47 Speaker 2

Thank you guys for your service for a second.

00:10:50 Speaker 2

I know there's been some, even in the, I think, that one of the alders in the prior meetings discussed the policing situations, and I think the gentleman here also discussed that.

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Just want to kind of

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give a little bit of my, I guess, opinion.

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And you know, they're all kind of like armpits, I guess.

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But my opinion on this is it seemed like we had a strong lobby for when our police department was gone, that that was a critical error, and then we had to have a police department, but we couldn't afford it, is what it seemed to be.

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So we went the other direction of trying to get a, I guess, a less expensive model.

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which was using a couple of the departments, a couple of men from the department in Robertson County.

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And now it sounds like we're not going to go that direction.

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So it doesn't make sense that we would say, I mean, if we elect that we don't need the Robertson County Sheriff, then I mean, I'd be willing to have that discussion.

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But it sounds like we're going crazy.

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I mean, we're going to the, I guess, extremes on both sides, either we can't afford not to have a local police department

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or we really don't need to have the two.

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And there's no happy medium, it seems like, which seems to be a problem occasionally in these meetings.

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There's not really a happy medium, unfortunately.

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So I guess I don't understand.

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If we can't afford a police department, which obviously seems like that's where we're at, everybody you talk to, all the professionals that come in and tell us that.

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Then if we want a police department, it seems like this is the most cost-effective way to get it.

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And the statistics all show that they're doing a fantastic job.

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If you just look at crime slash traffic, all that stuff, based on the data they give us at the last couple of times they've been here.

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So I just want to get that out there, kind of throw it on the table as one perspective on that.

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And you guys can do what you want to, but just some thoughts.

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Thank you.

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Anyone else?

00:12:53 Speaker 1

Okay.

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Move on to commission reports.

00:13:01 Speaker 1

Finance and administration.

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First off, as for y'all that were here, we're in the budget process currently, putting together our budget for 2026-2027.

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We'll continue to work on that over the next month.

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and hopefully we'll have it finalized by the end of May.

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Second thing I've got, I'd be remiss if I didn't bring this to everyone's attention.

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As a result of the lawsuit that was filed against the city, the city has been required to pay a \$10,000 deductible.

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This expense was incurred as a direct

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consequence of legal action and was not subject to prior approval or vote by the board.

00:14:02 Speaker 4

Can I ask what?

00:14:03 Speaker 6

The, I'm sorry, what is the lawsuit for it?

00:14:07 Speaker 8

Violation of the Open Meetings Act.

00:14:11 Speaker 1

And this couldn't be resolved any other way.

00:14:14 Speaker 8

No, they don't even talk to me.

00:14:17 Speaker 1

Okay, thank you.

00:14:20 Speaker 6

What was the total amount of that bill?

00:14:23 Speaker 1

\$24,000, I believe it was.

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The city's portion was \$10,000.

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Like a deductible or something?

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\$10,000.

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Basically, you've got a policy that requires you have to pay your deductible toward the total of the attorney's fees, because it wasn't no money paid to any third party, but it's called something like

00:14:48 Speaker 3

first expense or something, it goes toward the most of the type policy.

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We have to cover that.

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Now, was that tried in court?

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It was eventually resolved.

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There were some court hearings.

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Eventually, a resolution was reached and it was what was called a non-suit of the action.

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And basically, as a result, there are no more

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workshops, planning sessions, whatever you want to call them.

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Unless they're specific to a particular matter, such as a budget or something very informational and educational.

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And you can still conduct them that way, but we're basically going to call those special meetings.

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And if you non-suit against a governmental entity, a lawsuit in which you brought, you're not able to bring it back.

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You're not what?

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You're not able to bring it back up within a year.

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Generally, a non-suit is without prejudice or with prejudice.

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And if you do, a general non-suit is without prejudice.

00:16:02 Speaker 3

But if you non-suit a governmental entity, you can't refile it within a year.

00:16:08 Speaker 3

But that wouldn't be a necessary action anyway, really, in this lawsuit.

00:16:14 Speaker 6

So we've got to pay a \$10,000 deductible.

00:16:17 Speaker 6

What's that going to do for insurance?

00:16:19 Speaker 5

I don't know until we renew.

00:16:21 Speaker 3

Well, it goes toward the attorney's fees.

00:16:24 Speaker 6

Oh, I know, but the insurance company is going to pay the balance of that.

00:16:28 Speaker 6

We're going to be paying 10,000 with a claim like that.

00:16:31 Speaker 6

What is that going to do towards?

00:16:33 Speaker 3

I have no idea.

00:16:34 Speaker 3

Got you.

00:16:36 Speaker 8

The point is,

00:16:38 Speaker 8

We violated the Open Meetings Act.

00:16:41 Speaker 8

It was proven.

00:16:42 Speaker 8

In fact, your e-mail to me won the case.

00:16:48 Speaker 8

The one where you described in detail what we were doing at the workshops.

00:16:56 Speaker 8

Everything you said was a violation.

00:17:00 Speaker 6

Discussing...

00:17:02 Speaker 8

Yes, you cannot discuss anything that it's not on the record.

00:17:07 Speaker 8

Why doesn't anyone know that?

00:17:08 Speaker 8

I got the training you got, I think.

00:17:11 Speaker 8

I knew it.

00:17:13 Speaker 6

It's an open meeting and people are here.

00:17:15 Speaker 8

It was not at a workshop.

00:17:17 Speaker 4

No record.

00:17:18 Speaker 8

There was no record, there was no agenda, there were no minutes.

00:17:23 Speaker 8

That's all, each and everything is a violation of the Open Meetings Act.

00:17:28 Speaker 8

Ask Gary.

00:17:33 Speaker 4

So with all the resources available to an alderman or mayor.

00:17:38 Speaker 8

This is not a time for citizen's comments.

00:17:42 Speaker 4

You spent 10,000, you- Shut up.

00:17:46 Speaker 4

You don't speak to me like that.

00:17:47 Speaker 8

Then you stop him and do your job.

00:17:50 Speaker 4

Yeah, once he gets to talk.

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Yeah.

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He's stopped.

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Now.

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Thank you.

00:17:57 Speaker 8

You're welcome.

00:18:00 Speaker 8

I don't know if he could show his face when he took our police department away from us.

00:18:06 Speaker 1

That was economics.

00:18:07 Speaker 8

Oh, no it wasn't.

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Public Works and Streets.

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Public Works.

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Gas Department responded to 37 Tennessee 811 locate requests.

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Completed nine work orders.

00:18:26 Speaker 1

and performed multiple service disconnects and reconnects to meet the customer and operational needs.

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The sewer department completed nine work orders, addressed 37 Tennessee 811 locate tickets, carried out multiple service disconnects and reconnects within the system.

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In addition to that and streets,

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We're still working to get Highland, Upper Highland paid.

00:19:01 Speaker 1

We're waiting for CRS to get in there and take care of that.

00:19:05 Speaker 1

And then later tonight, we're going to be looking at potentially Pioneer Park, getting it paid.

00:19:21 Speaker 1

Okay, Parks and Recreation.

00:19:25 Speaker 10

All right, we've got a busy schedule coming up.

00:19:30 Speaker 10

First thing we've got on the agenda is going to be our 3rd of July fireworks, which is gonna be a Friday evening.

00:19:38 Speaker 10

And I don't know that we actually nailed the time down.

00:19:41 Speaker 10

We've discussed four o'clock, five o'clock, but I think we settled on a five o'clock start time.

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Yes.

00:19:49 Speaker 10

So on July the 3rd, at five o'clock, we will start our festivities.

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over at Ridgetop Station Park.

00:19:57 Speaker 10

We have a professional pyrotechnic man coming in to shoot fireworks off at dark, which should be in the neighborhood at 9 o'clock.

00:20:08 Speaker 10

I've also secured one of the Civil War cannons to be here.

00:20:14 Speaker 10

So we'll have a cannon going off a time or two before and after the fireworks.

00:20:20 Speaker 10

And we need lots of help.

00:20:23 Speaker 10

It seems that it worked out where the majority of the park board is going to be on vacation that weekend.

00:20:31 Speaker 10

So not everybody, we've got a couple that are going to be here.

00:20:36 Speaker 10

But anybody that would like to volunteer to help us put the 3rd of July together to celebrate the 250th year of our country.

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We're going to have vendors, we're going to have bounce houses, we're going to have several things.

00:20:52 Speaker 10

And it's at no charge to the public to be able to come in and enjoy themselves.

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And even if you can't come and help, please come and participate in it.

00:21:03 Speaker 10

On April the 30th at 4 p.m.

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in the afternoon, it's a Thursday, we're going to have a grand reopening of Pioneer Park.

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Pioneer Park has kind of got shoved to the side over the years.

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especially after we got Ridgetop Station, it seemed like Pioneer became the redheaded stepchild.

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Got and then collected to an extent.

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And I'm going to have to give a lot of credit to Mayor Shaw and Alderman Center, as they have took the reins and run with this project.

00:21:36 Speaker 10

I've been kept in the loop, but I pretty well step back and let them do it.

00:21:41 Speaker 10

They've gotten contractors together, put in new fences, new bathrooms, basketball court.

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We're in discussion right now of possibly putting a pickleball court over there.

00:21:54 Speaker 10

There's a new sidewalk put in from the drive up to the pavilion, so anybody with a handicap would be able to access the pavilion easily.

00:22:04 Speaker 10

And again, I give these gentlemen a lot of credit because they have been the rod behind it.

00:22:11 Speaker 10

And I do thank you very much for stepping up to the plate.

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Thank you.

00:22:16 Speaker 10

And we are looking at the possibility of extending the fence over at Ridgetop Station from the road down along the side of the entry drive.

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A lot of cars like to scoot in between the trees, and the roots of the trees have been exposed, and eventually we're going to lose some trees over.

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looking to put a fence down that side of the driveway.

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There'll be a gate for when we do have to enter, but we're wanting to see if we can't curb some of that traffic in there.

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And I've got one big pictory tree that's down over there right now.

00:22:57 Speaker 10

This last storm got it.

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And we're going to be getting it out of there this week.

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I've got a couple other dead trees, so there's going to be a lot of tree work going on over there this week.

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Other than that, I believe that pretty well takes care of parks from the time being.

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The utility department also cleaned and sanitized the public restrooms on a weekly basis.

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They've mowed Pioneer and Station.

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And special thanks to Caleb.

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He's spent the last month and a half picking up all the brush and piles.

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all around the city.

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And I'm very thankful for what he did and got accomplished.

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Okay, planning and zoning.

00:23:59 Speaker 6

If I could put in a couple more plugs for the Pioneer Park real quick.

00:24:04 Speaker 6

I spoke to Caleb today.

00:24:05 Speaker 6

You may not know this, but they were out putting the new horseshoe pits that are going in out there too, working on that today.

00:24:11 Speaker 6

So we got two brand new horseshoe pits.

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And I know that Caleb, Brian, and many of the city workers, not just vendors and contractors, but city workers have put in a lot of time and effort to clean up the park.

00:24:24 Speaker 6

They put, I mean, they have, it's been a group effort all the way around.

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And so I appreciate everyone on the board working together.

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Everyone works together to try to help improve the city.

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So planning and zoning, we've had,

00:24:41 Speaker 6

Looks like, and I just got this texted over to me, so I don't have a report, but 4th of July is coming, so we've got some fireworks permits, permit for some attempt that's going up, that'll be up here on the corner of, what is that, Woodruff and 41, so that's gotta be permitted, there's some mechanical permits, several accessory, an accessory building, and that's about all, and really no planning and zoning meeting.

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'Cause there's nothing on the agenda right now.

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All right, community and economic development.

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No wait for it.

00:25:28 Speaker 1

Utilities, I've already gone through it with the gas and sewer.

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Fire and police.

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Got a lot to talk about.

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Structure and fires, we had two.

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Four brush or grass fires, one vehicle fire, 4 mutual aid assist, 4 false calls, one MVA 1045, 15 EMS assist, 5 first responder, and two miscellaneous.

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That's for the month of March or February, actually.

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Also, we've received a grant for, it was \$36,000, I think, was the total grant.

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We put in for \$35,413 worth of equipment that we have received, and it may be on next year's budget.

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Is that what you were saying?

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Actually, Dan's already bid that out, and we've got actually 4 bids on that part of it.

00:26:28 Speaker 7

Okay.

00:26:28 Speaker 4

We're ready to go.

00:26:29 Speaker 7

Okay.

00:26:30 Speaker 7

And also, he gave me a few other items that he wanted to put onto the budget.

00:26:36 Speaker 7

So

00:26:37 Speaker 7

I will bring that up with the next meeting, but it's a few pieces of equipment to go with what we're getting in from the grant for a total of just under \$4,400.

00:26:48 Speaker 7

Like I said, I'll bring that up and put that on the budget and bring it for the board next meeting.

00:26:58 Speaker 5

Mr.

00:26:58 Speaker 5

Say, if you want to go ahead and give me a total, I can go ahead and add it to.

00:27:02 Speaker 7

4,395 is what I've got.

00:27:04 Speaker 5

So 4,400, will it be part of capital, a capital outlay?

00:27:11 Speaker 4

Yes.

00:27:12 Speaker 5

Part of the, okay.

00:27:13 Speaker 5

I'll add it to, go ahead and put it in there for you.

00:27:18 Speaker 1

Now it'll be purchased in the next year's budget or this year's.

00:27:24 Speaker 4

Kind of depends on y'all.

00:27:25 Speaker 4

Okay.

00:27:30 Speaker 5

Tim, Mayor's what?

00:27:32 Speaker 8

I do have a report.

00:27:33 Speaker 1

Oh, okay.

00:27:35 Speaker 1

You done?

00:27:36 Speaker 7

Well, actually, I was going to say, I also met with Amy Napoli with the GNRC, since we didn't have anybody with Community and Economic Development.

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Like I said, I met with Amy Napoli with GNRC, and she invited me to a meeting we had on Tuesday, last Tuesday, the 14th, for an area plan on aging and disability services for northern middle Tennessee.

00:28:02 Speaker 7

And they have a lot of information and a lot of capabilities for aging and disability, disabled people, including housing remodels to accommodate wheelchairs, transportation, anything to do with aging and disability, they have all kinds of information and programs for, so that would definitely be something to

00:28:31 Speaker 7

to pay attention to and we can pass on to our citizens.

00:28:37 Speaker 1

Good point.

00:28:39 Speaker 7

And she invited me, she's going to keep me up to date and invite you back to board.

00:28:48 Speaker 1

All right.

00:28:50 Speaker 1

Yes, ma'am.

00:28:51 Speaker 1

Community and economic development.

00:29:29 Speaker 8

These are my points on community and economic development.

00:29:34 Speaker 8

I didn't give you all them, did I?

00:29:37 Speaker 8

Thank you.

00:29:37 Speaker 4

Are we being kept out of the loop?

00:29:40 Speaker 8

Yep.

00:29:50 Speaker 8

Thank you.

00:30:03 Speaker 8

Okay, you will see by looking at the document, Robertson County has only two large cities with community and economic development departments.

00:30:13 Speaker 8

In both of those cities, they are paid positions with education and experience requirements.

00:30:20 Speaker 8

I have stated repeatedly I do not have the skills for this role, and it is apparent other small cities like us do not see the need for the department.

00:30:30 Speaker 8

In my opinion, adding this department is not justified for our three square miles.

00:30:38 Speaker 8

I was removed from my former appointment, Streets, by Mayor Shaw after I opposed him in the election.

00:30:46 Speaker 8

And I asked him at least twice to please remove me, to put me back on the streets where I had invested time, energy, and learning.

00:30:55 Speaker 8

This is an example of retaliation.

00:31:01 Speaker 8

That's my report.

00:31:06 Speaker 1

Okay, on to business report.

00:31:11 Speaker 1

Ms.

00:31:11 Speaker 1

Kelly.

00:31:13 Speaker 5

Like everybody else, this has been a busy month with budget, grants, ARPA, meetings, quarterly reports.

00:31:19 Speaker 5

Just all in a day's work.

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Attorney Russell Freeman.

00:31:27 Speaker 3

Nothing real significant other than the fact on the 1777 Nelson resolution of that issue, we

00:31:35 Speaker 3

Learned during that process there's probably another violation over there with people living in an unpermitted garage.

00:31:44 Speaker 3

So I'm just bringing that.

00:31:45 Speaker 3

I wanted to do them one at a time so as not to finish that positive result that we were able to get.

00:31:52 Speaker 3

We've been moving the business out, but they do appear to have quite a few of their employees still living over there outside of the coach.

00:32:00 Speaker 3

We'll probably need to send Michael Bauer over there and look at that.

00:32:05 Speaker 6

Now, is that the garage or the apartment above it, or is it the back building that they were running a business out of?

00:32:11 Speaker 6

Does that mean occupied as well?

00:32:12 Speaker 3

I think it's both, yeah.

00:32:13 Speaker 4

Okay.

00:32:14 Speaker 6

Yeah, we'll have to address that.

00:32:17 Speaker 4

I'll get my flowers out there.

00:32:18 Speaker 4

I'll look at it.

00:32:22 Speaker 1

All right.

00:32:22 Speaker 1

Anything else?

00:32:23 Speaker 3

Nothing else, Lee.

00:32:23 Speaker 6

Any word on these stands?

00:32:28 Speaker 1

Oh, yeah.

00:32:29 Speaker 3

Oh, you're talking about, I was going to say, there's not a lot of movement there.

00:32:32 Speaker 3

I've made action again.

00:32:34 Speaker 3

We are still in the process of trying to develop a good set of ordinances to bring, and I've dealt with the lady at MTAS with that, and present those to the board for review and ultimately discussion, and obviously, hopefully, an adoption.

00:32:55 Speaker 3

Again, trying to wade through the process of weight versus number of axles.

00:33:01 Speaker 3

Because obviously we would like, a lot of them talk about in terms of axles versus weight.

00:33:08 Speaker 3

And a lot of them are very overly complicated.

00:33:11 Speaker 3

I mean, when it comes to all the exclusions and exceptions of the types of vehicles.

00:33:19 Speaker 3

And I know the goal is to cut down on the

00:33:24 Speaker 3

construction material moving and um and that's where we're headed so I'll continue to work on that and develop that that set of ordinances.

00:33:35 Speaker 1

Thank you and mayor's comments uh don't have any this evening old business

00:33:49 Speaker 1

Discussed traffic safety sign installation, crosswalk safety markings at Watauga, and safety striping on top.

00:34:00 Speaker 8

Yes.

00:34:02 Speaker 8

We approved it unanimously, all these things that I was working on before I got fired, and they never got finished.

00:34:14 Speaker 8

So,

00:34:16 Speaker 8

They were public safety, one of which was a, the striping on the Watach school for those, the, where is it?

00:34:28 Speaker 8

For the crosswalk.

00:34:31 Speaker 8

There were several others around the city, especially out on Leavengood, where we have several very sharp turns that you cannot see as you're approaching.

00:34:41 Speaker 8

There is no marker with a,

00:34:44 Speaker 8

indicator of a turn and the speed at that point, people are coming through very quickly.

00:34:54 Speaker 8

A lot of people, as they come towards one another, they have to go off the side of the road to not crash.

00:35:01 Speaker 8

And they're up on Cobb.

00:35:05 Speaker 8

The Cobb is very flat, then it drops into a gully up and down it.

00:35:15 Speaker 8

It's very dangerous.

00:35:17 Speaker 8

And all these things, I have a whole list of all the ones that were approved in, let's see.

00:35:24 Speaker 8

Let's see.

00:35:28 Speaker 8

They were approved on November 19th, 2024.

00:35:34 Speaker 8

And they have not been done.

00:35:36 Speaker 8

It was a unanimous vote for everything.

00:35:39 Speaker 8

And I just want to see the work done, that's all.

00:35:45 Speaker 1

Okay, in regards to the traffic signs, everything that was presented at that time, Brian has informed me that it has been installed, so if there's some additional signs that you feel that we might need-- Well, the.

00:36:02 Speaker 8

Ones that come haven't been done, and we were to put

00:36:07 Speaker 8

right at the beginning of Lake, we were going to put no, I think it was no through trucks, and we were putting one at the other end of Lake.

00:36:18 Speaker 8

There's no street sign at the end of Lake, so when you come around the corner, you don't know what that street is.

00:36:24 Speaker 8

That's been gone for a long time.

00:36:28 Speaker 8

Let's see, wait a minute, I have a list.

00:36:33 Speaker 8

There's, it was a big project.

00:36:40 Speaker 1

Like I said, in regards to that, I addressed that with Brian.

00:36:45 Speaker 1

And I believe you were present at the time and was told that all of those signs were put up that were ordered?

00:36:55 Speaker 1

They're not.

00:36:55 Speaker 1

Okay.

00:36:55 Speaker 1

Well, we need to look at possibly ordering some more.

00:36:59 Speaker 8

And we were supposed to change out at the end of O'Brien that nasty looking yield sign that seen better days.

00:37:06 Speaker 8

I mean, there was a ton of work to be done there before you fired me.

00:37:10 Speaker 1

I didn't fired you.

00:37:11 Speaker 8

Yeah, you did.

00:37:12 Speaker 1

Okay.

00:37:13 Speaker 1

In regards to the crosswalk safety markings, if you remember, we had a conversation about that.

00:37:22 Speaker 8

We were in the car, remember?

00:37:25 Speaker 8

And I take it.

00:37:26 Speaker 1

And in checking, good, I'm happy to take it.

00:37:29 Speaker 1

In regards to the safety markings, we reached out and this was talked about back then with Board of Education as well as Watauga and they didn't want it.

00:37:45 Speaker 8

Do you have any proof of that?

00:37:49 Speaker 1

Just a conversation that I had as late as today with Dr.

00:37:54 Speaker 1

Weeks.

00:37:55 Speaker 8

Okay.

00:37:55 Speaker 1

And he said no.

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Didn't know the neighbors and with children wanted them.

00:38:01 Speaker 1

That's what he said.

00:38:02 Speaker 1

There's no crosswalk guard, right?

00:38:07 Speaker 1

Insurance reasons.

00:38:09 Speaker 8

OK.

00:38:10 Speaker 1

And that's one thing they were totally against it.

00:38:13 Speaker 8

OK.

00:38:14 Speaker 1

And in regards to the Cobb Street marking, yes, that was the project that that you had worked on and.

00:38:28 Speaker 1

Quite honestly, you didn't follow through and get it done.

00:38:31 Speaker 1

Do you want me?

00:38:31 Speaker 8

To put it back together and give it to you in writing so we can get that finished.

00:38:36 Speaker 1

Yeah, give me a list.

00:38:37 Speaker 8

All right, I will.

00:38:38 Speaker 8

Thanks.

00:38:39 Speaker 8

Great, thank you.

00:38:41 Speaker 8

I appreciate it.

00:38:43 Speaker 1

Okay, new business.

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This is ordinance number 2026-103.

00:38:56 Speaker 1

It's an ordinance of the City of Ridgetop, Tennessee, adopting the annual budget and tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 2026 through June the 30th, 2027.

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And as it was mentioned, there will be some revisions.

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This is getting the ball rolling to get the budget passed.

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First rating.

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First rating.

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First rating.

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Make a motion we approve ordinance 2026-103, an ordinance of the city of Rooftop, Tennessee, adopting the annual budget and tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

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I'll second.

00:39:47 Speaker 1

Any questions?

00:39:49 Speaker 10

Yeah, this would be a good time for me to bring up the fact that I think we're wasting a lot of money with the South Precinct.

00:39:59 Speaker 10

We're spending, we're showing \$202,780 in this year's budget for two officers, an extra 40 hours a piece, to be up here in control.

00:40:12 Speaker 10

And that's all well and good, other than the majority of the time when I see them, there'll be two cars sitting side by side, carrying on conversation.

00:40:23 Speaker 10

And we get very little

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protection up through the neighborhoods.

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And I know our crime rate is low, and I'm very thankful for that.

00:40:31 Speaker 10

But I don't know that the county is responsible for a low crime rate when they don't necessarily patrol the neighborhoods very heavy.

00:40:39 Speaker 10

I think it's because there's a bunch of good old boys around here patrol it themselves.

00:40:45 Speaker 10

But to put out \$202,000, which we could bring back into this city,

00:40:51 Speaker 10

And for our infrastructure, our roads, our parks, putting up signs, we could use that money here.

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Again, maybe we only need one.

00:41:03 Speaker 10

Instead of 202,000, maybe we can make it 101.

00:41:07 Speaker 10

We only have one additional officer.

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But my personal opinion is two officers at \$202,780, plus we provide them an office across the road.

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which they use more for a rest stop.

00:41:24 Speaker 10

Quite often you'll look over there and there'll be a car or pickup or something.

00:41:27 Speaker 10

It won't be a marked car by any means and could be an unmarked car, but they tend to use it as a rest stop.

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It's more so than a precinct office.

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We could rent that building out, get a little revenue out of it.

00:41:43 Speaker 10

We could cut down on it.

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And again, that's my opinion, but I would like to see us not go forward

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with the Robertson County contract again this next year.

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I'll ask you a question.

00:41:56 Speaker 1

Point taken.

00:41:57 Speaker 4

Mayor, can I ask a question, please?

00:42:00 Speaker 1

Unfortunately.

00:42:01 Speaker 1

No, it's on the subject, no?

00:42:04 Speaker 1

Yeah, unfortunately.

00:42:08 Speaker 1

Any other questions?

00:42:13 Speaker 3

Of course, basically the budget, the item, when does that contract expire?

00:42:18 Speaker 6

January, I believe.

00:42:22 Speaker 3

Okay, I was trying to recall.

00:42:23 Speaker 3

Of course, it could be on the budget as a marker, obviously, and if you were not to renew or revise the contract with a lower amount or whatever, you've allocated it for some purpose.

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We could take it out at a later point.

00:42:40 Speaker 3

Well, yeah, again, it's just a marker, and if you don't renew the contract, then obviously that money's not going to be spent.

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It could be, you could amend the budget to move it.

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Okay, roll call vote.

00:43:01 Speaker 5

Alderman Martin.

00:43:03 Speaker 8

Yes.

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Vice Mayor Gilmore.

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No.

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Mayor Shaw.

00:43:09 Speaker 1

Yes.

00:43:10 Speaker 5

Alderman Center.

00:43:11 Speaker 6

Yes.

00:43:12 Speaker 5

Alderman Gregory.

00:43:13 Speaker 6

Yes.

00:43:18 Speaker 8

No.

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Motion carried.

00:43:30 Speaker 1

Okay, next item up on the agenda, we've got informational training by Mr.

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Gary Jackal.

00:43:40 Speaker 1

Gary, if you'd like to come forward.

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Probably not.

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Always a nice time to be back.

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Yes.

00:43:49 Speaker 4

Good evening.

00:43:56 Speaker 4

Good evening.

00:43:59 Speaker 4

I think I'm going to sit down for this one.

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And I don't particularly want to waste a lot of y'all's time.

00:44:09 Speaker 4

And frankly,

00:44:16 Speaker 4

I'm going to cover a couple of points with you all.

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Real quick, Mr.

00:44:20 Speaker 6

Jackel, do you mind introducing yourself for everybody?

00:44:23 Speaker 6

Oh, absolutely.

00:44:24 Speaker 6

We know who you are, but everyone else may not.

00:44:29 Speaker 4

I am Gary Jackel, and I am with the Municipal Technical Advisory Service at the University of Texas.

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And I am a management consultant.

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spent 30 plus years in city government and with MTAS for almost 27 years doing this work.

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So that's, and I actually live in the Gallatin area, so I spend a lot of time up in this neck of the woods.

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And that's who I am and why I'm here, in part.

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There's a couple of things that I want to share with you all in the way of informational stuff.

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And frankly, when we get through this, if you have questions,

00:45:43 Speaker 4

I would be more than happy to walk through certain questions, if at all possible.

00:45:53 Speaker 4

And if I can't, I know somebody that I work with that-- and it doesn't matter what your question is going to be, by the way.

00:46:04 Speaker 4

As long as it's related to the city government, I know somebody who knows the answer to every one of your questions.

00:46:14 Speaker 4

But I wanted to focus on, for a few minutes, you know, and I've been here before doing training type stuff with you in the past.

00:46:29 Speaker 4

One of the things that I wanted to touch on with you all, especially, and unfortunately I'm probably about five months too late for this conversation, from my point of view,

00:46:45 Speaker 4

My colleague and I had gone through the city charter, went through parts of the ordinance that you all have, the code of ordinances that you have together.

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And we found something that we thank, frankly,

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probably needs to be addressed at some point.

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And it has to do with, at least in part, with responsibilities of aldermen and what those are, what those can be.

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And what makes it

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from our point of view, interesting and confusing at the same time, is your charter has one thing to say about Alderman and responsibilities and how that works.

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And I want to read it to you, because it's the primary, because it is part of

00:48:03 Speaker 4

you're actually, you're city charter, and has been for some time, been a part of the city charter, it's important to know what's contained about and how this works for aldermen and what you're responsible for.

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So, and all of this, by the way, starts on page 10 of your chart.

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Very clearly.

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It tells you that following every municipal election of the mayor upon receiving a majority approval from the board of Alderman Shall appoint each Alderman as a commissioner, including the mayor, subject to restricted provisions prescribed by ordinance,

00:49:01 Speaker 4

They should have full responsible, oh, I missed that one, full authority to exercise general supervision.

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And that's a very important part of that.

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General supervision over at the department head or a chief responsible for one or more of the following functions, municipal functions, finance and administration, public works,

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Parks and Rec, planning, and you all have included zoning, but we kind of actually recommend that gets split out.

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Code administration, community and economic development, utilities, fire, and police.

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And other functions which may from time to time be designated by ordinance, by the board,

00:50:01 Speaker 4

of Mayor and Alvin.

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And there's, so, and given the conversation that's kind of happened earlier, we've, that in and of itself is fine if you remember a couple of things.

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In that,

00:50:32 Speaker 4

Oh, I think I read right through it.

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The authority that you have to exercise general supervision for a department head or a chief is only, and I've added the only, for one,

00:50:57 Speaker 4

of the following municipal elections.

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Okay?

00:51:02 Speaker 4

I want you to understand that.

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Your charter says each of you can only be responsible for one area.

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Right?

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We got it?

00:51:18 Speaker 4

Guess what happens in your code?

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We've added more stuff.

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to that list.

00:51:31 Speaker 4

On page 4-6 of the municipal code, actually, we have the full authority to supervise and manage each of the following municipal functions, taxation, road and streets, zoning, again, and police and fire.

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And that's it.

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There's a couple of new things there.

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There's a couple of things that are already in existence.

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What were those code...

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What were the code appointments again, Gary?

00:52:18 Speaker 3

I'm sorry.

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Taxation.

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roads and streets, zoning, which by charter, I know you already have, and as well as police and fire, which is also there.

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And there's, for whatever reason, we return for three years.

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Didn't we change that to four?

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No, I thought we'd change it back.

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From four to three.

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I thought two did change it to four.

00:52:57 Speaker 3

Yeah, we did because the three overlapped elections and then somebody could not get elected, but they still have their.

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Year.

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We actually amended that to four years.

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Just in the last six months, I think.

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Well, that would do it.

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That's not something we've actually received yet.

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So make it four years.

00:53:24 Speaker 4

But that's what you have in terms of responsibility.

00:53:32 Speaker 4

But each of you can only do one thing.

00:53:34 Speaker 3

And-- I want to ask some questions as we go along, if I may.

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Interestingly enough, the charter has been around forever.

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And it's always designated a mayor.

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Yeah.

00:53:49 Speaker 3

And the alderman, mayor's nothing more than an alderman, has one vote like everybody else, and there's only five of them.

00:53:55 Speaker 3

Why would the charter have had one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight if fire and police is considered one?

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If not, that would be nine departments.

00:54:08 Speaker 3

Don't know.

00:54:10 Speaker 4

Well, we've surmised that this particular charter, this

00:54:16 Speaker 4

language was probably instituted somewhere in the 1930s, maybe the early 40s.

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Because there are certain things there that probably would not have been there after the state of Tennessee revised some of the language in the

00:54:45 Speaker 4

state laws of the Constitution.

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There were some changes made back in the early 50s.

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Okay, and then- Especially the designation of commissioners.

00:54:58 Speaker 3

Okay, and then with respect to the code, with the taxation, road and streets, zoning, which I guess could be also interpreted as planning and zoning, because you can't plan without zoning districts, and then police and fire, is that one or two departments?

00:55:15 Speaker 3

Taxation is, in my opinion, sort of aligned with the finance in the charter.

00:55:21 Speaker 3

Public works, possibly within road and streets, I don't know.

00:55:27 Speaker 3

And I guess my point is, should we be more looking at those designations under the code and separate police and fire and just sort of leave the charter alone and

00:55:43 Speaker 3

and just sort of adopt that road and streets would include police I mean would include uh utilities but then we have no place for Parks and Recreation in the code which.

00:56:01 Speaker 4

Is a problem and and probably some other other areas that we haven't even talked about to be honest um.

00:56:12 Speaker 3

OK.

00:56:14 Speaker 3

I just kind of want to kind of lay my thoughts out where I know where you're probably headed with all of this.

00:56:20 Speaker 4

One of the concerns-- well, one of the thoughts that I have had, I know that you all do, to some degree, sewer system as a part of what you do, or at least process, you know, getting it moved from here to there.

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Did you say sewer system?

00:56:48 Speaker 5

Under utilities.

00:56:51 Speaker 5

Under utilities.

00:56:55 Speaker 3

But there is a separate sewer department that's been.

00:56:58 Speaker 5

-- There's a separate gas and a separate sewer department.

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Creative.

00:57:01 Speaker 4

Creative.

00:57:06 Speaker 4

Yeah.

00:57:07 Speaker 4

There were inconsistencies kind of between the two.

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And if we were gonna recommend something, we'd probably recommend starting with the charter.

00:57:19 Speaker 4

And trying to be, that should be the most consistent document that goes forward.

00:57:27 Speaker 4

Because everything else, the code is supposed to basically support what's part of your charter.

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That's the premise that the state of Tennessee had.

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That the charter is the, right after the state constitution, it's your charters are the next thing down the line.

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And that's what we teach too.

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So, that's something to think about.

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in terms of process.

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And it does create a problem in the sense that there's only five of you, and you've got more than those, more than that, in terms of what you do for your community to make that work.

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And

00:58:36 Speaker 4

The only thing that, frankly, what it tends to tell me, and I think it also kind of tells our attorney the same thing, whatever is left over that aldermen aren't being assigned to get to go to the mayor to be responsible for.

00:59:01 Speaker 10

Congratulations, boss.

00:59:04 Speaker 6

Which actually is happening, because I think he has three areas assigned to him, if you look at it.

00:59:11 Speaker 6

So, that he handles already, at least.

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Probably a couple more.

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There may be more, yeah.

00:59:18 Speaker 6

I just know there's at least three, maybe four.

00:59:21 Speaker 4

But that's probably also something that needs to be spelled out in the chart.

00:59:31 Speaker 7

Can it change to words?

00:59:33 Speaker 7

Can the charter change to where we can have more than one responsibility?

00:59:37 Speaker 7

Or is that a?

00:59:37 Speaker 4

No, no, not gonna be done, yes.

00:59:41 Speaker 4

Now, there's a process to that.

00:59:44 Speaker 7

Right.

00:59:44 Speaker 4

And you're kind of on the wrong end of the timeframe at this point to do that.

00:59:53 Speaker 4

Because literally you're gonna have to, that's a process that you would want to actually start working through

01:00:01 Speaker 4

probably in the fall, maybe late fall.

01:00:07 Speaker 4

Because your charter is a private act charter, you all, any changes that you want to make to your charter, you all have to do it first here.

01:00:23 Speaker 4

With the assistance, obviously, of your attorney and any other

01:00:29 Speaker 4

consulting people that you want to have help you.

01:00:34 Speaker 4

But you actually have to turn that in to the state of Tennessee.

01:00:39 Speaker 4

And the legislature winds up going through it.

01:00:44 Speaker 4

If they approve it, and the governor signs off on it, it comes back to you all to get it ratified or approved, however you want to refer to that.

01:00:58 Speaker 4

And there's a couple of ways of doing that as well.

01:01:02 Speaker 3

And Gary, should that undertaking take place, and it sounds like it should, would the entire charter be represented or would you do it by amendment?

01:01:13 Speaker 4

Amendment, I would say.

01:01:14 Speaker 4

Okay.

01:01:15 Speaker 4

We typically, we try not to rewrite everything.

01:01:21 Speaker 4

Okay.

01:01:22 Speaker 4

We literally try to just put in amendments

01:01:27 Speaker 4

in places where the technology and the operational components are not what happened today as to what happened 50, 60, 80 years ago.

01:01:43 Speaker 4

And there's a lot of that that happens.

01:01:45 Speaker 4

I know, by the way, you're not alone in that deal.

01:01:50 Speaker 4

So don't feel like you're kind of out there in the wild, you're not.

01:01:56 Speaker 7

I was just going to say that by doing that, you would also prepare for future departments that came forward that you could get that, or we need to have seven more aldermen up here, so we can't get people to run for the five we got.

01:02:18 Speaker 3

Actually, in the charter, it already says we can designate other departments from time to time, even though it says everybody's supposed to have one.

01:02:27 Speaker 4

And see, and what I will tell you is that given the language as it exists today, you can't expand that.

01:02:43 Speaker 4

Whoever is an alderman can only have one responsibility.

01:02:50 Speaker 4

So that

01:02:53 Speaker 4

that maybe in and of itself might need to be revisited.

01:03:01 Speaker 4

That's something of a conversation part of the process.

01:03:08 Speaker 3

And I would imagine assuming everything's done procedurally correct, it's almost administrated at the legislature for the acceptance of it.

01:03:19 Speaker 4

Yeah.

01:03:20 Speaker 4

Unless there's something just, yeah.

01:03:23 Speaker 4

really out of bounds in terms of what's in, it's a pretty much a very cut and dry process.

01:03:35 Speaker 4

And then it becomes a question about how it gets approved when it comes back to the city.

01:03:44 Speaker 4

And in that instance, there's actually two choices.

01:03:51 Speaker 4

2/3 of a majority approve the changes, or it goes up for a referendum.

01:04:04 Speaker 4

And those are literally the only two choices to finalize a change to a city charter.

01:04:16 Speaker 4

Most people try to go to do the

01:04:19 Speaker 4

If it's mostly administrative changes, most people try to just have a two-thirds majority to avoid the cost of having a special election just for that.

01:04:41 Speaker 4

And I think it's gonna be, I think that's something that is going to be worth your time

01:04:48 Speaker 4

to take a look at going forward.

01:04:56 Speaker 4

And that's what I wanted to share with you to see if you have other questions, I'm more than happy to answer those.

01:05:08 Speaker 7

You also even noted that it's general oversight of these departments.

01:05:14 Speaker 7

We do not run these departments, correct.

01:05:20 Speaker 4

No, you have some responsibility to stay in touch with whomever is working in that area that you're responsible for.

01:05:45 Speaker 4

And basically,

01:05:50 Speaker 4

in shorthand, you are the person who represents that department, that functional area at these meetings.

01:06:05 Speaker 4

If there's something that, you know, additional revenues, additional people that you need in certain areas,

01:06:15 Speaker 4

You're the person to kind of approach the rest of your colleagues on the city council and say, hey, we need to add this or we need to do this.

01:06:29 Speaker 4

And that's the best way I can explain how that's supposed to work.

01:06:34 Speaker 7

I like to think I'm smart enough to know that I don't know anything about the fire department, but I'm over it.

01:06:41 Speaker 7

You don't want me running the fire department, that to the professionals.

01:06:49 Speaker 4

And I will tell you that in some cases, in certain situations, and this town has experienced this in my tenure, by the way,

01:07:06 Speaker 4

There are certain positions that you have that you all, as an elected official, the state of Tennessee will not allow you, literally will not allow you to take over the functional supervision of that department, unless you're certified to do it.

01:07:33 Speaker 4

And I think you've got, well, nine, you've probably got at least one or maybe two.

01:07:38 Speaker 4

You used to have three.

01:07:44 Speaker 4

At least.

01:07:49 Speaker 4

And so that becomes one of those things to be aware of, especially going forward.

01:07:59 Speaker 4

If a police department had ever

01:08:02 Speaker 4

ever come back around.

01:08:09 Speaker 4

Questions.

01:08:12 Speaker 10

I'll just go with arts and recreation.

01:08:15 Speaker 10

That's where my field is at the moment.

01:08:19 Speaker 10

We have a parks board where we have a chairman of the board.

01:08:24 Speaker 10

I am there as the representative of the mayor and the board of aldermen.

01:08:29 Speaker 10

So I'm basically the liaison between that park board and this board.

01:08:36 Speaker 10

And my understanding is that the mayor is actually the chief executive officer of the city and therefore decisions that the park board would come up with, I bring to this board or to the mayor if it's, you know,

01:08:57 Speaker 10

a small, feasible amount where it doesn't necessarily have to be voted on.

01:09:02 Speaker 10

But I don't make those decisions.

01:09:07 Speaker 10

That basically falls back in the lap of the mayor, if I'm not mistaken.

01:09:16 Speaker 10

Well, yes and no.

01:09:23 Speaker 4

More no than yes, actually.

01:09:26 Speaker 2

Okay.

01:09:28 Speaker 4

Can I go back to your chart?

01:09:32 Speaker 4

the charter actually outlines parks and rec as one of those areas that an alderman can be, have responsibility for.

01:09:49 Speaker 4

Now, that responsibility only goes so far as being

01:09:58 Speaker 4

what we'd like to talk about, you're the person who deals with, who works at the parks and right, and in y'all's case, with that board, but then you're representing those people with this group here.

01:10:16 Speaker 4

Right.

01:10:18 Speaker 4

That's, no, that's according to your charter, that's--.

01:10:23 Speaker 10

Right, what do you represent?

01:10:26 Speaker 4

You are the person who speaks for Parks and Rec.

01:10:35 Speaker 4

And then everybody, you know, but what you bring to this body, as everybody sitting here would do, it's gotta be approved by a majority of those of you sitting up here to move forward.

01:10:58 Speaker 4

It's not that hard.

01:10:59 Speaker 10

Yeah, well, that's, again, where the three of us mainly, and of course, Monty's been included some, we've been redoing Pioneer Park.

01:11:10 Speaker 4

I know.

01:11:10 Speaker 10

And I've just more or less stepped to the side because these men were already working on the project before I got elected.

01:11:18 Speaker 10

And when I took over as parks, they already had a lot of these projects going.

01:11:24 Speaker 10

They have kept me in the loop as to what they were doing.

01:11:27 Speaker 10

And I said, yeah, run with it.

01:11:30 Speaker 10

But I've pretty well stepped aside and let them handle it because they wanted it and I didn't really need it.

01:11:40 Speaker 4

I understand.

01:11:43 Speaker 4

But if I'm going to go by what you and I'm only going to go by what your charter tells me.

01:11:48 Speaker 10

Right.

01:11:51 Speaker 4

When this meeting happens,

01:11:54 Speaker 4

You're the person who's, in theory, supposed to keep everybody else.

01:12:01 Speaker 10

Keep them delegated to doing it.

01:12:04 Speaker 4

If they want to do the grunt work, have that.

01:12:10 Speaker 10

But I generally should kind of oversee it to an extent.

01:12:15 Speaker 4

You want to keep up with what's going on.

01:12:18 Speaker 10

Yeah, and again, I've stayed in the loop all the time so that I was aware of what was going on.

01:12:26 Speaker 4

And that's what you should do in your position.

01:12:28 Speaker 4

Lots of people are gonna do the work.

01:12:35 Speaker 6

So in question, it's like with different things, streets, parks, emergency, there is very few of us.

01:12:46 Speaker 6

And so sometimes there's a lot to be done, and so we defer to the person in charge

01:12:53 Speaker 6

but we help each other out.

01:12:56 Speaker 6

Is that an issue in regards to the charter if we're supporting another person's area as long as we are deferring to them as the person that's in charge?

01:13:07 Speaker 4

No, there isn't a problem with that.

01:13:11 Speaker 4

Okay.

01:13:11 Speaker 4

Because if you think about it for a minute, before review, technically speaking,

01:13:22 Speaker 4

And it's literally just, if you read the chart, it's just the four of them, all of them, okay?

01:13:31 Speaker 4

Younger, one responsibility, one area.

01:13:38 Speaker 4

So who does, and you know, and I know for a fact, there's a lot more than that going on.

01:13:46 Speaker 4

So who's left?

01:13:51 Speaker 4

Man in the middle.

01:13:54 Speaker 10

Well, we bang the big bucks.

01:14:00 Speaker 4

And here's the reality.

01:14:03 Speaker 4

In almost every single small town, that's exactly what happens.

01:14:15 Speaker 4

I don't care if it's three people sitting up here,

01:14:21 Speaker 4

or seven people sitting up.

01:14:25 Speaker 4

There's going to be one person who has more responsibility related to day-to-day things to do and making sure that things are moving forward.

01:14:43 Speaker 4

And it's every single time the mayor in small towns.

01:14:50 Speaker 4

And I know that because I've got a lot of small towns once I get away from Nashville.

01:15:00 Speaker 4

It doesn't take long to figure that out.

01:15:04 Speaker 4

And you don't have to go far to see that.

01:15:08 Speaker 4

Truthfully.

01:15:09 Speaker 4

All I've got to do is take a ride and pick a direction.

01:15:16 Speaker 4

I'll find at least one or two cities that are very similar to you.

01:15:21 Speaker 4

In that respect.

01:15:25 Speaker 6

So in regards to day-to-day operation then, the mayor's carrying the brunt, he's really responsible for the day-to-day operations.

01:15:34 Speaker 6

It's like we don't have the funds for a city manager, so someone has to be in charge of the day-to-day operation and that would fall on the mayor.

01:15:47 Speaker 4

Yes.

01:15:49 Speaker 4

in a technical way now you know in a lot of places you know the mayor has another job you know that pays the bills um so that in in in small communities in in Tennessee most of the time the

01:16:18 Speaker 4

the person who does a lot of the work day-to-day is the city recorder in the state of Tennessee.

01:16:28 Speaker 4

And they hold, here lately, over the last several years, they've been added, their hats have doubled and tripled along the way.

01:16:41 Speaker 4

From people telling us that we need to do this, that, and another new thing.

01:16:49 Speaker 4

And that makes it that much more difficult to do that job.

01:16:59 Speaker 4

And I hear about it all the time.

01:17:03 Speaker 4

There is a city recorder in middle Tennessee that doesn't do at least seven jobs in small towns.

01:17:12 Speaker 4

And there's a lot of small towns still.

01:17:20 Speaker 4

That's how the map plays out.

01:17:23 Speaker 10

Technically, I guess it's going to boil down to the fact that John is over zoning.

01:17:30 Speaker 10

I have no business going out there and dealing with zoning without John assigning me that job.

01:17:38 Speaker 10

I should not just take it out myself to go do some zoning and then let John find out about it later.

01:17:46 Speaker 4

No no and no.

01:17:52 Speaker 10

No so I'll stay in your lane.

01:17:54 Speaker 6

And and I will say on Dale's regard he has let me know of different situations a citizen has let him know and we have worked on it together yeah I'm very much supportive of whatever help you know we all give each other because we do try to work together so but we respect each other's

01:18:16 Speaker 6

AORs, so.

01:18:19 Speaker 4

And that's where, and you need to do that because that's, if you don't, then that's where the confusion starts.

01:18:28 Speaker 4

And it only gets worse.

01:18:32 Speaker 4

I've seen that too.

01:18:36 Speaker 4

And you don't want any part of that.

01:18:40 Speaker 4

Trust me.

01:18:43 Speaker 1

I've got a, I guess,

01:18:45 Speaker 1

Russell, this may be a legal type question, but are we permitted to go on personal property for the purpose of inspecting cars?

01:19:04 Speaker 1

whatever the case might be.

01:19:08 Speaker 8

Violations for ordinances, right?

01:19:12 Speaker 3

I would say generally no.

01:19:16 Speaker 3

Obviously, with regard to fire codes and building codes, I understand those individuals

01:19:25 Speaker 3

don't have pure police powers, but they're granted a little bit of that opportunity.

01:19:31 Speaker 3

Obviously, the fire chief can come check your residence if he wants to see if you comply.

01:19:37 Speaker 3

Or a new building that's under construction.

01:19:39 Speaker 3

They have that right.

01:19:41 Speaker 3

But am I allowed as a alderman to go over somebody's property and see if they've got too many chickens in their backyard when they're not supposed to have

01:19:54 Speaker 3

a rooster or whatever, no.

01:19:56 Speaker 3

I think usually that comes through some sort of a citizen's complaint.

01:20:02 Speaker 3

And then you can ask your codes department, that'd be and Mike, to investigate.

01:20:07 Speaker 3

But I would not advise you guys to do that.

01:20:11 Speaker 8

But would Mike be able to do it?

01:20:14 Speaker 3

Yeah, Mike can investigate a codes violation.

01:20:20 Speaker 4

As long as you have someone who has that.

01:20:31 Speaker 8

The job title.

01:20:33 Speaker 4

No, you have to be certified.

01:20:38 Speaker 3

Yeah, and he is.

01:20:38 Speaker 8

That makes sense.

01:20:41 Speaker 4

Almost every inspector in the state of Tennessee, official, building official, fire inspector, and everything in between,

01:20:53 Speaker 4

You're certified by the state of Tennessee.

01:20:58 Speaker 4

Somebody in the state of Tennessee.

01:21:00 Speaker 6

Was that something that just took place?

01:21:03 Speaker 6

No, he's been sort of-- You're just giving a hypothetical.

01:21:05 Speaker 6

No, no.

01:21:06 Speaker 6

I'm talking about your question.

01:21:07 Speaker 6

Is that a hypothetical or did that take place?

01:21:10 Speaker 6

Because I'm not aware of that.

01:21:11 Speaker 6

And if I'm responsible for planning and zoning and Mike Bowers needed to go out and do something, would I have been notified or--?

01:21:20 Speaker 1

Technically, yes, you should have been.

01:21:24 Speaker 4

Well, and here's the long and the short.

01:21:30 Speaker 4

Even though you all are sitting up there, unless someone has the certifications and the license, you do not have any authority whatsoever of any kind.

01:21:51 Speaker 4

to step onto somebody's private property.

01:21:56 Speaker 4

And I've actually had this conversation in another, actually much larger city on the same kind of a question asked by a council member.

01:22:13 Speaker 4

And I can't begin to tell you how fast the response came back from the staff that were sitting

01:22:21 Speaker 4

And knew better.

01:22:21 Speaker 4

I didn't even have a toe in my mouth.

01:22:27 Speaker 6

I can say I have with Mike Bowers, who's our inspector, and if the citizen grants us permission, it's okay then, correct?

01:22:39 Speaker 6

Mm-hmm.

01:22:40 Speaker 4

Okay.

01:22:41 Speaker 6

'Cause I have been out on different situations with our inspector, and him and I have looked at something that may have been a problem with an ordinance.

01:22:50 Speaker 6

but we had permission from the citizen and we had a discussion.

01:22:56 Speaker 6

But at no time did we ever go out there.

01:22:59 Speaker 6

I never went out on my own.

01:23:00 Speaker 6

We always sent Mike, but sometimes I was there also working with that person, but with the permission of that citizen.

01:23:10 Speaker 4

So, okay.

01:23:17 Speaker 4

What else?

01:23:23 Speaker 1

I think that should take care of us.

01:23:25 Speaker 1

We appreciate it.

01:23:28 Speaker 8

Well, I forgot your name.

01:23:31 Speaker 8

Oh, Mr.

01:23:35 Speaker 8

Neely.

01:23:37 Speaker 8

He had asked a question earlier about, I forgot what it was about already, but I know you had an important question.

01:23:46 Speaker 4

I can't, I don't, I'm sure.

01:23:48 Speaker 4

Referring to.

01:23:50 Speaker 8

Oh, I know whether or not that came back, whether whether or not when the documents are released, like to us, it's entirely to have a copy, but like the package or like the.

01:24:08 Speaker 3

Draft of the minutes, draft of the budget was referred to at the time.

01:24:15 Speaker 3

I mean, the agenda is public record.

01:24:18 Speaker 8

Well, but is it all of it?

01:24:24 Speaker 3

Yeah, pretty much.

01:24:25 Speaker 5

I don't post, I did not post the budget.

01:24:29 Speaker 5

I don't post the drafts of the documents, never have on the website until after the meetings.

01:24:39 Speaker 5

It's not our policy to post all those things.

01:24:41 Speaker 5

I post the agenda, the public notice and the agenda.

01:24:46 Speaker 5

and so that's what she's referring to.

01:24:48 Speaker 3

Is that so like when you post when you post the agenda and you say for instance we're going to draft ordinance 26105 an ordinance to you know adopt some sort of

01:25:04 Speaker 3

state regulation or something of that nature, you don't publish the actual ordinance.

01:25:09 Speaker 3

There's no way you can do that.

01:25:12 Speaker 5

Right, we just, it's just never been our policy until they're approved and that we upload all those.

01:25:19 Speaker 3

Well, I would recommend that they be published.

01:25:22 Speaker 5

Okay.

01:25:23 Speaker 5

We can do that just for the sake of they publish them and then we have to take them down and then put them back up.

01:25:29 Speaker 5

Just, there's three of us, so.

01:25:32 Speaker 3

I understand.

01:25:34 Speaker 3

In other words, just whatever the packet's going to be of the actual, well, we didn't have one tonight other than the budget, but just say any other ordinance you would say, you know, here's the agenda and here's the packet.

01:25:47 Speaker 5

Okay.

01:25:47 Speaker 3

You can do it that way.

01:25:54 Speaker 1

Another question.

01:25:54 Speaker 5

It may be at least a few months before we get that done though, just because I have to build a little bit.

01:26:03 Speaker 1

City administrator.

01:26:05 Speaker 4

Yeah.

01:26:06 Speaker 1

Can an alderman be the city administrator?

01:26:10 Speaker 4

At the same time.

01:26:11 Speaker 1

Yeah.

01:26:12 Speaker 4

No.

01:26:14 Speaker 4

Nice try.

01:26:14 Speaker 4

But no.

01:26:17 Speaker 4

No, the state of Tennessee doesn't allow it.

01:26:21 Speaker 3

Correct.

01:26:24 Speaker 4

Consider it a conflict.

01:26:27 Speaker 4

And there have been people who tried, trust me, and don't worry.

01:26:35 Speaker 4

in the past.

01:26:40 Speaker 4

It did fly once ago.

01:26:47 Speaker 1

All right, any other questions?

01:26:51 Speaker 1

Gary, we appreciate it, sir.

01:26:53 Speaker 6

Very much.

01:26:53 Speaker 6

Thank you.

01:26:54 Speaker 6

Thank you.

01:26:55 Speaker 1

Good information.

01:26:56 Speaker 4

Appreciate your time.

01:26:58 Speaker 4

We appreciate your time.

01:26:59 Speaker 3

As fall approaches LGBT.

01:27:02 Speaker 3

as fall approaches I will give you a con call yes please thank.

01:27:09 Speaker 4

You we we we can sincerely help you things to make sure we've got into that document kind of document.

01:27:25 Speaker 10

And we appreciate that as well sir.

01:27:29 Speaker 4

Yes we do a lot of that.

01:27:33 Speaker 1

Thank you very much.

01:27:34 Speaker 4

Yes, sir.

01:27:37 Speaker 1

Okay.

01:27:40 Speaker 1

Next item up, I'd like to appoint Ms.

01:27:50 Speaker 1

Martin as our Joint Economic Commissioner, as well as appoint Monte.

01:28:00 Speaker 1

as a community development commissioner.

01:28:03 Speaker 8

You can't do that.

01:28:04 Speaker 8

It's not in the municipal code.

01:28:06 Speaker 8

That's what he said, you can't do that until it's all fixed.

01:28:13 Speaker 8

Do you have a problem?

01:28:15 Speaker 6

He's...

01:28:17 Speaker 8

Yeah.

01:28:17 Speaker 8

He just can't hear me.

01:28:20 Speaker 4

I got him, I think.

01:28:25 Speaker 8

Nope, he's not coming back.

01:28:26 Speaker 8

He said he's not coming back.

01:28:30 Speaker 1

He needs to run from the hills.

01:28:31 Speaker 4

Yeah.

01:28:33 Speaker 3

Well, community and economic development is in the code.

01:28:35 Speaker 8

But it is in the name.

01:28:40 Speaker 3

It's in the charter.

01:28:54 Speaker 6

Right.

01:28:55 Speaker 6

You thought you escaped.

01:28:56 Speaker 7

You wasn't fast enough.

01:28:59 Speaker 3

It's called an encore.

01:29:04 Speaker 4

I have a question for you.

01:29:05 Speaker 4

I've had my share.

01:29:08 Speaker 1

Based on what you told us earlier, and I'm not sure it can be done or it can be done.

01:29:12 Speaker 1

I was making an appointment of the Joint Economic Commissioner to Ms.

01:29:22 Speaker 1

Martin and the Joint Community Development Commissioner to

01:29:29 Speaker 1

Mr.

01:29:29 Speaker 1

Gregory.

01:29:31 Speaker 1

Can that be done?

01:29:37 Speaker 4

Okay.

01:29:37 Speaker 4

Say that again.

01:29:40 Speaker 1

Economic and community development.

01:29:42 Speaker 4

Right.

01:29:43 Speaker 4

Right now they're this way.

01:29:45 Speaker 1

Yes.

01:29:46 Speaker 4

Oh, yeah.

01:29:46 Speaker 4

And you're going to split the two.

01:29:48 Speaker 1

Yes.

01:29:49 Speaker 8

We don't have it in the municipal code.

01:29:53 Speaker 3

But it's in the charter.

01:29:54 Speaker 4

And it's new.

01:29:56 Speaker 4

But it's already in the charter.

01:29:58 Speaker 4

Yes, it is.

01:30:00 Speaker 8

Is it?

01:30:00 Speaker 4

Yes, it is.

01:30:02 Speaker 4

Page 10, both of them are in the charter on page 10.

01:30:08 Speaker 8

Okay.

01:30:08 Speaker 4

Trust me.

01:30:09 Speaker 4

I do.

01:30:09 Speaker 4

I do.

01:30:10 Speaker 4

You don't need to ask that.

01:30:13 Speaker 1

Question.

01:30:14 Speaker 1

Okay.

01:30:15 Speaker 4

So, yes, you can split those two things.

01:30:20 Speaker 4

And they still wind up being one thing for each person.

01:30:23 Speaker 4

And you can't have more than one thing per person.

01:30:29 Speaker 4

That's the difficulty that creates a.

01:30:32 Speaker 10

Desire to take away the commission they already have in order to get on this vote.

01:30:37 Speaker 4

Yes.

01:30:38 Speaker 5

That would take away your thought.

01:30:41 Speaker 4

In part, that's exactly right.

01:30:43 Speaker 4

But because of the way, literally,

01:30:49 Speaker 4

The charter is.

01:30:52 Speaker 3

If only if each we only have five, the charter has one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight designations.

01:31:01 Speaker 3

Do we appoint five and give the others to the mayor?

01:31:06 Speaker 4

Yes.

01:31:07 Speaker 3

Okay.

01:31:07 Speaker 3

Okay.

01:31:08 Speaker 4

Can I ask the question?

01:31:09 Speaker 4

That was what I was trying to tell you.

01:31:10 Speaker 3

Yeah, that's what I thought.

01:31:11 Speaker 6

Patrick, you appoint four and the mayor get the rest of them.

01:31:13 Speaker 6

I want to ask the question if I could.

01:31:16 Speaker 6

So if we, if the mayor takes this on,

01:31:19 Speaker 6

And as the mayor, he can not give up that AOR, but can he ask for assistance from one of the aldermen to assist him in his AOR?

01:31:36 Speaker 4

He can ask.

01:31:39 Speaker 6

And if that alderman is willing, can they work in conjunction as long as the mayor is responsible for that AOR?

01:31:49 Speaker 10

It would be no different than you helped.

01:31:51 Speaker 6

Me.

01:31:51 Speaker 6

I'm just making, I'm just clarifying.

01:31:54 Speaker 4

Yes.

01:31:54 Speaker 4

Okay.

01:31:55 Speaker 4

Because the response, it's what your charter literally created was that one person, let me back that up.

01:32:08 Speaker 4

Any one alder would only be responsible for one thing, one thing.

01:32:17 Speaker 4

area here.

01:32:19 Speaker 4

Okay.

01:32:22 Speaker 4

Strictly beyond that.

01:32:24 Speaker 4

Yeah, if you want, if you've got the time, the skill set to help do something else for something with someone.

01:32:33 Speaker 4

Yes.

01:32:34 Speaker 4

Okay.

01:32:34 Speaker 3

Now, is there an issue because we're supposed to do that immediately after the election?

01:32:39 Speaker 3

And now here we are.

01:32:42 Speaker 10

Six months out from an election.

01:32:45 Speaker 10

Seven.

01:32:52 Speaker 4

Your chart does say following municipal election.

01:32:56 Speaker 3

And at the municipal election, we elected fire and police, utilities, Mayor Shaw.

01:33:02 Speaker 3

How many were we in?

01:33:04 Speaker 3

How many, all right, so the question because we had...

01:33:07 Speaker 3

Gilmore got parks and recreation, there's one.

01:33:10 Speaker 3

Hang on.

01:33:13 Speaker 3

Gregory got fire and police, there's two.

01:33:16 Speaker 3

Occentive got planning and zoning, there's three.

01:33:20 Speaker 3

You got community and economic development, there's four.

01:33:24 Speaker 3

And then A, B, and F on the agenda then became the mayors.

01:33:28 Speaker 6

Yes.

01:33:29 Speaker 3

Okay.

01:33:30 Speaker 3

Which would be finance, public works, and utilities, because that's what we have.

01:33:40 Speaker 6

But public works is also streets.

01:33:42 Speaker 3

Basically, yes.

01:33:47 Speaker 1

Okay, so right now, you were referencing, can't do it.

01:33:53 Speaker 3

Then I say don't do, don't make any new appointments and leave as is to the next election.

01:34:00 Speaker 10

All right.

01:34:00 Speaker 10

Just carry it on.

01:34:03 Speaker 6

And if somebody needs help, ask for it and we'll support each other.

01:34:06 Speaker 1

You're right.

01:34:07 Speaker 6

Okay, sounds good.

01:34:10 Speaker 4

I would hope so.

01:34:12 Speaker 3

And/or a charter amendment.

01:34:14 Speaker 4

Correct.

01:34:15 Speaker 4

We'll work on that.

01:34:18 Speaker 4

Yes.

01:34:18 Speaker 1

In the fall.

01:34:18 Speaker 4

Yeah, because you're going to want to have that submitted, by the way.

01:34:26 Speaker 4

I'm saying this for you, too.

01:34:28 Speaker 4

Actually, I think you know.

01:34:30 Speaker 4

You're going to want to get that submitted to the state of Tennessee in December.

01:34:36 Speaker 10

Yeah.

01:34:38 Speaker 4

Because it's going to take us a while.

01:34:45 Speaker 4

You would not be the only crew that I've seen you do that.

01:34:50 Speaker 4

Sure, so I just did one this past year.

01:34:55 Speaker 4

Started literally in office.

01:34:58 Speaker 10

Sounds like a plan to me.

01:35:01 Speaker 1

All right, well, thanks again.

01:35:02 Speaker 6

Thank you very.

01:35:04 Speaker 1

Much.

01:35:04 Speaker 4

I won't stop.

01:35:11 Speaker 3

Thank you, Gary, be safe.

01:35:13 Speaker 7

Thank you very much.

01:35:15 Speaker 1

Okay, next item up on the agenda is the Park Board member refers.

01:35:21 Speaker 3

Which we can do.

01:35:22 Speaker 10

Are you sure?

01:35:25 Speaker 10

All right, well, we have one man that we'd like to bring forward tonight.

01:35:30 Speaker 10

Mr.

01:35:31 Speaker 10

John Neely has been moved on by the Park Board, and I would like to present him this evening to be our next member, and I would like to make a motion that we accept John Neely as a Park Board member.

01:35:46 Speaker 7

Are you making the motion?

01:35:48 Speaker 7

I'll second.

01:35:50 Speaker 1

Okay, any questions?

01:35:56 Speaker 1

All in favor.

01:35:58 Speaker 6

Aye.

01:36:01 Speaker 3

No opposed.

01:36:06 Speaker 7

Boy, you're in trouble now.

01:36:08 Speaker 7

You've done it.

01:36:11 Speaker 1

You've got you now.

01:36:14 Speaker 7

Welcome aboard.

01:36:16 Speaker 1

Okay, next item up is a letter that was sent in by the Green Ridge Chamber of Commerce requesting that we waive the \$500 fee for the rental of the park for the wheels, wags, and family fun event.

01:36:36 Speaker 1

Be held at Station Park on 6/6.

01:36:42 Speaker 10

I'd like to make a motion that we waive the parking discussion.

01:36:47 Speaker 10

We haven't made a motion next time after that.

01:36:49 Speaker 10

After you make the motion, you discuss it.

01:36:52 Speaker 8

Okay.

01:36:52 Speaker 8

I forgot.

01:36:54 Speaker 10

I'd like to make a motion that we extend to the Green Ridge Chamber of Commerce the fact that we would do away with the park rental fee.

01:37:05 Speaker 10

That's easy enough to do.

01:37:08 Speaker 10

In the amount of \$500 so that they can have their event on June 6th.

01:37:13 Speaker 10

2026.

01:37:14 Speaker 6

I'll second.

01:37:16 Speaker 1

Any questions?

01:37:18 Speaker 8

Yes.

01:37:19 Speaker 8

Who's gonna clean up the park then if they don't pay anything?

01:37:23 Speaker 8

We just are gonna eat it?

01:37:27 Speaker 8

That's a, it sounds like a big production.

01:37:30 Speaker 6

It'll be an event to bring the community together.

01:37:34 Speaker 6

And the Green Ridge Chamber's gonna be putting on its Greenbrier and Ridge Stop combined, that chamber.

01:37:39 Speaker 6

I'm sure that with their setup, they're going to have cleanup crews.

01:37:44 Speaker 10

And John always carries the trash cans off the road.

01:37:50 Speaker 8

According to the Secretary of State's office, they're no longer a valid charity.

01:37:55 Speaker 8

I don't know if you guys care about that.

01:38:00 Speaker 8

You haven't in the past.

01:38:01 Speaker 3

The Green Ridge Chamber of Commerce.

01:38:16 Speaker 1

Well, in this particular situation, they have done a lot for the community.

01:38:22 Speaker 1

This looks like a pretty good event.

01:38:25 Speaker 8

It does, it looks adorable.

01:38:27 Speaker 1

Yes.

01:38:28 Speaker 8

But I just thought you should know them.

01:38:33 Speaker 1

All right, any other questions?

01:38:41 Speaker 3

I'll check on this.

01:38:44 Speaker 3

They're not the only corporation that unfortunately forgets to file their

01:38:48 Speaker 3

\$20 annual fee that it has to reinstate, which can be done like that.

01:38:54 Speaker 3

So I doubt they have a problem with the revenue, so with their taxes, so they'll get a clearance letter and can reinstate.

01:39:05 Speaker 3

I know now that it appears that all the history's not on this, Alderman Martin, but I will check.

01:39:09 Speaker 8

That's the most I could.

01:39:12 Speaker 3

I can get more history than that.

01:39:13 Speaker 4

Okay, good.

01:39:17 Speaker 1

Anything else?

01:39:19 Speaker 1

Okay.

01:39:20 Speaker 1

Roll call.

01:39:22 Speaker 5

Sure.

01:39:22 Speaker 5

Alderman Martin.

01:39:23 Speaker 8

Yes.

01:39:26 Speaker 5

Vice Mayor Gilmore.

01:39:28 Speaker 10

Yes.

01:39:29 Speaker 5

Alderman Senev.

01:39:30 Speaker 6

Yes.

01:39:31 Speaker 5

Alderman Gregory.

01:39:32 Speaker 7

Yes.

01:39:32 Speaker 5

Mayor Shaw.

01:39:33 Speaker 6

Yes.

01:39:37 Speaker 1

Okay, next item up.

01:39:38 Speaker 1

I'd like to put the bid advertising out for paving of Pioneer Park.

01:39:47 Speaker 1

It's well needed, overdue, and that'll help put the final touches on that part.

01:39:56 Speaker 7

I'll make a motion we put a bid out for advertisement for the paving at Pioneer Park.

01:40:06 Speaker 10

And I will second that.

01:40:09 Speaker 1

Any questions?

01:40:10 Speaker 6

Now, you already had it looked at.

01:40:13 Speaker 6

and there's no way to reseal it, kind of with asphalt, you can reseal, kind of resurrect it a little bit, but this needs to be replaced.

01:40:20 Speaker 1

It needs to be replaced.

01:40:21 Speaker 6

All right.

01:40:27 Speaker 1

Any further questions?

01:40:30 Speaker 1

Okay, all in favor.

01:40:32 Speaker 6

Aye.

01:40:36 Speaker 1

Next item up is a bid advertisement for a sewer chemical vendor.

01:40:44 Speaker 1

We're looking to

01:40:46 Speaker 1

rebid this contract.

01:40:50 Speaker 1

This would be a contract for the chemicals provided for our sewer, for lack of a better terms, treatment facility.

01:41:01 Speaker 1

Current vendor that's been with us for quite some time is in Las Vegas.

01:41:08 Speaker 1

It was a little bit difficult to get in touch with him, so

01:41:14 Speaker 1

I think it's time to rebid this contract.

01:41:20 Speaker 10

This vendor we have now has a right to bid if he chooses.

01:41:24 Speaker 1

If he so chooses, yes.

01:41:29 Speaker 10

I make a motion that we put out the bid, vendor to provide sewer chemicals.

01:41:36 Speaker 6

I'll second.

01:41:38 Speaker 1

All in favor.

01:41:39 Speaker 8

Aye.

01:41:41 Speaker 3

No additional discussion with this.

01:41:42 Speaker 1

I'm sorry, I forgot that part.

01:41:46 Speaker 10

Getting late.

01:41:50 Speaker 1

Okay, next item up is this discuss this civic plus municipal software.

01:41:55 Speaker 8

Could we, could we, let's see, could we postpone this to the next meeting?

01:42:02 Speaker 3

Make a motion to defer.

01:42:03 Speaker 8

Yes, please.

01:42:04 Speaker 8

I'd like to defer that and

01:42:08 Speaker 8

the other one.

01:42:10 Speaker 3

Let's do what it does.

01:42:12 Speaker 8

Okay, I'd like to defer the Civic Plus information until the next meeting.

01:42:24 Speaker 10

That is a motion.

01:42:25 Speaker 8

Yes.

01:42:26 Speaker 10

I'll second it.

01:42:26 Speaker 10

Thank you.

01:42:28 Speaker 1

Any questions?

01:42:29 Speaker 6

For what purpose to defer it?

01:42:31 Speaker 8

I'm tired.

01:42:38 Speaker 8

old.

01:42:42 Speaker 8

Don't comment.

01:42:46 Speaker 1

Any other questions?

01:42:54 Speaker 1

Okay.

01:42:54 Speaker 1

All in favor?

01:42:57 Speaker 1

Aye.

01:42:59 Speaker 1

Next item up is discuss the duties and responsibilities for CMFO certified city employers.

01:43:05 Speaker 8

I would like to defer.

01:43:19 Speaker 3

So is that a motion to defer item J?

01:43:21 Speaker 8

Yes.

01:43:22 Speaker 8

Please.

01:43:24 Speaker 7

I'll second.

01:43:26 Speaker 1

Any questions?

01:43:27 Speaker 6

I'm curious as to what it's about.

01:43:30 Speaker 6

I understand you want to defer, but can we at least find out what item J is and what it's for?

01:43:40 Speaker 1

Oh, certified city office.

01:43:41 Speaker 8

Oh, our ladies, our wonderful ladies, our amazing staff.

01:43:49 Speaker 8

They all have the same certification now, so they should be treated differently and be able to do more, but I want to defer it until the next meeting, please.

01:43:59 Speaker 8

I have a question.

01:44:06 Speaker 5

What do you think we should do more?

01:44:08 Speaker 5

What more -- Gary just said we do seven jobs.

01:44:12 Speaker 5

What more do you think we could do?

01:44:13 Speaker 8

Well, it's not really more, it's kind of differently.

01:44:16 Speaker 8

And we can discuss that next month.

01:44:19 Speaker 6

I'd kind of like to understand a little bit more.

01:44:26 Speaker 8

You will next month.

01:44:27 Speaker 8

I'm deferring it.

01:44:30 Speaker 8

Unless you want to hold hostage and make me tell you.

01:44:32 Speaker 6

It's not about holding hostage, I'm just kind of wanting to know what's going on.

01:44:37 Speaker 6

Yeah, I agree.

01:44:38 Speaker 6

You do roll call.

01:44:39 Speaker 6

Sorry again.

01:44:40 Speaker 1

No.

01:44:42 Speaker 1

Roll call.

01:44:44 Speaker 5

Alderman Siniff.

01:44:45 Speaker 6

No.

01:44:48 Speaker 5

Alderman Martin.

01:44:50 Speaker 8

No.

01:44:52 Speaker 8

Wait a minute.

01:44:52 Speaker 8

Did I do that backwards?

01:44:54 Speaker 8

No.

01:44:54 Speaker 8

Okay.

01:44:54 Speaker 8

Yes.

01:44:54 Speaker 8

I'm tired.

01:44:59 Speaker 5

Vice Mayor Gilmore.

01:45:04 Speaker 10

No.

01:45:06 Speaker 5

Mayor Shaw.

01:45:07 Speaker 1

No.

01:45:07 Speaker 1

Okay.

01:45:10 Speaker 5

And Alderman Gregory.

01:45:12 Speaker 7

No.

01:45:12 Speaker 7

Okay.

01:45:14 Speaker 8

Just can't stand the suspense.

01:45:18 Speaker 8

Okay.

01:45:19 Speaker 5

Motion failed.

01:45:20 Speaker 5

Okay.

01:45:20 Speaker 8

All right.

01:45:25 Speaker 8

Let's see.

01:45:25 Speaker 8

All right.

01:45:28 Speaker 8

I have my little message here.

01:45:31 Speaker 8

We are at a very exciting time in our city.

01:45:34 Speaker 8

All three of our office employees have obtained the certification of CMFO, which is an amazing thing for us to have that kind of talent here in the city offices.

01:45:46 Speaker 8

The city paid for their education and their pay has already been increased to reflect their new and equal abilities.

01:45:55 Speaker 8

New opportunities are up.

01:45:58 Speaker 8

are at our doorstep as we march into the future.

01:46:00 Speaker 8

No longer will only one person be relied upon to access documents or ask our customers to make appointments to fulfill their requests.

01:46:09 Speaker 8

Our employees will be able to have vacations or days off without shutting down various city functions because only one person can perform a task.

01:46:21 Speaker 8

Full cross training hopefully would take a few months, but we should be up and running in no time flat.

01:46:27 Speaker 8

With the added knowledge they have acquired, the issue of separation of duties in our audit findings should also be a thing of the past.

01:46:35 Speaker 8

That's it.

01:46:40 Speaker 5

I actually spoke with -- is it okay for me to speak?

01:46:44 Speaker 1

Yes.

01:46:45 Speaker 7

Yes.

01:46:46 Speaker 5

I actually spoke with the comptroller's office, which I understand you reach out to, and he said about the segregation of duties, and I spoke with our auditor as well.

01:46:58 Speaker 5

The difference between the finding that you're concerned about on segregation of duties is access.

01:47:06 Speaker 5

And there is -- I do have access to all duties, but I do not access every duty.

01:47:15 Speaker 5

It is just the availability of the access.

01:47:18 Speaker 5

So the comptroller was not concerned with that segregation of duty.

01:47:27 Speaker 5

as long as when I access it, if I talk to the auditor and when I access it, we put into a place that it is checked, like the mayor signs off on if I perform that duty.

01:47:42 Speaker 5

But the only reason that that finding is still in the audit is because I have access, not because the duties are not segregated.

01:47:51 Speaker 8

I guess I don't understand what it really means then.

01:47:53 Speaker 8

If you could explain it to me.

01:47:55 Speaker 5

Then I don't understand why you keep bringing it up over and over and over.

01:48:00 Speaker 5

It's not a negative.

01:48:02 Speaker 5

It's only a negative to you because you don't understand.

01:48:05 Speaker 8

Okay.

01:48:06 Speaker 8

Well, it would be nice to sit down and talk about it then.

01:48:09 Speaker 5

Did you not understand when you called the comptroller?

01:48:12 Speaker 8

Yeah.

01:48:12 Speaker 8

He told me there was no big deal about it, that they can do it in two-people offices.

01:48:17 Speaker 8

So...

01:48:19 Speaker 5

That's not what he said, but.

01:48:21 Speaker 1

Yeah, and to reaffirm, we've had multiple audits.

01:48:27 Speaker 8

Right.

01:48:28 Speaker 1

And we have been told in each and every one of those audits that, yes, this is a ding, but everything is fine.

01:48:36 Speaker 1

Okay.

01:48:38 Speaker 7

And that every small city has that ding.

01:48:44 Speaker 3

That's another unavoidable finding by

01:48:48 Speaker 3

auditor in a situation such as.

01:48:50 Speaker 5

You understand it by default.

01:48:53 Speaker 5

And it is no big deal.

01:48:54 Speaker 5

You're right.

01:48:55 Speaker 8

Because we're in another audit.

01:48:57 Speaker 1

And we're going to have the same findings.

01:48:59 Speaker 8

Well, if you don't want to fix it, okay.

01:49:01 Speaker 1

There's no way to fix it without getting additional people.

01:49:05 Speaker 8

But if it's okay, are you going to bring it up again?

01:49:11 Speaker 5

But if it's okay, are you going to bring it up again?

01:49:14 Speaker 5

Like if, like.

01:49:16 Speaker 8

I don't know.

01:49:17 Speaker 8

I don't have a crystal ball.

01:49:19 Speaker 10

But the one thing I would like to throw into the middle of all this is, you know, my wife and I have a checking account.

01:49:28 Speaker 10

We have a bank account.

01:49:32 Speaker 10

Now, she happens to be better with money than I am.

01:49:35 Speaker 10

She has the final say to that bank account, and I don't get in it until she okays it.

01:49:42 Speaker 10

There has to be one person that is responsible for the security and maintenance of these files.

01:49:50 Speaker 10

You know, they all ought to be able to get to them, you know, be able to provide you a file.

01:49:55 Speaker 10

But ultimately, Kelly is responsible for the security and safety of those files.

01:50:02 Speaker 10

And she has to have her finger on those files because if one of them comes up missing, it's on her.

01:50:11 Speaker 10

So you can't just open it up to all three of them.

01:50:14 Speaker 8

Why not?

01:50:15 Speaker 10

Because one person's in charge and one person's responsible.

01:50:19 Speaker 8

Of course she's in charge.

01:50:21 Speaker 10

But she's responsible.

01:50:22 Speaker 10

If she's not here and somebody goes in there and gets a file and misfiles it, they didn't take off with it, they didn't destroy it, they just misfiled it.

01:50:32 Speaker 10

If she goes to get it and she can't find it, it's her ****.

01:50:38 Speaker 8

I think she could train people adequately.

01:50:40 Speaker 8

She's very smart.

01:50:41 Speaker 10

Well, she is, and they are as well.

01:50:44 Speaker 10

But the bottom line is, she's responsible.

01:50:48 Speaker 5

And it goes back to there is a segregation of duties job.

01:50:51 Speaker 5

I'm sorry?

01:50:52 Speaker 5

It goes back to right where you started, is there is segregation of duties.

01:50:56 Speaker 5

So at some point, they can't do everything in the office because we do have to segregate duties.

01:51:03 Speaker 5

So as much as you want us to all do everything, you keep saying there has to be segregation of duties.

01:51:09 Speaker 5

Well, there does have to be.

01:51:11 Speaker 5

So they can't do everything I do, and I can't do everything they do.

01:51:14 Speaker 5

And just when you come in the office and you want that document, it's not readily available.

01:51:19 Speaker 5

When you're standing there in the office, there's a reason why you have to foyer stuff, and you have to wait for it, because I may not have access to what they have access to, and they may not have access to what I have access to, and that is for safety of the office.

01:51:33 Speaker 1

I think so.

01:51:39 Speaker 1

Okay, last one is discussion of the expansion of City Hall operations days and hours.

01:51:45 Speaker 8

Forget it.

01:51:49 Speaker 8

doesn't matter what the people want here.

01:51:51 Speaker 10

Well, I will say, obviously, 30 years ago, and this was before Kelly came on, we used to have a half a day Saturday.

01:52:02 Speaker 10

Right.

01:52:03 Speaker 10

And again, it was

01:52:04 Speaker 10

before you were even part of the administration here.

01:52:07 Speaker 10

And again, we've always been closed on Wednesdays.

01:52:10 Speaker 10

But 30 years ago, there was a half a day on Saturday where folks that worked in town and could not be here through the week were able to come in and do business Saturday morning.

01:52:22 Speaker 10

Now, whether we want to go back to that or whether we don't, you know, that would be up to the board.

01:52:30 Speaker 10

But at one time, we did have those hours.

01:52:32 Speaker 3

Now you're always showing your age my friend because uh that was a thing in Robertson County and Robertson County alone for some reason because it was always a half day on Wednesday work Saturday morning and if I'm not mistaken the courthouse was even open at one time on Saturday and uh back in the day and that will never happen again but uh so.

01:52:55 Speaker 10

Yeah Louis Oliver was here at that time there are issues.

01:52:58 Speaker 8

Though with the with the

01:53:02 Speaker 8

holidays where there ends up being a two-day week.

01:53:09 Speaker 8

I mean, how can we run a business when we're only in the office two days a week?

01:53:15 Speaker 8

I mean, it's not every week, it's not every month necessarily.

01:53:19 Speaker 5

It happens something twice a year.

01:53:21 Speaker 8

Oh, really?

01:53:22 Speaker 8

Oh, because people complain about us?

01:53:26 Speaker 6

Well, I want to ask a question, you're mentioning people.

01:53:29 Speaker 8

People, yeah.

01:53:29 Speaker 6

I have not heard the complaints.

01:53:31 Speaker 8

Well, people don't talk to you the way they talk to me.

01:53:34 Speaker 6

Do you have a list of people?

01:53:37 Speaker 8

You're starting to sound like Kristen now.

01:53:40 Speaker 8

She wants names and blood.

01:53:42 Speaker 6

It's not names and blood.

01:53:45 Speaker 6

You're saying you speak for the people?

01:53:47 Speaker 8

I do.

01:53:47 Speaker 6

Okay.

01:53:48 Speaker 8

The ones I know, and no, I don't release names.

01:53:51 Speaker 6

Okay, are they showing up here saying this?

01:53:54 Speaker 8

Not tonight.

01:53:56 Speaker 10

Again, we all represent different people, different segments of town.

01:54:00 Speaker 10

People will tell me things that they don't tell you.

01:54:04 Speaker 10

It's a fact.

01:54:05 Speaker 10

You don't need to know everybody's name.

01:54:07 Speaker 6

I understand, but when you say you speak for the people, there needs to be supporting evidence that you're speaking for the people.

01:54:14 Speaker 10

She's speaking for a portion of the people.

01:54:17 Speaker 10

I've had some of them as well.

01:54:20 Speaker 10

And again, I don't know that it's a major portion of the city.

01:54:24 Speaker 10

It may be 25, 30, it may be 200.

01:54:28 Speaker 10

I don't know.

01:54:29 Speaker 10

But if it was 200, I'm sure we'd all know about it.

01:54:33 Speaker 10

But again, I was just going to throw it out there that at one time we did have Saturday hours.

01:54:42 Speaker 10

Whether we go back to it or not, in my case, it's immaterial.

01:54:46 Speaker 8

I was suggesting Saturdays.

01:54:48 Speaker 7

Well, they all accept that.

01:54:50 Speaker 7

Now, most of the stuff is now on

01:54:54 Speaker 7

Internet to work on the web page to where you can access and pay bills and stuff like that.

01:55:00 Speaker 5

Credit card, they pay by ACH.

01:55:07 Speaker 8

I came by one Monday after Easter and I've never even heard of Easter Monday.

01:55:12 Speaker 8

I don't know how we got that holiday.

01:55:15 Speaker 8

I don't think we do.

01:55:16 Speaker 5

We're closed on Easter.

01:55:24 Speaker 5

We were closed Good Friday.

01:55:29 Speaker 1

Didn't you come to?

01:55:30 Speaker 8

The office meeting on Easter Monday and it was closed?

01:55:32 Speaker 8

You don't remember?

01:55:36 Speaker 6

Okay.

01:55:36 Speaker 6

I know Friday closed for Good Friday.

01:55:39 Speaker 1

Yes.

01:55:39 Speaker 1

We weren't closed on Monday.

01:55:44 Speaker 1

All right.

01:55:46 Speaker 3

What other item, Mayor?

01:55:48 Speaker 3

I think it would be proper to go back and do a motion to remove items.

01:55:54 Speaker 3

C and D in new business from the agenda.

01:56:01 Speaker 3

Someone can make a motion.

01:56:03 Speaker 7

One at a time or both?

01:56:04 Speaker 3

Both be fun.

01:56:06 Speaker 7

I make a motion we remove items C and D from the business.

01:56:13 Speaker 8

Yeah, go ahead.

01:56:15 Speaker 6

I'll second.

01:56:17 Speaker 1

Any questions?

01:56:21 Speaker 1

All in favor.

01:56:22 Speaker 5

May I ask a question?

01:56:26 Speaker 5

Do I need to go back and put that in line with C and D?

01:56:31 Speaker 5

Or can I put it?

01:56:32 Speaker 3

You can put it at the end.

01:56:33 Speaker 5

Okay.

01:56:38 Speaker 1

No, we need to add this item to the agenda.

01:56:44 Speaker 1

I'd like to make a motion to add resolution 26-04

01:56:50 Speaker 1

City of Ridgetop, Tennessee for administrative services.

01:56:56 Speaker 1

This is designating community development partners to oversee our block grant for the fire department, fire engine.

01:57:11 Speaker 7

Are you making a motion?

01:57:12 Speaker 1

Yes.

01:57:12 Speaker 7

I'll second.

01:57:14 Speaker 1

Any questions?

01:57:18 Speaker 1

All in favor?

01:57:19 Speaker 1

Aye.

01:57:21 Speaker 1

Okay.

01:57:23 Speaker 1

Again, this is resolution 26-04 for the city of Ridgetop, Tennessee for administrative services, authorizing community development partners to oversee the grant process for the grant.

01:57:44 Speaker 1

Yeah, the block grant for the fire.

01:57:47 Speaker 10

I'll second that.

01:57:52 Speaker 7

I thought you was making a motion.

01:57:58 Speaker 10

Well, I'll make a motion that we adopt resolution 26-04, the City of Richtop, Tennessee, for administration services.

01:58:09 Speaker 6

I second.

01:58:10 Speaker 1

Any questions?

01:58:13 Speaker 1

All in favor.

01:58:14 Speaker 6

Aye.

01:58:17 Speaker 10

Make the motion that we adjourn the meeting.

01:58:19 Speaker 8

I'll second it.

01:58:21 Speaker 1

Any questions?

01:58:23 Speaker 1

All in favor.

01:58:25 Speaker 7

Aye.