

Town Council Meeting April 7, 2026

Mayor Warren called the meeting to order with all council members present. Attorney Drinnon was present as well.

Tony Bowling from Parker Fireworks asked to discuss the distance of selling fireworks from fuel tanks. He noted most towns have a fifty-to-seventy-five-foot rule, but White Pine has a five hundred feet distance in their ordinance. He added that the additional footage greatly reduces where he can set up a tent. Mayor Warren asked when he was proposing setting up and he said normally the tent goes up around June 15 and June 20 is when the tent opens for business. An employee is on site 24/7 as well. The ordinance if changed, will have to have two readings, so that will put it close to the opening. Mayor Warren said the original ordinance will be in the last reading at the June meeting, if it passes on first reading in May. A question was asked about sales tax and he said that the town receives the taxes from sales here. The ordinance will be in the packets next month. He concluded with saying that safety is the number one priority and they had never had an incident in the forty years he had been in business.

On a motion from Mrs. Walker, second from Mrs. Voiles, the minutes of the March 3, 2026 meeting were unanimously approved, with Mr. Woods asking that his name be changed to reflect Woods instead of Wood in two different places.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mr. Marshall, it was unanimously voted to accept a 2015 Ford Explorer for the Fire Department from Sevierville for no charge.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mrs. Walker, it was unanimously voted to award the paving bid to Newport Paving for \$148.50 per ton. Other bidder was Harrison paving at \$191 per ton.

On a motion from Mrs. Voiles, second from Mr. Marshall, the Mayor was authorized to sign the latest version of the change order. Motion passed unanimously.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mrs. Arwood, it was unanimously approved to hire Scott Gibson for the Recreation Maintenance position.

On a motion from Mrs. Voiles, second from Mr. Woods, it was unanimously voted to hire Michael Hall to be on the water department.

Chief Cotter gave reports for the monthly as did Chief Layman for the fire department.

Mr. Woods reported legal documents had been drawn up for the Twisted Motorcycle shop as well as its owner. Attorney Drinnon added they have been served and they have thirty days to respond. A two-hour training was done in Jefferson City too.

Financial reports were given to the board. A date was discussed to have the all-day budget work session on April 24, 2026.

Under new business, Mrs. Arwood commented that tractor trailers are going down Willis Street and they are going through a yard on Walnut Street. After much discussion with Chief Cotter, it was decided to close three roads for no trucks. On a motion from Mrs. Arwood, second from Mr. Woods, it was unanimously voted to designate Walnut St (Main to State), Willis Street, Jarnigan Street and Oak Street, as no thru trucks.

Mrs. Arwood also asked about employees who are out of sick and vacation leave to be helped in case of an emergency. After much discussion, it was decided the town can not afford to do this and that employees should try and build up their sick and vacation days for these kinds of situations.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mrs. Arwood, it was unanimously voted to pay bills.

Announcements where to remember the budget work session coming up, the yard sale on 4/18, and no bingo for the month of April. Mrs. Arwood was also wished a happy birthday.

On a motion from Mrs. Voiles, second from Mrs. Walker, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.



Glen E. Warren, Mayor



Alyson P. Susong, Recorder

Beer Board Meeting April 7, 2026


Mayor Warren called the meeting to order with all council members present. Attorney Drinnon was present as well.

The property at 1090 State Street is under a new corporation and an application was presented by Hetves Corporation for Woody's Market. On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Woods, it was unanimously voted to award Hetves Corporation a beer permit.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mrs. Arwood, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:35 pm.



Glen E. Warren, Mayor



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