

Town Council Meeting July 7, 2026

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

Mayor Warren asked the board to suspend the rules for a brief introduction. On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mrs. Walker, the rules were suspended to allow Mayor Warren to have the floor. All were in favor.

Mayor Warren introduced John Turner, the new executive for Jefferson Alliance, to the board. Mr. Turner introduced himself and gave the board an update on the recent visit with TVA. They toured two sites in town and were very pleased. Mr. Turner will also attend the IDB meeting next week.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mrs. Walker, the minutes of the June 2, 2026 council meeting were unanimously approved.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mr. Marshall, the minutes of the June 2, 2026 public hearing were unanimously approved.

On a motion from Mrs. Voiles, second from Mrs. Walker, the minutes of the June 16, 2026 public hearing were unanimously approved.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mrs. Arwood, the minutes of the June 16, 2026 special called meeting were unanimously approved.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mr. Marshall, Ordinance #6-26, rezoning property at tax map 28G, parcel 4.0 on State Street, passed unanimously on first reading in a roll call vote.

On a motion from Mrs. Voiles, second from Mrs. Walker, Resolution #26-4, annexing parcel 10.24 on Hamblen County tax map 62, passed on second and final reading with a unanimous vote.

On a motion from Mrs. Voiles, second from Mrs. Arwood, Resolution #26-7, establishing the Sanitation fund to a proprietary fund, passed unanimously.

Under police news, Chief Cotter commended the Recreation director Adam Wilson for the great job with the 4th of July parade. He also added that the new software from Omni Court has been installed and going well with the officers and the court payments.

Chief Layman reported a lower call volume with twenty-three inside limit calls. The FEMA grant has been submitted and will probably be announced in October. It was also discussed that the department has an air compressor available if any of the departments need and if not, they would like to offer to another county fire department. If no one needs, the department would like to surplus to Pro Team Auction.

Mr. Woods informed the board that the party on the planning agenda did not show for the meeting, so therefore they did not have anything else on agenda.

Mr. Wilson reported the splash pad has had some issues from the big rains and they have fixed the problem and think all will be good with it now. The fourth of July was a success and all went great. The Appalachian Electric event will be at Lions Park on Saturday. The Hispanic Soccer league will be renting the soccer field for the next four to five weeks. Pine Fest plans are still underway with 103 vendors so far. Mrs. Voiles brought up naming the football field to the board. It was discussed some time ago, but never decided upon, but Mr. Wilson will have a sign made for the "Cate and Sanders Field "at Lions Park.

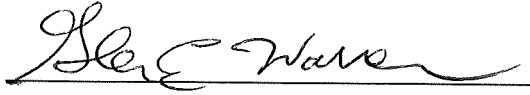
Mr. Stewart was unable to attend, but the contract for uniform rental was brought up. It states in the contract that we would be under a term of five years. Attorney Drinnon said he would be glad to examine the contract considering that government bodies can not enter into contracts such as this, for example, if funds were not available for the next year. Mr. Drinnon will examine those and let us know.

Under street news it was discussed about the ongoing problem with people putting out large items every month; despite being told it is every other month. Chief Cotter said they do not have enough officers to act on these calls but he has told his officers if they see something out to let the property owner know. It was decided that next month at the work session they will discuss the large item pick up as well as the brush truck and cost of Grapple truck pickups.

Under new business, Mr. Woods made a motion to allow the fire department to offer an air compressor to any town department. If it is not needed by them, they would offer to another county fire department, and if that did not work, they would sell at Pro Team Auction. Mr. Marshall made a second to the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mrs. Voiles, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

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Glen E. Warren, Mayor

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Alyson P. Susong, Recorder