

Town Council Meeting June 2, 2026

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

On a motion from Mrs. Walker, second from Mr. Marshall, the minutes from the May 5, 2026 council meeting were unanimously approved.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mrs. Arwood, Ordinance #3-26, bringing the footage down into state guidelines from 500 feet to 50 feet for the sale of fireworks passed unanimously in a roll call vote on second reading.

Mayor Warren made a statement that Mr. Jordan Clark representing QuikTrip was in attendance to take questions from anyone.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mrs. Walker, Resolution #26-4, Annexing parcel 10.24, Hamblen County Tax Map 62 for QuikTrip were unanimously approved on first reading.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Woods, Resolution #26-5, Plan of Service for Annexation of QuikTrip property approving all public works and town services were unanimously approved.

On a motion from Mrs. Arwood, second from Mr. Woods, Ordinance #4-26, Amending the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget passed unanimously in a roll call vote on first reading.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Woods, Ordinance #5-26, 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget passed unanimously in a roll call vote on first reading.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mrs. Walker, Resolution #26-6, amending and restating deferred compensation plan II 401k were unanimously approved.

Under police news, Chief Cotter reported that they have been focusing on property checks at night and targeting business patrolling them after hours. Also, Officer Sims and Officer Carr responded to help with flooding in Cocke County to provide relief.

Chief Layman gave the fire reports for seventy-six calls for service in May. He also asked to apply for the FEMA ESG grant and the State 5% matching grant which would be for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Mayor Warren stated it would be voted on under new business.

Mr. Woods spoke on behalf of the planning commission and stated The Vineyard on State would be zoned to C2 and voted on at the June 16 meeting.

Recreation news was presented by Adam Wilson. The Splash Pad is open and running great with numerous people already enjoying it. The football field will open on July 1st, which

seems to be looking good with the new Bermudagrass coming in. Another baseball tournament was held this past weekend. Also mentioned Redstitch is growing which will increase the baseball field rentals. Pinefest has seventy-six vendors already sign up. Bingo has been concluded and will pick back up in August.

Mr. Stewart gave an update on public works. He reported that the risk assessment report was approved by the EPA. Also, tutoring was done with four employees with 100% pass rate for their licenses. Stated, water loss was down 22% this month as well.

Mayor Warren stated 3 loads were taken to the landfill for large item pick up this month which yielded around nine tons at a cost of \$540.

No unfished business was mentioned.

Under new business, Mr. Whitney Woods asked if we could remove the no right turn on red signs at Main St. and Roy Messer. After much discussion on the matter, Mayor Warren stated the town had not taken ownership of the lights, therefore citizens should obey the current law and stop. It would be discussed at next month's work session. On the matter of Blue Line Solutions installing a camera at the school, Mayor Warren stated we would not do anything and move on from it.

Mr. Marshall made a motion for Chief Layman to apply for the FEMA ESG grant along with the 5% matching grant from the state, with a second by Mr. Woods and were unanimously approved.

An announcement was made by Mayor Warren, that on June 18th at 6:00 PM there would be a history presentation by the town historian Doc Noonkesser and Dale Snapp depicting the early years of White Pine at Town Hall.

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

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



Glen E. Warren, Mayor



Alyson P. Susong, Recorder/Judge