

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 14, 2025

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BMA) met in Regular Session on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at Town Hall, 123 Boone Street, Jonesborough, TN.

Mayor Chuck Vest called the meeting to order. Alderman Dickson led the group in an opening Prayer, and Police Major Jamie Aistrop led the pledge to the Flag.

Upon call of the roll those present were: Mayor Chuck Vest, Alderman Virginia Causey, Alderman Terry Countermine, Alderman Adam Dickson, and Alderman Kelly Wolfe. Also present were: Town Administrator Glenn Rosenoff, Town Recorder Janet Jennings, Operations Manager Craig Ford, and Town Attorney Jim Wheeler.

Mayor Chuck Vest addressed the Board and public and submitted his resignation as Mayor. Vice-Mayor Adam Dickson presided over the meeting. Vice-Mayor Dickson stated the Board has the responsibility to appoint a Mayor; and believes Alderman Kelly Wolfe is the person to serve as Mayor. Vice-Mayor Dickson said if a citizen is interested in the Alderman vacancy to contact Board members. Vice-Mayor Dickson opened the floor for nominations. Alderman Countermine made the motion to appoint Alderman Kelly Wolfe as Mayor, Alderman Causey seconded the motion, upon call of the roll, those voting Aye were: Alderman Countermine, Alderman Causey and Vice-Mayor Dickson. Alderman Wolfe passed. The motion was duly passed.

Chancellor John Rambo administered the oath of office and swore in Kelly Wolfe as Mayor. Mayor Wolfe addressed the Board and public and commended Chuck Vest for his amazing service. Mayor Wolfe recessed the meeting for a five (5) minute break.

Mayor Wolfe reconvened the meeting. The next item was the Consent Agenda. Mayor Vest asked if there were any items that the Aldermen wished to have pulled from the Consent Agenda. There were none. Alderman Dickson made the motion, seconded by Alderman Countermine and duly passed, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. Approve the minutes for the BMA meeting of May 12, 2025, June 9, 2025, and June 17, 2025.
2. Approve the following bills for payment:

Insert Payment

3. Approve the following Operations Manager Report:

Insert Report

4. Approve the following Committee Reports: Historic Zoning Commission, Jonesborough Planning Commission, and Tree and Townscape Board.
5. Approve the following Supervisor Reports: Fire Department, Building Inspector, McKinney Center, McKinney Center Program Manager, Senior Center, Director of Tourism and Main Street, Police Department, Utility Manager, Water Quality, Water Distribution, Wastewater, Water Treatment Plant, Jackson Theatre Operations Manager, Jackson Theatre Assistant Operations Manager, Jackson Theatre Technical Director, and Digital Media Manager.
6. Approve the revised Jonesborough Senior Center MyRide Rider Policy, with changes reflecting membership fees and clarification of rider responsibility.

INSERT POLICY

7. Approve the request from the Jonesborough Fire Department to take one section of a 1- $\frac{3}{4}$ inch fire hose out of service and destroyed due to being contaminated with hydraulic flue and diesel fuel.
8. Approve the following Town equipment as surplus equipment to be sold on GovDeals for auction: Portable Generator, Old Skid Steer Tires, Portable Scene Light, Ford 1920 Tractor, Trailer, 4-Door Work Truck, and two (2) John Deer Backhoes.
9. Approve the Town sponsored Halloween Haunts and Happenings scheduled for Friday, October 31, 2025 from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm Main Street, with street closure from the intersections of Main Street and Fox Street to Main Street and Second Avenue starting as soon as possible at 5:00 pm. The event includes trick-or-treating, popcorn, games, face painting, haunted house at the Christopher Taylor Cabin, a D.J., stage, costume contest, and food trucks will be located on the westside of Courthouse Square.

Due to the closing out of Fiscal Year 2024-2025, the Financial Report was not available for approval.

Communications from the Mayor was the next item on the agenda. Mayor Wolfe said Alderman Countermine is requesting that the November 11th regular BMA meeting be change to November 3rd. Upon discussion by Board members this item was deferred to the regular meeting in August. Mayor Wolfe requested that August 11, 2025 regular Board meeting be moved to August 18, 2025, Alderman Countermine made the motion to change the August 11, 2025 Board meeting be changed to August 18, 2025. Alderman Causey seconded the motion and it was duly passed.

Mayor Wolfe said there were two re-appointments to the Historic Zoning Commission, Marcy Hawley and Herman Jenkins. Alderman Causey made the motion to re-appoint Marcy Hawley and Herman Jenkins for a 5-year term on the Historic Zoning Commission with each of their terms expiring in June 2030. Alderman Dickson seconded the motion and it was duly passed.

Mayor Wolfe asked Nick Bogle, Water Park Director, to come forward and presented him with the Employee of the Month Award. Mayor Vest read the following nomination letter:

INSERT NOMINATION LETTER

Mayor Wolfe asked Nick Bogle if he had any comments. Nick Bogle thanked his fellow co-workers for passing on their knowledge and for the great team work.

Mayor Wolfe asked Operations Manager Craig Ford to map out a plan for the Parks and Recreation and Street departments to ensure that all trees around Town (arterial routes and collector streets) are properly trimmed to clearance standards, and to diligently look at trees that are touch buildings in the downtown area.

Mayor Wolfe said that employee evaluations have not been done in several years and requested that the Town start doing performance evaluations. An evaluation form was given to Board members to review, and to bring back revisions for approval at the July 29, 2025 called meeting.

Citizens Comments was the next item on the Agenda. Mayor Vest asked if there were any citizens present that would like to comment at this time. Lon Reed, 601 East Main Street, addressed the Board and expressed his concern about the 28% property tax increase being proposed. Mayor Wolfe thanked Mr. Reed for his comments.

Alderman Communications was the next item on the agenda. Alderman Countermine and Alderman Dickson both expressed that this year's Jonesborough Days event was outstanding. Mayor Wolfe said that next year there is a big event, the 250th birthday of our country and would like for the Board to consider forming a committee to help the Town celebrate this special event.

Town Attorney Comments was the next item on the agenda. Town Attorney Jim Wheeler said he will need to meet in Executive Session with the Board on the July 29, 2025 called meeting.

The first item under Old Business was approval for the placement of a dumpster pad at the end of First Avenue. Town staff met with a couple of Board members from the Jonesborough United Methodist Church to discuss the possibility of the Town placing the dumpster in the green space between First Avenue and the parking lot owned by the church. The Town's right-of-way goes into the green space; with the church owning the rest. The construction of the dumpster pad at that location would

shift to the west of First Avenue, and would be less visible from Main Street at that location and would not interfere with the walking path off Woodrow Avenue. The Methodist Church group was in favor of this option, and should keep the garbage truck from turning into the church lot. The Church group requested in exchange for the property for the dumpster pad, the Town would discontinue charging them for garbage pick-up, and would need to be stated in the contract. It was noted that currently the Church as a residential garbage tote. Engineer Todd Wood submitted two options for the construction of the dumpster pad. Option 2 functions a little better, but it is not “squared up” with First Avenue, or the Methodist Church parking lot. For this reason, the Board of Mayor and Alderman may prefer Option 1. The recommendation is contingent upon funding the project in the FY26 Budget as a Capital Project, approve the dumpster pad as presented as option 1, or option 2. Staff is recommending option 2. Staff is further recommending the Board direct the Town Attorney to draft a contract between the Town and the Jonesborough Methodist Church allowing the Town to locate a dumpster on Church property; and in return, solid waste fees would be waived by the Town per a finalized agreement.

Mayor Wolfe asked the Aldermen if they had any questions or comments. With there being none, Alderman Countermine made the motion to approve Option 2 and direct the Town Attorney to draft a contract between the Town and the Jonesborough Methodist Church allowing the Town to locate a dumpster on Church property; and in return, solid waste fees would be waived by the Town per a finalized agreement. Alderman Dickson seconded the motion and it was duly passed.

INSERT OPTION #2

The next item on the agenda was approval of the West Main Street sidewalk renovation. Action on the sidewalk project was deferred at the May 12, 2025 BMA regular meeting. Operations Manager Craig Ford said he had met with Dr. Bill Kennedy and Engineer Todd Wood in regard to the sidewalk renovation, and a new plan was drafted. The new plan would require pouring a new 6-inch-wide concrete wall, reinforced with rebar, in front of the existing wall. A monolithic curb would also be poured on top of this wall to serve as a barrier to hold the bricks in place. Some grade work would be required on the existing sidewalk to eliminate a step. Once the new wall is in place, a brick sidewalk would be installed on top of the existing sidewalk in a sand base. The sidewalk will still be a couple of feet above the asphalt at the intersection of Washington Avenue, but this is the only way to repair the existing sidewalk without damaging the stacked stone wall and not eliminating parking on the south side of the street. The street department will also have to do some work on the existing sidewalk on Washington Avenue in order to tie it into the renovated sidewalk on Main Street. This project is not funded. It is in the 2025/2026 budget proposal under the General Fund Capital Projects request. The estimated cost at \$100,000.00.

Mayor Wolfe asked the Aldermen if they had any questions or comments. With there being none, Alderman Causey made the motion to approve the new West Main Street

sidewalk, pending approval of funding as presented. Alderman Countermine seconded the motion and it was duly passed.

The first item under New Business was approval of the bid for the deck repairs at the International Storytelling Center (ISC). The Town was awarded a Downtown Improvement Grant (DIG) through the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (TDEC). The grant match is an 80/20 split, with the Town funding at 20% of the \$45,360.00 or \$9,072.00. The Local Façade Program for FY26 is funded at \$10,000.00, which is the funding source for the 20% Town match at \$9.72.00. Two bids were received, and are as follows. Andrews & Huskins Construction - \$46,360.00 and Complete Construction Management, LLC - \$51,360.00 Mayor Wolfe asked the Aldermen if they had any questions or comments. With there being none, Alderman Dickson made the motion to approve award the low bid of \$45,360.00 and the attached contract to Andrews & Huskins as presented. Alderman Countermine seconded the motion and it was duly passed.

INSERT CONTRACT

The next item on the agenda was approval of an annexation request from property owner Micah Thomasson, for property located off Shell Road and is further described on Washington County Tax Map 59, Parcel 219.01. The request is to annex approximately 5.47 acres. The request includes zoning the tract of land to R-1 (Low Density) Residential District. The original request was for only a portion of the 5.47 acres, but after further consideration and discussions with staff, Mr. Thomasson revised his request to include the entire Parcel 219.01. The Plan of Services known as the "Micah Thomasson Shell Road Annexation" reflects that all town services are available to the subject tract at the time of annexation. Future development of the tract would need to coordinate with the Town's development services and meet the Town's development regulations and standards. This annexation process does not constitute the approval of any future development plans that may or may not require infrastructure improvements to be made by the Town or Owner/Developer, only that town services are available to the subject tract. The Planning Commission approved the annexation as presented at their June 17, 2025, meeting. Mayor Wolfe asked the Aldermen if they had any questions or comments. With there being none, Alderman Causey made the motion to approve the following three recommendations, as presented: (1) Plan of Services; (2) Resolution annexing, by request, property owned by Micah Thomasson, identified as Parcel 219.01 on Washington County Tax Map 59, located off Shell Road, on first reading; and (3) . Ordinance zoning the property R-1 (Low Density) Residential District, on first reading. Alderman Dickson seconded the motion and it was duly passed.

INSERT PLAN OF SERVICES, RESOLUTION, ORDINANCE

The next item on the agenda was first reading of an Ordinance amending Title 1, Chapter 16, the Jonesborough Tree and Townscape Board, Section 1-1604, Compositions, appointment, membership and terms, and Section 1-1606, Rules and

staff. Town Administrator Glenn Rosenoff said he had been Parks and Recreation staff to look at ways for the town to promote better engagement, involvement and attendance at the Tree and Townscape Board; and in reviewing the last 10 years of the Board, the number of consistent attendees has been ebbing and flowing, with at times not being able to conduct meetings due to a lack in quorum. In reducing the number of members to nine, and having strong staff supporting the Board, will increase the efficiency and effectiveness of this important Board in the decision-making process. Mayor Wolfe asked the Aldermen if they had any questions or comments. With there being none, Alderman Countermine made the motion to approve on first reading the Ordinance amending Title 1, Chapter 16, The Jonesborough Tree and Townscape Board, Section 1-1604, Compositions, appointment, membership and terms, and Section 1-1606, Rules and staff. Alderman Dickson seconded the motion and it was duly passed.

INSERT ORDINANCE

The next item on the agenda was first reading of an Ordinance amending the Jonesborough Municipal Code Title 4, Chapter 1, Building Code, Sections 4-105 and 4-106, including the addition of Building Valuation Data and amending the Plan Review Fees. Mayor Wolfe asked the Aldermen if they had any questions or comments. With there being none, Alderman Causey made the motion to approve on first reading the Ordinance amending the Jonesborough Municipal Code Title 4, Chapter 1, Building Code, Sections 4-105 and 4-106, including the addition of Building Valuation Data and amending the Plan Review Fees, as presented. Alderman Countermine seconded the motion and it was duly passed.

INSERT ORDINANCE

The next item on the agenda was approval of a bid for Phase 2 of the First Frontier Walkway, which is a new phase of the First Frontier Trail project that is being funded as part of the \$2.4 million received from Governor's Office through the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. Three bids were received as follows: (1) Precision Concrete Finishing - \$205,373.60; (2) Summers Taylor, Inc. - \$235,900.00; and (3) Complete Construction Management - \$258,500.00. Mayor Wolfe called for a motion. Alderman Countermine made the motion, seconded by Alderman Dickson, to approve awarding the bid to Precision Concrete Finishing with a total bid amount of \$205,373.60 for First Frontier Sidewalk Construction – Phase II. Discussion was held regarding the condition of the sidewalk from West Main Street down Second Avenue to the railroad tracks being replaced by Precision Concrete Finishing, as well. Alderman Countermine amended the motion, seconded by Alderman Dickson to include the sidewalk from West Main Street down Second Avenue to the railroad tracks at a pro-rata price. The motion was duly passed.

The next item on the agenda was a Special Event Application request for the 2025 International Storytelling Festival (October 1 – 5, 2025), and the Special Event/ Special Occasion Outdoor Use Permit for the Beer and Wine Garden to be set up at the ISC (International Storytelling Center). The request includes use of the Visitor Center

auditorium during registration through the festival as well as Mill Spring Park and gazebo for use for Ghost Stories. The Hold Harmless Agreement and Proof of Insurance are complete. The request for Street Closings and Request for Lot Closures and Police Assistance include the following:

Request for Street Closures

Cherokee Street from Main Street to High Street: Friday-Sunday, October 3-5

College Street from Second Avenue to Sabin Drive and Sabin Drive from Boone Street to Oak Hill School: Thursday evening, October 2 - Sunday, October 6. Allow only vendors to park between Cherokee and First on one side of College Street. Friday-Sunday, October 3-5.

Spring Street from Main Street to Franklin Avenue, and Clay and Sevier Streets from Main to Spring Street: 6:00-10:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, October 3 and 4.

First Avenue from Main Street to High Street: Friday-Sunday, October 3-5

Main Street from Fox Street to Second Avenue: Friday-Sunday, October 3-5

High Street: Friday-Sunday, October 3-5

Request for Lot Closures and Police Assistance

8 p.m. on Monday, September 22: close the Library Parking Lot for set-up of the tent on Tuesday for the Library Book Sale.

5 p.m. on Friday, September 26: close the Washington County (Stephenson) Parking Lot for the setup of the tent on Saturday.

6 p.m. Sunday, September 28: close off and secure the Courthouse Parking Lot, so a performance tent can go up Monday morning.

10 p.m. Thursday, October 2: close the Downtown Upper Parking Lot for the duration of the Festival.

Visitor's Center parking lots (both sides of the building):

Parking lot near downtown - Closed to general parking from 6 a.m. on Thursday, October 2, to 6 p.m. on Sunday, October 5. Open for 20-minute parking for registrants.

Parking lot near post office - Closed to general parking from 8 a.m. on Thursday, October 2, to 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 5. (This lot is used for Visitors Center staff, ISC registration staff, and as a drop-off for school groups on Friday)

The festival boundary includes Boone Street where a 5-mph speed limit is requested during the festival.

The Special Event/Special Occasion Outdoor Use Permit for the Beer & Wine Garden to be set up at the ISC Plaza from Friday, October 3rd through Saturday, October 4th from 4-8 PM daily, and the Beer Garden to be set up at the Library Tent on Thursday only, October 2nd for the evening concert from 6:30-9:30 PM. Identifiable boundaries are included, signage planned stating that alcohol is not permitted beyond this point (the boundary), and wristbands (21 years of age and over only).

Mayor Wolfe asked the Aldermen if they had any questions or comments. With there being none, Alderman Countermine made the motion to: (1) Approve the Special Events Permit Application from the International Storytelling Center to hold the National Storytelling Festival October 1 – 5, 2025, including street closures and Boone Street with a festival speed limit of 5 mph along with the use of the Visitor Center, Mill Spring Park, Christopher Taylor lot, Parson's Table lot, and front plaza of the Mary B Martin (MBM) Storytelling Hall, and other accommodations, as requested, and (2) Approve the Special Event/Special Occasion Outdoor Use Permit for the Beer & Wine Garden to be set up at the ISC Plaza from Friday, October 3rd through Saturday, October 4th from 4-8 PM daily, and the Beer Garden to be set up at the Library Tent on Thursday, October 2nd for the evening concert from 6:30-9:30 PM, as presented. Alderman Dickson seconded the motion and it was duly passed.

The next item on the agenda was a Special Event Application request from Jonesborough Locally Grown for the 2025-2026 Winter Farmers Market. The Winter market is held after the Saturday in-person market concludes to give current vendors an additional opportunity to sell produce and homemade products directly to consumers. This would occur the first 4 Saturdays in November; first 3 Saturdays in December, or November 1, 8, 15, 22; December 6, 13, 20; and the third Saturdays of the month of January through April 2026, or January 17, February 21, March 21, and April 18. The time is from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. This requires that eight spaces in front of Boone Street Market be reserved on event days and the request is for approval to place no parking signs on Friday evening in those spaces. Spaces will be used from 8:00am to 1:00pm on approved Saturdays. The Hold Harmless Agreement and Proof of Insurance have been received. Mayor Wolfe asked the Aldermen if they had any questions or comments. With there being none, Alderman Causey made the motion to Approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Winter Farmers Market to occur the first 4 Saturdays in November; first 3 Saturdays in December, or November 1, 8, 15, 22; December 6, 13, 20; and the third Saturdays of the month of January through April 2026, or January 17, February 21, March 21, and April 18, as presented. Alderman Dickson seconded the motion and it was duly passed.

The next item on the agenda was a Special Event Application request from the David Crockett High School Athletic Department for the "Pioneer Pride 5K Glow Run" scheduled for Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The estimated number to attend is approximately 1,000. This event is part of the High School's athletic department fundraiser and to help unite the community and the school. A request for Police and Security, Street Cleaning, and Refuse Collection is included as part of the packet of information. The race will start at David Crockett in Washington County at 8:00

PM. The request is for public safety assistance from the town limits at Judge Vines Road to the Courthouse. The course will close within 1 hour, 15 minutes, or 9:15 PM. The request includes street closure, blocking off Main Street from Fox Street to Second Street to include the finish and awards from 8:00 PM to 10:30 PM. Another consideration is permission to have their traditional food and music within the blocked off area. The Hold Harmless Agreement and Proof of Insurance have been obtained. Town Administrator Note: Chris Kudera is organizing the event and will not be acting in the capacity of his position as Town of Jonesborough Director of Parks and Recreation during the entirety of the event. Mayor Wolfe asked the Aldermen if they had any questions or comments. With there being none, Alderman Dickson made the motion to approve the Special Event Permit for the Pioneer Pride 5K Glow Run scheduled for August 23, 2025, from 7:30 PM to 11:00 PM with the blocking off of Main Street from Fox Street to Second Street, to permit for food and music.

The next item on the agenda was approval of Resolution to allow the installation of the Flock Camera system at various locations in town; and should allow for additional cameras in the future should the safety of the public require it. Mayor Wolfe asked the Aldermen if they had any questions or comments. With there being none, Alderman Countermine made the motion to approve the Resolution to Endorse the use of Visual Surveillance Devices to Enhance Law Enforcement in the Town of Jonesborough, as presented. Alderman Causey seconded the motion and it was duly passed.

INSERT RESOLUTION

The next item on the agenda was proposed street paving list for the upcoming fiscal year 2025-2026 budget. Discussion took place in regard to the proposed list. Mayor Wolfe asked the Aldermen if they had any questions or comments. With there being none, Alderman Dickson made the motion to approve paving the following streets based upon funding for the FY25-26 budget, as follows: Skyline (approximately half of road), Parsons Circle, Sabine (Boone to College), College Street (Sabine to Oak Grove (D-Mix), High Street (D-Mix), First Avenue (College to High Street (D-Mix), Cherokee Street (Mai Street to 11-E (D-Mix), Christopher Taylor Lane, Second Avenue (Main Street to Depot), and Washington (D-Mix). Alderman Countermine seconded the motion and it was duly passed.

The next item on the agenda was a Street Department Utility Repair Plan. The Street Department acquired an asphalt repair trailer known as a hotbox, which will allow them to make repairs to the Town roads with hot asphalt, including utility cuts, regardless of the time of year. With the addition of the hotbox, the Street Department could complete the repairs for the Utility Department at a rate far less than the private contractor. This would of course require our Street Department to go into the county on occasion to complete these repairs, and would then submit an invoice to the Utility Department. Operations Manager Craig Ford and Street Department Director Steve Prisament will work on a price plan for BMA approval. Mayor Wolfe asked the Aldermen if they had any questions or comments. With there being none, Alderman Countermine made the motion to approve the plan as submitted and authorize the Town Street

Department to complete the utility cut work outside the Town's corporate limits in Washington County. Alderman Causey seconded the motion and it was duly passed.

The next item on the agenda was first reading of an Ordinance Designating the Town Officials Authorized to Declare a State of Emergency. The Police Department is currently working on State accreditation. During the process of writing general orders it was discovered that the Town does not have an ordinance designating an individual(s) who is authorized to declare an emergency within the Town's corporate limits. This is extremely important when requesting statewide, or even county assets and/or assistance during times of disaster, whether it be man-made or natural. The Town must have this Ordinance in place in order for the Police Department to be in compliance with their accreditation effort. Mayor Wolfe asked the Aldermen if they had any questions or comments. With there being none, Alderman Dickson made the motion to approve on first reading the Ordinance Designating the Town Officials Authorized to Declare a State of Emergency. Alderman Causey seconded the motion and it was duly passed.

INSERT ORDINANCE

The next item on the agenda was first reading of an Ordinance of the Town of Jonesborough, Tennessee Adopting the Annual General Fund, Solid Waste Fund, Jackson Theatre Fund, Drug Enforcement Fund, Debt Service fund and Capital Project Fund Budgets and Establishing the Property Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. The proposed property tax rate is \$1.24 per \$100 of assess value on all real and personal property. Board members discussed the proposed budget and property tax rate, as presented. With there being no further discussion, Mayor Wolfe called for a motion. Alderman Countermine made the motion, seconded by Alderman Dickson, to approve on first reading the Ordinance of the Town of Jonesborough, Tennessee Adopting the Annual General Fund, Solid Waste Fund, Jackson Theatre Fund, Drug Enforcement Fund, Debt Service fund and Capital Project Fund Budgets and Establishing the Property Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Upon call of the roll, the following Aldermen voted Aye: Alderman Countermine and Alderman Dickson. Aldermen voting Nay: Alderman Causey. The motion carried.

INSERT ORDINANCE

The next item on the agenda was first reading of an Ordinance establishing the necessary funds for the operation, maintenance and debt service of the Solid Waste Department. Mayor Wolfe asked the Aldermen if they had any questions or comments. With there being none, Alderman Causey made the motion to approve on first reading the Ordinance Setting the Garbage Collection Fees within the Town of Jonesborough, as presented. Alderman Dickson seconded the motion and it was duly passed.

INSERT ORDINANCE

The next item on the agenda was first reading of an Ordinance establishing water and sewer rates to provide the necessary funds for the operation, maintenance and the debt service of the Jonesborough Water and Sewer systems. The Ordinance reflects an increase in water and sewer rates due to rising inflation, operational costs, and the need for major capital investments and upgrades, and debt service. We are on the horizons of a going to construction on a new water treatment plant and the 24" transmission line that has been discussed as essential projects and the funding of said project for a few years now. The Town's utilities system is 150 square miles in area and with this comes rising operational and compliance costs. Our population growth both inside and outside the town require us to scale new lines, pumps, and other incidental infrastructure needs. General inflation has increased the prices of materials, modes of transportation, and labor that utilities depend on. Maintaining affordable, safe service, and implementing major capital projects and equipment to replace old infrastructure with new, are some of the variables to a rate increase. Board members discussed the proposed water and sewer rate increase. With there being no further discussion Mayor Wolfe called for a motion. Alderman Dickson made the motion, seconded by Alderman Countermine, to approve on first reading the Ordinance Establishing Water and Sewer Rates to Provide the Necessary Funds for the Operation, Maintenance and the Debt Service of the Jonesborough Water and Sewer system for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Upon call of the roll, the following Aldermen voted Aye: Alderman Dickson and Alderman Countermine. Aldermen voting Nay: Alderman Causey. The motion carried.

INSERT ORDINANCE

The next item on the agenda was the FY25-26 Employee Compensation Plan. This item was deferred to the July 29, 2025 Called BMA meeting.

The next item on the agenda was a Resolution establishing the budget for the water/sewer fund for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. The revenues and expenditures balance respectively at \$11,867,418 each. Mayor Wolfe asked the Aldermen if they had any questions or comments. With there being none, Alderman Countermine made the motion, seconded by Alderman Dickson, to approve the Resolution Establishing a Budget for the Water/Sewer Fund for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026.

INSERT RESOLUTION

There being no further business the meeting was duly adjourned.

JANET JENNINGS, RECORDER

KELLY WOLFE, MAYOR