Minutes
Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Special Meeting
August 18, 2026

Mayor Staton called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Members Present: Ben Adams, Jerry Malone, Carolyn Payne, Eric Johnson
Member Absent: Carol Keith

Prayer, Alderman Johnson
Pledge of Allegiance, Chief Depew

First Session of Public Comments: None.

Discussion and Action: Second Reading and Public Hearing - Ordinance 2026-008 - AN ORDNANCE OF THE TOWN OF BLUFF CITY, TENNESSEE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

Mayor Staton opened the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m. No speakers. Public Hearing closed at 6:05 p.m.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-008, Vice Mayor Adams. Second, Alderman Johnson. Vote: Alderwoman Payne, Yes; Alderman Malone, Yes; Vice-Mayor Adams. Yes; Alderman Johnson, Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action: Second Reading and Public Hearing - Ordinance 2026-009 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 17-111(1) OF THE BLUFF CITY MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING GARBAGE COLLECTION FEES WITHIN THE TOWN OF BLUFF CITY, TENNESSEE

Mayor Staton opened the Public Hearing at 6:08 p.m. No speakers. Public Hearing closed at 6:09 p.m.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-009, Vice Mayor Adams. Second, Alderman Johnson. Vote: Alderwoman Payne, Yes; Alderman Malone, Yes; Vice-Mayor Adams. Yes; Alderman Johnson, Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action: Ethics Complaint Against Mayor Staton Made by James Roberts

Mayor Staton turned the meeting over to Mr. Paul Frye and Vice-Mayor Adams.

Mr. Frye read Chapter 8, Code of Ethics Policy, Section 4-810, stating the town attorney is the designated ethics officer but he must recuse himself for an ethics complaint. Mr. Frye read further that the governing body determines that the complaint has merit, the complaint does not have merit, or the complaint warrants further investigation.

Vice-Mayor Adams gave the floor to Mr. Roberts. Mr. Roberts read his complaint.

Discussion of the complaint was had amongst the board members. (Note: Mr. Staton was unavailable due to work obligations, as his employment requires him to be in Alaska.)

A motion to further investigate the ethics complaint was made by Alderwoman Payne. Second by Vice-Mayor Adams. Vote: Alderwoman Payne, Yes; Alderman Malone, No; Vice-Mayor Adams. No; Alderman Johnson, No. Motion failed.

A motion that the ethics complaint has no merit was made by Vice-Mayor Adams. Second, Alderman Johnson. Vote: Alderwoman Payne, No; Alderman Malone, Yes; Vice-Mayor Adams. Yes; Alderman Johnson, Yes. Motion carries. Ethics complaint dismissed.

Second Session of Public Comments: None.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Lori Staton

Lori Staton, Mayor
This 8th day of August 2026

Town ~~Recorder~~ Manager