

Public Hearing
Thursday, August 7, 2025
6:00 PM

Hearing to Receive Public Input on a revised Urban Growth Boundary Report for the City of Medina which would serve to revise their adopted Urban Growth Boundary

Donny Bunton, City Planner, reviewed the Urban Growth Boundary Report for the City of Medina. There were no comments or concerns.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
CITY OF MEDINA, TENNESSEE
Minutes
Thursday, August 7, 2025
6:15 PM

- **CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor Betts called the meeting to order and determined a quorum. Present were Kevin Painter, Andrew Rhodes, Marc Murdaugh, and Angi Mathenia.
- **OPENING CEREMONIES**
 - A. Invocation was given by Andrew Rhodes.
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kevin Painter.
 - C. Mayor Betts welcomed everyone in attendance.
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING July 7, 2025**
Alderman Rhodes made the motion to approve minutes of July 7, 2025, as written. Alderman Mathenia seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR August 7, 2025**
Kim Gilley asked to amend the agenda to include paving bids received on this date. Alderman Murdaugh made a motion to approve agenda within the inclusion of the paving bids for August 7, 2025. Alderman Rhodes seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- **Presentation by Jennifer Graves STAR Center**
Jennifer Graves presented information on Assistive Technology for the Disabled and the work that the STAR Center does for the Disabled and our community.

• REPORTS

A. Parks and Recreation / Public Works-

Mike Hutcherson noted the Splash Pad was closed this day for repairs to a water leak that occurred the night before. He reviewed the schedule for the new playground and pickleball courts noted that the finish date is set for September 15-16. Fall Sports will begin soon. Mayor Betts noted appreciation to Mike, Rodney Allen and Medina Police Officers that helped during the water leak crisis. Alderman Murdaugh asked if Soccer League Building was in place and Mike confirmed it is at the park.

B. Fire Chief-

Mark Cleveland presented Matt Brown with a Certificate of Appreciation for being on scene of a house fire on Mary Kay and assisting in getting water quickly to the house and vehicle to minimize the potential destruction to premises and getting the home occupants outside away from the burning structure.

He reported 26 calls for the month of July with 5 being fire calls, 14 medical calls, and 7 service calls. He reported that the first responder vehicle has been purchased and is on-site.

C. Building Inspector –

Matt Brown reported 2 building permits, 1 accessory building permit, 1 renovation permit for old Amoco Station downtown, and 1 pool permit for the month of August. The street at new Exxon Station will be completed with turn lanes within next two weeks, and he issued 26 yard clean-up letters. He was asked by Alderman Rhodes if there was going to be a new gym coming to Medina. He stated that yes, the vacant side of the Liquor Store on Grace Cove.

D. Police Chief-

Phillip Kemper confirmed he is accepting the full-time position of Medina Police Chief. Alderman Painter made the motion to hire Phillip Kemper as the full-time police chief for the City of Medina. Alderman Rhodes seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Chief Kemper reviewed his start of a 5-year strategic plan. Currently the department is full staff, and he is aware that changing the culture takes time and he will be setting some expectations. He has reviewed the current Mission Statement, and he is instilling more officer visibility, proactive enforcement of the law, and leadership. He reported for the month July, there were 6 arrests, 274 calls for service, 62 citations, and 2322 camera citations. Within his plan, new issued weapons and tasers are in place, flock cameras have been approved by TDOT and 10 will be placed in various locations in which will be reviewed and board approved 4 will be chosen. Gibson County is going to install flock cameras also in this surrounding area. In October, E-Tickets should be in place. He reviewed the \$55,000 capital outlay budget line item and asked the board to consider purchasing a new Ford explorer trade-in the 23 Tahoe for \$41,000, purchase 2019 used Ford Explorer for \$9500 which would total \$24,841 leaving \$30,159 in capital outlay budget. Alderman Murdaugh made a motion to approve expenditures as stated from capital outlay budget in the amount of

\$24,841. Alderman Mathenia seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Chief noted the K-9 Raven received certification on this date. Alderman Painter asked about this K-9 dog getting a vest as did the K-9 Axle. Chief stated that grants would be searched for a vest or if needed prior to, amount could be taken from budget.

E. Recorder/Treasurer-

Kim Gilley reported two bids for asphalt paving in Summerfield to be reviewed. Pavement Restoration (PRI) bid \$51,425 and Martin Paving Company bid \$51,700. After discussion, Alderman Murdaugh made a motion to accept low bid of PRI in the amount of \$51,425. Alderman Painter seconded the motion in that they were the low bidder. Motion passed 5-0.

She reviewed USDA loan reviews. She asked for dates available for special called meeting which Tuesday, August 26th was determined. Alderman Kevin Painter made motion to set called meeting for Tuesday, August 26th at 5:30 pm. Alderman Murdaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. She asked to set September meeting due to first Monday being Labor Day holiday. It was determined it would be Monday, September 8th. Alderman Mathenia made motion to approve September 8 date set for September board meeting. Alderman Rhodes seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- **CITIZENS INPUT**

Rodney Wright introduced himself and noted he would be running for Gibson County Sheriff in the upcoming election.

- **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MEDINA, TENNESSEE TO REPEAL TITLE 8, CHAPTER 2 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SALE OF BEER WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITES OF MEDINA, AND TO ADOPT A NEW TITLE 8, CHAPTER 2 OF THE MEDINA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SALE OF BEER**

After discussion and clarification on 8-210-A, Alderman Mathenia made the motion to approve the first reading of beer ordinance with wording change prior to second reading. Mayor Betts seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY (Tax Map 176, Parcel 002.00) TO R-2(HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) FROM A PREVIOUS ZONING DESIGNATION OF B-1 (GENERAL BUSINESS) LOCATED ON 357 WEST CHURCH AVENUE AND OWNED BY CLAY GOODRICH**

Mayor Betts made a motion to approve the rezoning property located by tax map 176, Parcel 002.00. Alderman Rhodes seconded the motion. After much discussion, motion failed, 3 no and 2 abstain. Two abstained were Mark Murdaugh and Angi Mathenia.

- **BOARD MEMBERS AND MAYOR REPORTS AND CONCERNS**

Marc Murdaugh

Asked if there would be ribbon cutting when Playground and pickleball courts are opened. Wanted to make sure Lions Club would be present.

Kevin Painter

Applauded the increased visibility of police presence at the schools.

Drew Rhodes

Noted how smooth the start of school traffic has been.

Mayor Betts

Thanked everyone for their service to the
city.

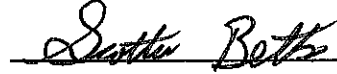
Angi Mathenia

None

- **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Rhodes made the motion for adjournment. Alderman Mathenia seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0; therefore, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:



Scottie Betts, Mayor



Kim Gilley, City Recorder