

PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, June 2, 2025
6:00 PM

**The City of Medina, TN 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget and
Tax Rate in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 484,
Public Acts of 1991**

Mayor Betts called the Budget Public Hearing to order and asked for any comments or concerns relating to the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget. There were no comments or concerns, therefore Mayor Betts closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, June 2, 2025

6:00 PM, immediately following Budget Public Hearing

Public Input on the annexation, consented by property owners (City of Medina, Gibson County Special School District, and Gibson County Electric Membership Corporation), would incorporate properties located on Middle School Street, Hornet Drive, South Gibson High School Drive, and Mt. Zion Road into the municipal boundaries of Medina. Mayor Betts called the Public Hearing relating to annexation of South Gibson County High School Sports Complex, Medina Community Park, Gibson EMC property and Medina Elementary School property. There were no comments or concerns, therefore Mayor Betts closed the public hearing.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
CITY OF MEDINA, TENNESSEE
Minutes
Monday, June 2, 2025
6:05 PM

- **CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor Betts called the meeting to order and determined a quorum. Present were Kevin Painter, Andrew Rhodes, Mayor Scottie Betts, 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 May 5, 2025**
Alderman Painter made the motion to approve minutes of May 5, 2025 meeting. Alderman Murdaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR June 2, 2025**

Alderman Murdaugh made the motion to approve agenda for June 2, 2025 meeting. Alderman Rhodes seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

- **REPORTS**

- A. Parks and Recreation / Public Works-

Mike Hutcherson reported that playground/pickleball courts construction should begin next week. Completion of the park grant project is scheduled for September 16th. The front door at the Civic Center is scheduled to be replaced the week of June 23rd. The park fields are scheduled to be top-dressed on June 16. He noted the asphalt paving has been completed with Campbell and Blackmon being completed in July. He informed the board that he is replacing his tractor with monies from his current equipment budget. The amount of the purchase is \$27,000. He will be trading in the city's existing tractor that was damaged in the accident.

Discussion on JEA Ponds Property

Mayor Betts reviewed an opportunity to acquire the JEA ponds property (17.54 acres) as a donation from JEA. It would potentially provide fishing, walking and hiking trails. Prior to acceptance of this property, the ponds will need to have the water tested. He asked the board of their thoughts of pursuing this. Alderman Mathenia asked what the insurance cost would be. Mayor Betts stated an annual cost of \$500. After much discussion, the board voted 5-0 to continue the process of getting testing and cost analysis for this proposed project.

Discussion on utilization of Medina Lions Park was discussed. A drawing from City Engineers showed a layout for soccer fields utilizing all areas of the park for a soccer complex in the future. Alderman Painter asked about field dimensions. Alderman Mathenia asked about parking. Alderman Painter asked for this proposed drawing to be sent to the Parks and Recreation Board for their review and brought back to this board with their recommendation.

- B. Fire Chief-

Mark Cleveland reported 25 calls for the month of May with 80% being medical calls. There was an average of 3.93 responders per incident.

- C. Building Inspector –

Matt Brown reported 7 building permits, 6 plumbing, and 2 pool permits for the month of May. He issued 25 letters for property clean-up with 13 more issued on this date. He updated the board on potential areas for fuel stations and he reported that Clark Family commercial construction of 5- bay building is near completion. He discussed 38 Rae Cove legal issues and was urged to proceed with any actions that could be taken to rectify this issue.

- D. Police Chief-

Phillip Kemper reported 32 citations, 9 arrests, 396 calls for service and just under 1100 camera violations issued for the month of May. He reported to the board that the 12th employee was hired as of this date which now has the department

fully staffed. He also noted that Chase Cummings will be back on June 20 from the academy. He noted the tasers and rifles are in, handguns will ship next week, Flock cameras are awaiting TDOT verification, and e-citations are scheduled to be in place by September 10th. He acknowledged Sgt Taylor and Ptl. Johnson for their professional apprehension of a suspect in the shooting on 105 Bobbitt Road and life-saving actions for a citizen in major distress.

E. Recorder/Treasurer-

Kim Gilley noted that July 4th fireworks will be on Thursday, July 3rd. City is pursuing food trucks for event. Budget will be forwarded to Comptroller upon 2nd reading approval of the board.

- **CITIZENS INPUT**

No Comments or Concerns.

- **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MEDINA, TENNESSEE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET**

Alderman Murdaugh made motion to approve second reading amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. Alderman Rhodes seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MEDINA, TENNESSEE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026**

Alderman Painter made a motion to approve second reading adopting the annual budget and tax rate for 25-26 Budget. Alderman Murdaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- **A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL FOR THE GIBSON COUNTY TRUSTEE TO START COLLECTING PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE CITY OF MEDINA**

Alderman Rhodes made a motion to approve the resolution approving the Gibson County Trustee to collect property taxes for the City of Medina. Alderman Mathenia seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- **A RESOLUTION TO ANNEX CERTAIN TERRITORY AND TO INCORPORATE THE SAME WITHIN THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF MEDINA, TENNESSEE: PROPERTIES LOCATED ON MIDDLE SCHOOL STREET, HORNET DRIVE, SOUTH GIBSON HIGH SCHOOL DRIVE, AND MT. ZION ROAD (TAX MAP 172, PARCELS 7.00, 7.01, 11.01, 12.00, & 12.01) ADJACENT TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS, WHICH COMPRISE APPROXIMATELY 122 ACRES.**

Mayor Betts was asked if there were any homes included in this annexation and his response was no. It is park, Gibson EMC, and school properties. Alderman Rhodes made motion to approve the resolution to annex the stated areas. Alderman Mathenia seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with 1 abstain (Kevin Painter).

- **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PLAN OF SERVICE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTIES LOCATED ON MIDDLE SCHOOL STREET, HORNET DRIVE, SOUTH GIBSON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL DRIVE, AND MT. ZION ROAD (TAX MAP 172, PARCELS 7.00, 7.01, 11.01, 12.00, & 12.01), ADJACENT TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS, WHICH COMPRISE APPROXIMATELY 122 ACRES.**

Alderman Murdaugh made a motion to approve resolution adopting plan of service for the annexation properties stated. Alderman Rhodes seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with 1 abstain (Kevin Painter).

- **AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE A MUNICIPAL ZONING DESIGNATION OF R-1 (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) FOR THE FOLLOWING AREA BEING ANNEXED: PROPERTIES LOCATED ON MIDDLE SCHOOL STREET, HORNET DRIVE, SOUTH GIBSON HIGH SCHOOL DRIVE AND MT. Z**

ION ROAD(TAX MAP 172, PARCELS 7.00, 7.01, 11.01, 12.00, & 12.01), ADJACENT TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS, WHICH COMPRISE APPROXIMATELY 122 ACRES.

Alderman Murdaugh made the motion to approve 1st reading of ordinance to provide zoning designation of R-1 for the areas stated above for annexation. Alderman Rhodes seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with 1 abstain (Kevin Painter).

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

Alderman Mathenia

None

Alderman Murdaugh

Thanked mayor for looking into opportunities to benefit our city.

Alderman Rhodes

He agreed for the great ideas brought to the board and thanked department heads for their hard work.

Alderman Painter

Thanked Mike for having the park available for the school and he re-iterated having the park plans reviewed by parks and recreation board.

Mayor Betts


Thanked the City Board and Employees for supporting his views for the future of Medina.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted:



Mayor Scottie Betts



Kim Gilley, City Recorder