



Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 20, 2025, 5:30 PM
City Hall, Lakeland, Tennessee 38002

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Josh Roman 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2025.

II. INVOCATION:

The invocation was offered by Mayor Roman.

III. PLEDGE:

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Mayor Roman.

IV. ROLL CALL BY RECORDER:

Commissioner Jim Atkinson	Present
Vice-Mayor Michele Dial	Present
Commissioner Derek Johnston	Present
Commissioner Connie McCarter	Absent
Mayor Josh Roman	Present

Staff personnel in attendance were City Manager Michael Walker, City Attorney Will Patterson, City Engineer Emily Harrell, Planning Director Paul Luker, Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Fisher, Recreation Manager John Proctor and City Recorder Cheyenne Carter.

For the record: Mayor Roman made a suggestion to the Board members to postpone all reports and conduct business only on the regular agenda items due to inclement weather concerns. No objections were heard. All reports on this agenda will be moved to the next regular meeting agenda on March 6, 2025.

V. PUBLIC HEARING:

None.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Fiscal Year to Date January 31, 2025

This item is postponed to the March 6, 2025 Board of Commissioners regular meeting.

VII. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS & OTHER OFFICERS:

1. Sheriff's Report - January Lakeland Crime Report
This item is postponed to the March 6, 2025 Board of Commissioners regular meeting.
2. City Manager's Report
 - a. Communications Audit Review - *Ewing Marketing Partners, Susan Ewing*
Due to a previous engagement with the presenter, this item is postponed to the March 20, 2025 Board of Commissioners regular meeting.
 - b. BOC Priorities Mapping
This item is postponed to the March 6, 2025 Board of Commissioners regular meeting.
 - c. 2025 Fireworks Event Update
This item is postponed to the March 6, 2025 Board of Commissioners regular meeting.
3. Municipal Court Semi-Annual Update - *Judge Koratsky*
This item is postponed to the March 6, 2025 Board of Commissioners regular meeting.
4. Commissioners' Reports
 - a. Community Advisory Board - *Vice-Mayor Dial*
This item is postponed to the March 6, 2025 Board of Commissioners regular meeting.
 - b. Municipal Planning/Design Review Commission - *Commissioner Atkinson*
This item is postponed to the March 6, 2025 Board of Commissioners regular meeting.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

IX. SEWERAGE COMMISSION BUSINESS:

None.

X. CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

XI. REGULAR AGENDA:

1. **Approval of previous meeting minutes** - February 6, 2025
Commissioner Atkinson moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded

by Vice-Mayor Dial.

Discussion ensued.

When the question was called the meeting minutes passed as presented, voice vote, 4 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (4-0-0).

2. **Ordinance - First Reading** - amending Title 3 of the Lakeland Municipal Code to add the offense of Failure to Appear.

Commissioner Atkinson moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice-Mayor Dial.

For the record: Due to the absence of Judge Koratsky, City Manager Michael Walker requested the Board table this item to the next regular Board of Commissioners meeting on March 6, 2025. Mayor Roman called for objections. No objections were heard.

3. **Ordinance - First Reading** - amending the official zoning map of the City of Lakeland, Tennessee, by rezoning the property located at 4853 Seed Tick Road, Parcel NO L0150 00182C from Agricultural (AG) to Neighborhood Office (NO). *Recommended by the Municipal Planning/Design Review Commission*

Vice-Mayor Dial moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

Planning Director Paul Luker presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

For the record: Mayor Roman motioned to approve the Gibson Paving Inc rezoning application subject to the conditions determined by the Municipal Planning Commission, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

When the question was called the resolution passed with conditions, voice vote, 4 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (4-0-0).

4. **Resolution** - approving an agreement with Moss Carpenter Construction Company, Inc. for the IH Park Restroom Project.

Vice-Mayor Dial moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Fisher presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, voice vote, 4 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (4-0-0).

5. **Resolution** - authorizing a contract extension with Ladd's for athletic

field maintenance services.

Commissioner Atkinson moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice-Mayor Dial.

Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Fisher presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, voice vote, 4 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (4-0-0).

6. **Resolution** - accepting Lot 9 in the Lakeland Town Square development (formerly known as Lakeland Commons) and authorizing the City Manager and the City Attorney to execute necessary documents.

Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

Mayor Roman and City Attorney Will Patterson presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

For the record: Mayor Roman motioned to table this item to the next regular Board of Commissioners meeting on March 6, 2025 to allow time for the City Attorney to provide documentation regarding the parking issue, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

When the question was called the motion to table passed, voice vote, 4 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (4-0-0).

7. **Resolution** - approving the strategic goals of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Lakeland, Tennessee.

Commissioner Atkinson moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice-Mayor Dial.

Mayor Roman and City Manager Michael Walker presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, voice vote, 4 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (4-0-0).

8. **Discussion and Possible Action** - regarding volunteer board appointment process. *Sponsored by Mayor Roman*

Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

Mayor Roman presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

For the record: Mayor Roman motioned for each board liaison to develop a process for selection of their volunteer board appointees and bring the recommendations to the Board of Commissioners for consideration, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

When the question was called the motion passed, voice vote, 4 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (4-0-0).

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. City Engineer Emily Harrell announced an upcoming road closure.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

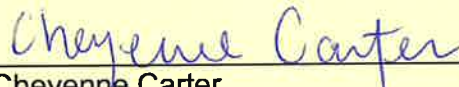
There being no other business on which to act, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 5:46pm on Thursday, February 20, 2025.

These minutes were approved on March 6, 2025.



Josh Roman
Mayor

ATTEST:



Cheyenne Carter
City Recorder