CITY OF
LAKELAND
TENNESSEE

Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 5, 2026, 5:30 PM
City Hall, Lakeland, Tennessee 38002

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR:
The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Michele Dial 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 5, 2026.

II. INVOCATION:
The invocation was offered by Commissioner McCarter.

III. PLEDGE:
The Pledge to the Flag was led by Vice Mayor Michele Dial.

IV. ROLL CALL BY RECORDER:

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

Staff personnel in attendance were Interim City Manager Emily Harrell, City Attorney Will Patterson, Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Fisher, Public Works Director Nick Pulido and City Recorder pro tempore Sue Lipscomb.

V. PUBLIC HEARING:
None.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:
None.

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

1. Sheriff's Report

   No Sheriff's Report given.

2. City Manager's Report

   Report offered by Interim City Manager Emily Harrell.

3. Commissioners' Report

a. Lakeland Board of Education - *Commissioner Connie McCarter*

Report offered by Commissioner McCarter.

b. Industrial Development Board - *Commissioner Derek Johnston*

Report offered by Commissioner Johnston.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Resident David Dodge, 9000 block of Shadow Bridge Ln, made comments.

IX. SEWERAGE COMMISSION BUSINESS:
None.

X. CONSENT AGENDA:
None.

XI. REGULAR AGENDA:

1. **Approval of previous meeting minutes** - January 15, 2026

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

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. **Resolution** - approving Amendment #1 to the Residential Subdivision Development Contract for Ashmont Planned Development Areas 1, 4, & 7B.

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

Interim City Manager Emily Harrell presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

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

Yea: Commissioner Atkinson, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner McCarter, Vice Mayor Dial

Nay: None

Abstain: None

3. **Resolution** - authorizing the submission of an application for the Local Parks and Recreation Fund 2026 grant cycle from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

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

   Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Fisher presented this item.

   Discussion ensued.

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

   Yea: Commissioner Atkinson, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner McCarter, Vice Mayor Dial

   Nay: None

   Abstain: None

4. **Resolution** - authorizing a contract extension with Ladd's for athletic field maintenance services.

   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, roll call vote, 4 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (4-0-0).

   Yea: Commissioner Atkinson, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner McCarter, Vice Mayor Dial

   Nay: None

Abstain: None

5. **Discussion** - on proposed amenities for the Lakeland Community Center YMCA.

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

   Interim City Manager Emily Harrell presented this item.

   Discussion ensued.

   Change order for DynaDome and YMCA contract amendment for Phase 2 aquatics will be completed and brought before the Board at a future meeting for approval.

   David Dodge, 9000 Shadow Bridge, made comments.

6. **Resolution** - approving a Communications Right-of-Way Agreement between the City of Lakeland and C Spire Wireless.

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

   Public Works Director Nick Pulido presented this item.

   Discussion ensued.

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

   Yea: Commissioner Atkinson, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner McCarter, Vice Mayor Dial

   Nay: None

   Abstain: None

7. **Discussion and Possible Action** - regarding a revision to the ethics ordinance to specify a dollar amount for minor gifts and gratuity. *Sponsored by Commissioner Connie McCarter*

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

   Commissioner McCarter presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

This item will be put in a formal document for review at a future meeting.

For the record - at 7:05 pm the Board went into Executive session with Attorney Will Patterson and Interim City Manager Emily Harrell.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Commissioner McCarter made an announcement.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:
There being no other business on which to act, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:23pm on Thursday, February 5, 2026.

These minutes were approved on February 19, 2026.

Josh Roman
Mayor

ATTEST:
Lisa West

Lisa West
City Recorder pro tempore