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Board of Mayor & Aldermen Agenda Monday, July 21, 2025 5:30 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order

Roll Call

Minutes:

- June 16, 2025
Roll Call

Financials:

- June 11, 2025 to July 15, 2025
Roll Call

Judge Oath of Office

Public Comments

Reports:

- Mayor
- Board of Aldermen

Old Business:

- Ordinance: Extension of Beer Sales Hours- Second Reading
Roll Call

Mayor
Greg Barker

Vice Mayor
Jake Reuse

Aldermen
Donna Martin
Tamberlyn Tanner
Jeff Thomas

New Business:

- Ordinance: Nepotism Policy- First Reading
Roll Call
- Resolution: Interlocal Agreement with Polk County, City of Ducktown, & City of Benton
Roll Call
- Presentation: **The First Tuesday in the Twin Cities**- McCaysville Mayor Terry Arp

Adjournment

Roll Call



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Board of Mayor & Aldermen Minutes

Monday, June 16, 2025

5:30 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order

Roll Call: All present

Minutes:

- May 19, 2025
Motion to accept made by Jake Reuse, 2nd Donna Martin
Roll Call: All voted to accept

Financials:

- May 14, 2025 to June 11, 2025
Motion to accept Tamberlyn Tanner, 2nd Jake Reuse
Roll Call: All voted to accept

Public Comments:

- Teri, owner of Mountain Attitude Designs noted that she sees no need to limit the number of beer permits.
- Bill Dalton advised of a limitations with access and potential hazard with parked cars limiting sight distance for vehicles trying to enter TN Ave and also Central Ave

Mayor's Reports:

- Mayor Barker presented a map to show zoning for beer sales and explained class permits.

Board of Aldermen: Reports:

- Alderman Reuse spoke on the need for rezoning the "ballpark" to be able to use it as a location for events legally.

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Old Business:

Annual Budget Hearing & Budget Ordinance FY Ending June 30, 2026 – Second Reading

- Motion to consider was made by Jake Reuse, 2nd Donna Martin
- Roll Call: All voted to accept

Ordinance: Farmers Market- Second Reading

- Motion to consider was made by Jake Reuse, 2nd Donna Martin
- Roll Call: All voted to accept

Ordinance: Budget Amendment- Second Reading

- Motion to Consider was made by Jeff Thomas, 2nd Jake Reuse
- Roll Call: All voted to accept

Ordinance: Sewer Rate increase- Second Reading

- Motion to consider was made by Tamberlyn Tanner, 2nd Jake Reuse
- Roll Call: All voted to accept

Ordinance: Operation & Management Water- Second Reading

- Motion to consider was made by Jake Reuse, 2nd Jeff Thomas
- Roll Call: All voted to accept

Ordinance: Transient Vendor- Second Reading

- Motion to consider was made by Donna Martin, 2nd Jake Reuse
- Roll Call: All voted to accept

New Business:

Ordinance: Extension of Beer Sales- First Reading

- Motion to accept was made by Donna Martin, 2nd Tamberlyn Tanner
- Roll Call: All voted to accept

Resolution: Appointment of City Attorney

- Motion to table was made by made by Mayor Barker, 2nd Jake Reuse
- Roll Call: All voted to table resolution

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn was made by Jake Reuse, 2nd Tamberlyn Tanner
- All voted to adjourn

Adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Mayor Greg Barker

Recorder Shannon E Arthur, CMFO

12:52 PM

07/15/25

Accrual Basis

City of Copperhill
Expenses by Vendor Summary

June 11 through July 15, 2025

	<u>Jun 11 - Jul 15, 25</u>
Amazon	1,288.56
Ameritas Life Insurance	230.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield	4,005.84
City of Copperhill General Fund	5,276.83
City of Copperhill Payroll	0.00
City of Copperhill Water & Sewer	4,261.90
Copper City Auto Parts	74.67
Copperhill Quarry	350.12
Dollar General	91.95
Dollar Tree	37.45
EFTPS	6,509.60
Evolve inc	39.90
Home Depot	1,001.51
IRS Tax Payment	393.22
Life Insurnce Company of Alabama	163.87
Luttrells Hardware	309.24
Mason Tractor & Equipment Co.	23.52
McCaysville Business Association	250.00
Merchant Services	80.95
MSA Business Technology	174.64
North Georgia Paper and Specialty CO.	202.71
Polk County Road Department	872.30
Polk County Sheriffs Department	500.00
Quinns Nursery	122.48
The Polk County News	864.00
Tractor Supply	264.96
Tri-State EMC	2,142.94
Tri state Electric	3,095.44
USDA Rural Development	1,647.00
Walmart	158.02
Waycaster CPA	1,900.00
TOTAL	<u>36,334.22</u>



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City of Copperhill

Ordinance #6-16-25-00

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COPPERHILL, TENNESSEE TO AMEND THE COPPERHILL MUNICIPAL CODE BY REPEALING SECTION 8-214(3) AND ESTABLISHING NEW HOURS FOR THE SALE OF BEER WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS

WHEREAS, the Copperhill Board of Mayor and Aldermen recognizes the need to update and align the City's regulations concerning the sale of beer with current practices in surrounding jurisdictions, including Polk County, Tennessee, which by Resolution No. 5-1-25 has authorized the sale of beer from 6:00 A.M. until 3:00 A.M. each day of the week; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to provide consistency in operating hours for businesses that sell beer, thereby supporting local commerce and simplifying enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated § 57-5-113 provides that any establishment licensed to sell liquor or wine for on-premises consumption may sell beer during the same hours, provided the establishment also holds a valid beer permit; and

WHEREAS, the City of Copperhill desires to update its municipal code to reflect these allowances and to provide a clear schedule for beer sales throughout the city;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF COPPERHILL, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 8-214(3) of the Copperhill Municipal Code is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

8-214(3) – Permitted Hours for Sale of Beer.

It shall be lawful for any person, business, or establishment holding a valid beer permit issued by the City of Copperhill to sell beer between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 3:00 A.M., seven days a week.

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Establishments that are licensed by the State of Tennessee to sell liquor or wine for on-premises consumption, and that also hold a valid beer permit, shall be allowed to sell beer during any hours they are authorized to sell liquor or wine, in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated § 57-5-113.

SECTION 2. All other provisions previously contained in Section 8-214(3) are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other section, clause, provision, or portion of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall become effective on the 21st day of July, 2025 upon final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

FIRST READING: 16th day of June, 2025

SECOND READING: 21st day of July, 2025

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Copperhill, Tennessee, this 21st day of July, 2025.

Mayor Greg Barker

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Ordinance #7-21-25-00

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COPPERHILL, TENNESSEE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 9-14-14 TO PERMIT THE EMPLOYMENT OF RELATIVES OF CITY EMPLOYEES UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND TO PROHIBIT THE EMPLOYMENT OF RELATIVES OF THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, OR CITY RECORDER.

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Copperhill find it necessary to revise the City's nepotism policy to better reflect fair employment practices while maintaining proper oversight and accountability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF COPPERHILL, TENNESSEE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Title 4, Chapter 2, Section 4-219 of the Copperhill Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

4-219. Nepotism.

(a) Prohibited.

(1) No person who is a relative of the Mayor, any Alderman, or the City Recorder shall be hired for any type of employment by the City.

(2) Relatives of current City employees may be hired provided that no employee shall be placed in or promoted to a position where a direct reporting or supervisory relationship exists between the employee and their relative.

(b) Definitions.

(i) For purposes of this section, the term "relative" shall include: spouse, child, step-child, parent, step-parent, mother-in-law, father-in-law, sibling, step-sibling, half-sibling, brother-in-law, and sister-in-law.

(ii) "Direct reporting or supervisory relationship" shall mean any relationship in which one employee has direct authority over the work assignment, performance evaluation, discipline, or other employment-related decisions of another employee.

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(c) Existing Employees.

Any employee currently employed by the City in violation of this section on the effective date of this amendment shall be exempt from its provisions as it relates to their current position.

SECTION 2. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of the ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or legislation shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective on the _____ day of _____, 2025 upon final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

FIRST READING: 21st day of July, 2025

SECOND READING: _____ day of _____, 2025

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Copperhill, Tennessee, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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Resolution #7-21-25-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF COPPERHILL, TENNESSEE, TO APPROVE AND ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF BENTON, THE CITY OF DUCKTOWN, AND POLK COUNTY, TENNESSEE TO FORM THE POLK COUNTY JOINT ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED § 5-1-113 AND PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1101 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1998

WHEREAS, Public Chapter No. 1101 of the Public Acts of 1998 requires local governments in Tennessee to engage in cooperative long-term planning through joint participation in economic and community development efforts; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated § 5-1-113 authorizes interlocal agreements between municipalities and counties to carry out such functions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Copperhill, in collaboration with the Town of Benton, the City of Ducktown, and Polk County, Tennessee, has determined that it is in the best interest of the community to form the Polk County Joint Economic and Community Development Board to encourage coordinated growth, cooperation, and shared planning among local governments and the private sector; and

WHEREAS, the Board will be composed of representatives of county and city governments, private citizens, and industry and business leaders, with its organization, funding, and operation governed by the terms of the Interlocal Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF COPPERHILL, TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. That the City of Copperhill hereby approves the Interlocal Agreement establishing the Polk County Joint Economic and Community Development Board in the form presented.

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SECTION 2. That the Mayor of the City of Copperhill is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Interlocal Agreement on behalf of the City and to take all necessary actions to implement its terms.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 21st day of July, 2025.

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INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

THIS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT IS EXECUTED BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BENTON, THE CITY OF COPPERHILL, THE CITY OF DUCKTOWN, TENNESSEE, AND POLK COUNTY, TENNESSEE,

WHEREAS, Public chapter No. 1101 of the Public Acts of 1998 requires all local governments to engage in long-term planning, and that such planning be accomplished through regular communication and cooperation among local governments, the agencies attached to them, and the agencies that serve them; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the General Assembly that growth plans required by Public Chapter No. 1101 of the Public Acts of 1998 result from communication and cooperation among local governments; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement are authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to the Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-1-113;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Town of Benton, the City of Copperhill, the City of Ducktown, and Polk County, Tennessee agree to establish the **Polk County Joint Economic and Community Development Board**, hereinafter referred to as the "Board", which will be composed of representatives of City and County governments, private citizens, and present industry and businesses. The parties to this Interlocal Agreement further agree that the Board shall consist of the following nine (9) members: Each joint economic and community development board shall be composed of representatives of county and city governments, private citizens, and present industries and businesses. The final makeup of the board shall be determined by interlocal agreement but shall, at a minimum, include the county mayor and the city mayor or city manager, if appropriate, of each city lying within the county and one (1) person who owns land qualifying for classification and valuation under title 67, chapter 5, part 10; provided, that in cases where there are multiple cities, smaller cities may have representation on a rotating basis as determined by the interlocal agreement.

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2. All parties agree that an Executive Committee of the Board shall be established which shall be composed of members of the Board selected by the majority vote of the entire Board. The makeup of the Executive committee shall be determined by the Polk County Joint Economic and Community Development Board but shall, at a minimum, include the County Executive of Polk County and the Mayor of each city located in Polk County.
3. The terms of office of Executive Committee members of the Polk County Joint economic and Community Development Board shall be for a maximum of four (4) years and shall be staggered except for those positions held by elected officials whose terms shall coincide with the terms of office for their elected positions.
4. The Polk County Joint Economic and Community Development Board shall meet, at a minimum, four (4) times annually and the Executive Committee of the board shall meet at least eight (8) times annually. Minutes of all meetings of the Board and the Executive Committee shall be documented by minutes kept and certification of attendance. Meetings of the Polk County Joint Economic and Community Development Board and its Executive Committee are subject to the open meetings law. It is further agreed that the activities of the Polk County Joint Economic and Community Development Board and its Executive Committee are subject to the open meetings law.
5. It is further agreed that the activities of the Polk County Joint Economic and Community Development Board shall be jointly funded by Polk County, the Town of Benton, the City of Copperhill, and the City of Ducktown, in the event that Board members agree to establish a budget. The amount of funds due from each participating government shall be approved by the legislative body of each participating government. The formula for contribution by each participating government shall be determined by adding the population of the entire County as established by the last federal decennial census to the population of each city as determined by the last federal decennial census, or special census as provided for in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-51-114, and then determining the percentage that the population of each governmental entity bears to the total amount.
6. If a special census has been certified pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-51-114, during the five (5) year period after certification of the last federal decennial census, the formula shall be adjusted by the Polk County Joint Economic and Community Development Board to reflect the result of the special census. Provided, however, the Polk County Joint Economic and Community Development Board shall only make such an adjustment during the fifth (5th) year following the certification of a federal decennial census.

7. The Polk County Joint Economic and Community Development Board may accept and expend donations, grants and payments from persons and entities other than the participating governments in accordance with Public Chapter No. 1101 of the Public Acts of 1998. The parties further agree that if an annual budget to fund the activities of the Polk County Joint Economic and Community Development Board is agreed to be established, it shall be recommended by the Executive Committee to the Board and an annual budget shall be established before the first (1st) day of July of each year.
8. The funding formula established by Public Chapter No. 1101 of the Public Acts of 1998 shall then be applied to the total amount budgeted by the Board from the participating governments' contributions for the ensuing fiscal year. The budget and a statement of the amount due from each participating government shall be immediately filed with the appropriate officer of each participating government. In the event a participating government does not fully fund its contribution, the Board may establish and impose such sanctions or conditions as it deems proper.
9. Should any phrase, clause, sentence, or paragraphs of this Interlocal Agreement be held invalid, or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction of the State of Tennessee or the United States of America in any manner or respect whatsoever, it shall in no way affect any or all of the remaining provisions, all of which shall remain in full force and effect.

Mayor Greg Barker, City of Copperhill

STATE OF TENNESSEE COUNTY OF POLK

On this the 21st day of July, 2025 before me, personally appeared Greg Barker, with whom I am personally acquainted and who, upon oath acknowledged himself to be the Representative of the City of Copperhill, Tennessee and that he as such Representative, being authorized so to do on behalf of said corporation, upon oath acknowledged that he executed the foregoing instrument for the purpose therein contained by signing his name as Representative. WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal on the day and year above written.

My Commission Expires: _____

