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## Board of Mayor & Aldermen Agenda

### Monday, August 18, 2025

### 5:30 p.m.

#### Call Meeting to Order

Roll Call

#### Minutes:

- July 21, 2025  
Roll Call

#### Financials:

- July 15, 2025 to August 13, 2025  
Roll Call

#### Public Comments

#### Reports:

- Board of Aldermen
- Mayor

#### Old Business:

- Ordinance: Nepotism Policy- Second Reading  
Roll Call

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### **New Business:**

- Ordinance: Rezoning Alcohol Sales- First Reading  
Roll Call
- Resolution: Tanner Boring Appointment to Part-Time Maintenance Dept. Position  
Roll Call

### **Adjournment**

Roll Call



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

### Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call: All present

### Minutes:

- June 16, 2025
- Motion to accept made by Tamberlyn Tanner, 2nd by Jake Reuse  
Roll Call: All voted to accept

### Financials:

- June 11, 2025 to July 15, 2025
- Motion to accept made by Jake Reuse, 2nd by Donna Martin  
Roll Call: All voted to accept

### Judge Oath of Office:

Mayor Barker administered the oath of office to Laura M. Crawford for Municipal Judge.

### Public Comments:

- Charles Burnette spoke about the alley on 2nd street, saying the residents in that area would like the road opened. He indicated that Jeff Emig, Cecil Arp and Jimmy Noland agreed stating in the event of an emergency the road needed to be opened.
- Niki Curry spoke about the old church property and Ann Ross property on Highland street has been abandoned and the sidewalks need to be cleaned.
- Cecil Arp ceded his 3 minutes to Charles Burnette who honored the late Alderman Bill Standridge.

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## **Mayor's Reports:**

- Mayor Barker acknowledged and welcomed Mayor Terry Arp to the meeting and thanked him for his excellent partnership in working with him to bring events to the twin cities.
- Mayor Barker gave tribute to former Judge & Alderman Bill Standridge who passed away on July 16, 2025. He acknowledged the years that he dedicated to Copperhill as Judge and most recently, as alderman.
- Rural Ministry and Pastor Corey Pelton was thanked for bringing a group from Louisiana who picked up several bags of garbage within the city.
- Mayor Barker thanked the Copperhill staff that helped with the 4th of July preparations: Shannon, Teresa, Barry, Shawn, Josh, and Jimmy. He also thanked Alderman Martin, Mayor of McCaysville & McCaysville Chief of Police Michael Earley for coordination and execution efforts. The Barker Brothers Blue Grass Band and Bill Allen were acknowledged for providing entertainment.
- The Fannin County Chamber of Commerce was thanked for continually advertising Copperhill & McCaysville in full page magazine & newspaper ads, the billboard near Chattanooga, and in online promos.

## **Board of Aldermen: Reports:**

- Jake Reuse gave an update on the success of the growth of the farmers market and noted positive feedback from the community.
- Donna Martin echoed Jake on the success of the farmers market and spoke on the success of the rodeo.

## **Old Business:**

### **Ordinance: Extension of Beer Sales Hours- Second Reading**

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

## **New Business:**

### **Ordinance: Nepotism Policy- First Reading**

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

## **Resolution: Interlocal Agreement with Polk County, City of Ducktown, & City of Benton**

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

## **Presentation: The First Tuesday in the Twin Cities by Mayor Terry Arp**

The First Tuesday in the Twin Cities was announced by McCaysville Mayor Terry Arp. It will be held in partnership with The City of Copperhill and begins on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 and will be held on the subsequent first Tuesday of each month. The plan is to continue the event in the Copperhill “YMCA” gym during the cold weather months.

## **Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn was made by Jake Reuse, 2nd by Jeff Thomas
- All voted to adjourn

**Adjourned at 6:18 p.m.**

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12:53 PM

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Accrual Basis

City of Copperhill

Expenses by Vendor Summary

July 15 through August 13, 2025

Jul 15 - Aug 13, 25

Ace Hardware	185.00
Blue Ridge Flowers	107.02
City of Copperhill General Fund	7,895.43
City of Copperhill Payroll	0.00
City of Copperhill Water & Sewer	12,957.00
Dollar General	85.27
EFTPS	4,900.00
Fed EX	144.00
Great American Financial Services	56.42
Home Depot	349.08
Life Insurance Company of Alabama	288.79
Luttrells Hardware	199.46
MSA Business Technology	295.28
Polk County Road Department	977.94
Prestige Laboratory	90.00
Quinns Nursery	34.75
Sequoyah Water	62.00
Southern Concrete	1,116.45
The Polk County News	76.50
Tractor Supply	288.87
Tri-State EMC	309.51
Tri state Electric	2,849.51
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>33,268.28</u></b>



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## City of Copperhill

### 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 18th day of August, 2025 upon final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

**FIRST READING:** 21st day of July, 2025

**SECOND READING:** 18th day of August, 2025

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Copperhill, Tennessee, this 18th day of August, 2025.

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### Ordinance #8-18-25-00

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COPPERHILL, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND TITLE 8 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CLARIFY PERMITTED LOCATIONS FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES, TO AUTHORIZE SPECIAL OCCASION LICENSES IN PUBLIC SPACES, TO AMEND SECTION 8-211 (1) & (3), TO AMEND SECTION 8-216 (1-7), AND TO REMOVE PERMIT LIMITS

WHEREAS, the City of Copperhill seeks to align zoning regulations with current and intended alcohol-related uses within the city; and

WHEREAS, the Copperhill Municipal Planning Commission has recommended clarifications concerning where alcohol permits may be issued, including for special events and public spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen finds it necessary to update and streamline provisions in Title 8 of the Copperhill Municipal Code;

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

#### SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 8-211 (1) & (3)

Section 8-211 (1) of the Copperhill Municipal Code is deleted and replaced with:

(1) The beer board of the city is authorized to issue special occasion licenses to bona fide charitable, nonprofit, or political organizations for special events.

Section 8-211 (3) of the Copperhill Municipal Code is deleted and replaced with:

(3) The fee for each special occasion license shall be one hundred dollars (\$100).

#### SECTION 1. REPEAL & REPLACEMENT OF SECTION 8-216 (1-7)

Section 8-216 (1-7) of the Copperhill Municipal Code, and all amendments thereto, are hereby repealed in their entirety and replaced with the following:

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- (1) The sale and service of alcoholic beverages under Class 1, Class 2, Class 3, and Special Occasion Permits shall be permitted in the following zoning districts:
  - C-1 Central Business District
  - C-2 General Commercial District
  - I-1 General Industrial District
- (2) There shall be no limit on the number or type of permits that may be issued in these zones. All activity remains subject to applicable city and state laws.
- (3) Special Occasion Permits may also be issued for events in public spaces, including parks, plazas, sidewalks, public squares, and city streets temporarily closed for approved events. "Public space" means any city-owned or city-managed area open to the public for general use or scheduled events. Issuance is subject to the city's standard permitting procedures.
- (4) The sale, service, or distribution of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited in all residential zoning districts: R-1, R-2, & R-3 This prohibition applies to businesses, vendors, and events. No exceptions shall be granted.

**SECTION 3.** The municipal code and zoning map shall be updated to reflect these changes. Formatting or numbering adjustments may be made by the city recorder or municipal staff as needed.

**SECTION 4.** If any section or portion of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder shall remain in full force and in effect.

This ordinance shall become effective on the 1st day of October, 2025 upon final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

**FIRST READING:** 18th day of August, 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 #8-18-25-01

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COPPERHILL, TENNESSEE, TO HIRE TANNER BORING AS A PART-TIME MAINTENANCE WORKER AND ESTABLISH A 90-DAY REVIEW PERIOD FOR CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Copperhill recognizes the ongoing need for maintenance support in city operations; and

**WHEREAS**, Tanner Boring has demonstrated that he possesses the skills and experience necessary to fulfill the duties of a part-time maintenance worker; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to appoint Mr. Boring to this position on a part-time basis, with a probationary period to evaluate performance and continued need;

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

**SECTION 1.** Tanner Boring is hereby hired as a part-time maintenance worker for the City of Copperhill, effective immediately upon passage of this resolution.

**SECTION 2.** A 90-day probationary period shall apply to this appointment, during which Mr. Boring's performance and the city's ongoing staffing needs shall be evaluated.

**SECTION 3.** At the conclusion of the 90-day period, a determination regarding continued employment shall be made jointly by the Maintenance Department Manager, the City Recorder, and the Mayor.

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

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 18th day of August, 2025.

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