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Board of Mayor & Aldermen Agenda Monday, December 15, 2025 5:30 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order

Roll Call

Minutes:

- November 17, 2025
Roll Call

Financials:

- November 12, 2025 to December 10, 2025
Roll Call

Public Comments

Announcements

Reports:

- Board of Aldermen
- Mayor

Old Business:

- None

Mayor
Greg Barker

Vice Mayor
Jake Reuse

Aldermen
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Tamberlyn Tanner
Jeff Thomas

New Business:

- Resolution: Opposition to Biosolids Hauled to the Copper Basin
Roll Call

Adjournment

Roll Call

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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Board of Mayor & Aldermen Minutes Monday, November 17, 2025 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call: All Present

Minutes:

- October 20, 2025
- Motion to accept made by Tamberlyn Tanner, 2nd by Donna Martin
- Roll Call: All voted to accept

Financials:

- October 15, 2025 to November 12, 2025
- Motion made to accept by Donna Martin , 2nd by Tamberlyn Tanner
- Roll Call: All voted to accept

Public Comments

- None

Announcements

- **Welcome:** Brenna Bak from Southeast Tennessee Development District (SETD) & Tom Killian from CTI were acknowledged.
- **First Tuesday in the Twin Cities:** Dec 3rd- City Hall Gym/YMCA
- **Christmas Market:** Nov 29 (day after light up Twin Cities) & Dec 6
- **Kiwanis Parade:** Dec 6th

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- **Holiday Schedule:** City Hall will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, 11/27 & Friday, 11/28- garbage pickup is on Wednesday, 11/26

Board of Aldermen Reports:

- Donna Martin provided an update on the Kiwanis Parade scheduled for December 6th. Line-up and judging will begin at 1:00 PM.
- Jake Reuse gave an update on the Twin Cities Market and the weekly community meal held each Monday at the Copperhill United Methodist Church.

Mayor's Report:

- The two 2025 Copperhill Scholarship recipients from Copper Basin High School submitted “thank you” cards that were shared with the Board of Aldermen.
- The grant for the Lift Station on TN Avenue and Colonial was re-bid on Thursday, October 30, 2025, at 2:00 PM. No bids were received, and SETD has since renegotiated the initial bid, which requires a resolution to be passed to enter into the contract.
- The City did not receive the grant for the Miner's Statue, but will reapply.
- The Mayor reiterated that no burning is allowed within the City of Copperhill.
- City Court is now active. The next court date is Wednesday, December 4th at 3:00 PM. City Hall will close front desk services on the first Wednesday of each month at 2:00 PM. (typically requiring until 2:15–2:30 PM. to complete closing procedures).
- Sheriffs contract is being renegotiated to include more patrols, speed calming, parking enforcement Mayor Barker asked for alderman feedback
 - Tamberlyn Tanner suggested specific times for officers to patrol
 - Speed and foot patrol was the main concern by all alderman

Old Business:

Ordinance: Change of Permitted Uses in C-2- Second Reading

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

Resolution: Tanner Boring Appointment to Full-Time Maintenance Dept. Position

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

New Business:

Resolution: Employee Bonus

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

Resolution: Award of Construction Contract for Fightingtown Pump Station Improvements

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

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn was made by Tamberlyn Tanner, 2nd by Jeff Thomas
- All voted to adjourn

Adjourned at 6:09 PM

Mayor Greg Barker

Recorder Shannon Arthur, CMFO

12:52 PM

12/12/25

Accrual Basis

City of Copperhill

Profit & Loss

November 12 through December 10, 2025

	<u>Nov 12 - Dec 10, 25</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Alcohol Inspection fee	7.39
1989 · Tax Payment	0.00
4001 · Occupancy Tax	93.67
4003 · Gas 3 Cent	0.00
4040 · GF-Business Tax	10,917.97
4060 · GF-Current Yr Property Tax	3,838.29
4101 · - Sportsbetting Payment-State T	0.00
4108 · Property Tax 2024	132.61
4125 · Mixed Drink	0.00
4130 · GF-State Beer Tax	2,472.53
4139 · Gas Improvment City	0.00
4145 · State Telecome Tax-Receiveable	0.00
4147 · Petroleum Special Tax	0.00
4150 · GF-State Sales Tax	0.00
4155 · TVA Payment-City-State Taxes	0.00
4164 · Transportation Modernization	0.00
4166 · Fuel City Tax	0.00
4185 · GF - Local Wholesale Beer Tax	2,182.85
4310 · WS-Water Sales	157.39
Total Income	<u>19,802.70</u>
Gross Profit	19,802.70
Expense	
5120 · GF-Ads & Legal Notices	50.00
5150 · GF-Beautification	50.00
5190 · GF-Employee Training	120.00
5210 · GF-Health Insurance	4,236.64
5220 · GF-Insurance	13,563.00
5240 · GF-Miscellaneous	386.74
5260 · GF-Office Supplies	504.38
5265 · GF-Payroll Expenses	869.48
5355 · GF - Operations	3,567.44
5360 · GF-Postage	60.73
5370.1 · GF-Repair and Maintance Streets	85.14
5400 · GF-Wages, admin	8,003.91
5420.1 · GF-Wages, Streets maintenance	5,682.72
5430 · GF-Salaries, Mayor & Aldermen	800.00
5470 · GF-Taxes, payroll	2,140.35
5480 · GF-Telephone	200.00
5510 · GF-Utilities	238.27
5560 · GF - Bank Fees	129.95
6150 · WS-Salaries & wages	12,285.62
Total Expense	<u>52,974.37</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-33,171.67</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-33,171.67</u></u>



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City of Copperhill

Resolution #12-15-25-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF COPPERHILL, TENNESSEE, OPPOSING THE HAULING AND LAND-APPLICATION OF BIOSOLIDS FROM ANY EXTERNAL SOURCE TO COPPERHILL INDUSTRIES/INTERTRADE HOLDINGS, INC. OR ANY OTHER SITE WITHIN THE COPPER BASIN, AND REQUESTING THAT SUCH PRACTICES CEASE IMMEDIATELY; AND EXPRESSING SERIOUS CONCERN REGARDING PFAS AND OTHER CONTAMINANTS

WHEREAS, the Copper Basin has experienced extensive environmental damage from historic mining, resulting in landscape alteration, soil loss, and long-term ecological stress; and

WHEREAS, the people of Copperhill and surrounding communities have invested decades in environmental restoration and responsible redevelopment of the region; and

WHEREAS, biosolids from external sources are being transported into the Copper Basin and delivered to Copperhill Industries/Intertrade Holdings, Inc., a private operation bordering the City of Copperhill; and

WHEREAS, Copperhill Industries/Intertrade Holdings, Inc. maintains points of entry and access routes that are reached from within the City of Copperhill, creating direct impacts on the City, its infrastructure, its commerce, and its residents; and

WHEREAS, these biosolids are being applied to land under the stated purpose of mine reclamation, despite significant public concern and opposition; and

WHEREAS, the hauling and land-application of biosolids have generated strong odors that disrupt daily life, affect nearby neighborhoods, diminish outdoor air quality, and contribute to a substantial degradation of quality of life for Copperhill residents; and

WHEREAS, Copperhill Industries is not a permitted landfill, and the allowance of biosolid application occurred without transparent public notice, hearings, or community participation; and

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WHEREAS, municipal biosolids can contain contaminants, including heavy metals, pharmaceuticals, industrial chemicals, and PFAS, persistent substances of growing scientific and regulatory concern; and

WHEREAS, no universally accepted “safe” soil thresholds for PFAS currently exist, and studies indicate potential risks to human health, groundwater, and long-term ecological stability; and

WHEREAS, the Copper Basin’s unique geology and hydrological vulnerability heighten the risks of contaminant mobility and environmental harm; and

WHEREAS, continued biosolid deposition threatens decades of environmental progress and poses reputational and ecological risks to the region; and

WHEREAS, safer and widely supported mine reclamation methods, such as engineered soil amendments, clean, fill cover systems, native vegetation restoration, and uncontaminated organic materials are available and do not introduce PFAS or similar hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen supports responsible reclamation only when it protects public health, avoids new contamination, and is undertaken with transparency and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Copperhill has both the authority and obligation to advocate for the protection of its residents, environment, and regional identity.

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

1. That the City of Copperhill formally and emphatically opposes the hauling, deposition, storage, and land-application of biosolids from any external source to Copperhill Industries/Intertrade Holdings, Inc. or any other site in the Copper Basin.
2. That the City of Copperhill respectfully, yet firmly, requests that all entities currently transporting biosolids into the Copper Basin cease such activities immediately, and that all biosolid land-application practices in the region be discontinued.
3. That the Board strongly encourages the use of alternative mine reclamation methods, including, but not limited to, clean fill, engineered growth media, uncontaminated soil amendments, phytoremediation, and native plant restoration, as safer, science-based solutions that do not introduce PFAS or other hazardous contaminants into the environment.

4. That the City calls upon the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), the Tennessee Department of Health, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a transparent review of the environmental and public health impacts associated with biosolids spreading in this region, including analysis of PFAS, heavy metals, and other contaminants, and to evaluate alternative remediation strategies appropriate for the Copper Basin.
5. That TDEC and the EPA are urged to provide clear public reporting, open public hearings, and meaningful community engagement regarding any current or proposed biosolids authorizations or reclamation activities in the Copper Basin.
6. That this Resolution be delivered to TDEC, the EPA Region 4 Office, Copperhill Industries, the Polk County Chamber of Commerce, the Polk County Commission, and all state and federal elected officials representing the Copper Basin.

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

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 15th day of December, 2025.

Mayor Greg Barker

Recorder Shannon E. Arthur, CMFO