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## Board of Mayor & Aldermen Agenda Monday, March 16, 2026 5:30 p.m.

**Call Meeting to Order**  
Roll Call

**Minutes:**

- February 17, 2026  
Roll Call

**Financials:**

- February 12, 2026 to March 12, 2026  
Roll Call

**Public Comments**

**Announcements**

**Reports:**

- Board of Aldermen
- Mayor

**Old Business:**

- None

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**Mayor**  
Greg Barker

**Vice Mayor**  
Jake Reuse

**Aldermen**  
Donna Martin  
Tamberlyn Tanner  
Jeff Thomas

**New Business:**

- Resolution 2026-03-0005: Authorize Bids for Miner Memorial Statue  
Roll Call

**Adjournment**

Roll Call



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## Board of Mayor & Aldermen Minutes Tuesday February 17, 2026 5:30 p.m.

### Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call: All Present

Minutes: January 20, 2026

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

Financials: January 16, 2026 to February 12, 2026

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

### Public Comments:

- None

### Announcements

- The next Board of Mayor & Aldermen meeting is Monday March 16, 2026.
- City Court: The next court date is Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 3:00 PM. City Hall will now close its front desk services on the first Wednesday of the month at 2:00 PM (typically it will take 2:15-30 to get closed up).
- The City of Copperhill has partnered with SHARP (Safe Haven Animal Rescue Program) to TNR (Trap-Neuter-Release) a couple colonies of feral cats. Tri-State Spay Neuter Clinic in Murphy has

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been gracious to be part of the program and we are very thankful for both organizations for their help in reducing the feral population in Copperhill.

#### Board of Aldermen Reports:

- None

#### Mayor's Report:

- The Semiquincentennial Community Support Grant awards will be announced at the end of the month. We have now submitted a grant request twice for a statue honoring our mining history.
- Mayor Barker reported that he is currently working on an application with the Southeast Tennessee Development District to obtain funding for traffic signal replacement.
- The City of Copperhill employees were recognized for their hard work and dedication over the past couple of months. It was noted that technical issues with the water/sewer billing service has caused a great deal of extra work for the office. It was also noted that cold weather has presented many challenges for the maintenance staff.
- TDEC audit results were presented to the Board of Aldermen.
- The Infrastructure Planning Grant for the Tennessee Avenue and Colonial Avenue sewer line replacement was denied. If the program allows, we will plan to reapply later this year. Both sewer lines are critical. The Tennessee Avenue line has significant underlying issues that are not visible from the surface, while the problems on Colonial Avenue are evident with the roadway beginning to sink. Any roadway repairs on Colonial Avenue would be temporary and ineffective until the sewer line beneath it is properly repaired or replaced.
- Extra grant funding was approved in the amount of \$258,000. This brings the total project for the Fightingtown Pumping Station to \$1.2 million after the additional \$58,000 grant was awarded last month.. Brenna with the Southeast Tennessee Development District was complimented for her hard work in helping Copperhill.
- There is no burning allowed within the City of Copperhill.

## Board Discussion:

### **Copper Basin Fire & Rescue - Fire Services Agreement Request**

- Chief Matt Green and Eve Wilmot, Finance Officer/Board Secretary, discussed the importance of establishing a formal contract with the fire department. They stated they think that the City is currently rated as a Class 10 for insurance purposes, and entering into a contract could potentially help improve that rating.
- They also explained that because the City is incorporated within Polk County, Tennessee, it is covered under the Mutual Aid Act. Polk County currently provides \$90,000 in annual funding to Copper Basin Fire & Rescue (CBFR).
- As an example, the existing agreement between CBFR and the City of Ducktown was presented, which requires an annual contribution of \$6,000 from the City of Ducktown to CBFR. They are requesting a similar agreement from the City of Copperhill.
- The Mayor and Board of Alderman took no action and will assess the City's ability to fund the \$6,000 annual request in the 2026-27 budget.

## Old Business:

### **Ordinance 2026-01-0000- 2nd Reading: Twin Cities Market**

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

## New Business:

### **Resolution 2026-02-0002: 2026 Copperhill Cleanup Week**

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

### **Resolution 2026-02-0003: Affirmation of Enforcement of Sign Ordinance**

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

### **Resolution 2026-02-0004: Authorization of CTI as Consultant: SR -68 Utility Project**

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

### **Adjournment 6:36pm**

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

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Mayor Greg Barker

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Recorder Shannon Arthur, CMFO

8:52 AM

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Accrual Basis

**City of Copperhill**  
**Profit & Loss**  
February 12 through March 12, 2026

	<u>Feb 12 - Mar 12, 26</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
Income	
1989 · Tax Payment	0.00
3999 · CI Interstate Sales	0.00
4001 · Occupancy Tax	23.00
4003 · Gas 3 Cent	0.00
4010 · GF-Local Beer License	200.00
4020 · GF-Brush Pickup & Garbage Remov	25.00
4030 · GF-Business Licenses	15.00
4040 · GF-Business Tax	10,237.55
4060 · GF-Current Yr Property Tax	20,645.55
4090 · GF-Local Sales Tax-Trustee	21,662.40
4101 · - Sportsbetting Payment-State T	0.00
4102 · Tax Relief Payment from State	91.04
4103 · State Sales Tax -City	0.00
4108 · Property Tax 2024	214.51
4110 · GF-Property Tax/Prior Year	204.35
4125 · Mixed Drink	0.00
4139 · Gas Improvment City	0.00
4147 · Petroleum Special Tax	0.00
4164 · Transportation Modernization	0.00
4166 · Fuel City Tax	0.00
4185 · GF - Local Wholesale Beer Tax	3,388.16
4501 · Food Truck Permit	100.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>56,806.56</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	56,806.56
Expense	
5110 · GF-Accounting Services	800.00
5140 · GF-Audit	9,000.00
5205.1 · GF-Fuel Streets	735.08
5210 · GF-Health Insurance	4,236.64
5240 · GF-Miscellaneous	1,054.68
5260 · GF-Office Supplies	168.42
5265 · GF-Payroll Expenses	763.19
5355 · GF - Operations	500.30
5360 · GF-Postage	89.50
5370.1 · GF-Repair and Maintance Streets	734.43
5375 · GF - Street Repairs	660.61
5400 · GF-Wages, Admin	6,230.47
5420.1 · GF-Wages, Streets maintenance	5,720.05
5430 · GF-Salaries, Mayor & Aldermen	800.00
5450.1 · GF-Street Supplies	1,258.68
5460 · GF-Tax Billing Processing	399.00
5470 · GF-Taxes, Payroll	3,995.48
5480 · GF-Telephone	200.00
5510 · GF-Utilities	3,528.02
5520.2 · GF-Vehicle Expense Sanitation	1,101.69
6031 · GF - Interest Expense	595.75
6070 · WS-Gen. Off. Supplies & EXP	230.71
6150 · WS-Salaries & Wages	11,918.09
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>54,720.79</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>2,085.77</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>2,085.77</u></u>



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# City of Copperhill

## Resolution #2026-03-0005

### A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF COPPERHILL, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS PROPOSALS FOR THE CREATION OF THE COPPERHILL MINER MEMORIAL STATUE

**WHEREAS**, the City of Copperhill was awarded a grant in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) through the Tennessee Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial Community Support Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the grant is to support a community project commemorating the 250th anniversary of the United States, recognizing the historic contributions of the miners, laborers, and workers of the Tennessee Copper Company and its successor entities, whose efforts supported the economic development of the Copper Basin and played an important role in America's industrial and wartime production; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Copperhill intends to commission and install a Miner Memorial Statue to honor the laborers whose efforts contributed to the economic development of the Copper Basin region and to national wartime production efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the statue will serve as a permanent public memorial and educational feature within the City, celebrating local heritage while contributing to Tennessee's participation in the national America 250 commemoration; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will include the design, creation, casting, and installation of a bronze statue and base to be located in a prominent public area within the City of Copperhill; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen finds it to be in the best interest of the City to solicit sealed bids or proposals from qualified artists or sculptors experienced in bronze sculpture and public memorial design in order to complete this project in accordance with grant guidelines.

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

**Mayor**  
Greg Barker

**Vice Mayor**  
Jake Reuse

**Aldermen**  
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Jeff Thomas

**SECTION 1.** The Board hereby authorizes the City to advertise for bids from qualified artists, sculptors, or firms for the design, fabrication, and installation of the Miner Memorial Statue.

**SECTION 2.** The project shall generally consist of the creation of an approximately six-foot bronze statue and base, including conceptual design, modeling, casting, finishing, and installation.

**SECTION 3.** The City Recorder is authorized to prepare and publish the necessary bid or proposal documents and to advertise the project in accordance with the City's purchasing policies and applicable state law.

**SECTION 4.** Upon receipt and review of bids, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen reserves the right to accept the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the City or reject any and all proposals.

**SECTION 5.** The City intends to complete the project in accordance with the grant timeline, with the goal of unveiling the memorial during a public ceremony commemorating America's 250th anniversary.

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

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 16th day of March, 2026.

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Mayor Greg Barker

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Recorder Shannon E. Arthur, CMFO