

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE
CITY OF ORLINDA, TENNESSEE
CITY COUNCIL**

June 25, 2026

Orlinda City Hall
Meeting Room
7501 Highway 52
Orlinda, Tennessee

The Orlinda City Council met in a special called session at 7:00 pm on Thursday, June 25, 2026 in the meeting room located at Orlinda City Hall, 7501 Highway 52, Orlinda, Tennessee.

Members attending were as follows:

Mayor Tabitha Swearingen
Vice Mayor Ben Ellis
Commissioner Sherry Carver
Commissioner Jennifer Johnson

Others present included City Manager Tammie Carey, City Clerk Erinn Scates and Fire Chief Patrick Darrow as well

Mayor Tabitha Swearingen called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm and led with the pledge of allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and/or possible action regarding First Summary Reading of Ordinance No. 26-01 Adopting Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Mayor Tabitha Swearingen asked if the library restoration project is included in the upcoming budget. City Manager Tammie Carey said there was money allocated for the project. Because the total cost is unknown, if it costs more than projected a budget amendment could be done. Carey also shared that according to the city procurement code that projects over \$25,000 require an engineer to do design and specifications. She said the next step would be to draft a request for proposals for an engineer.

Commissioner Jennifer Johnson asked about the purchase of a new fire truck and if it was included in the new budget and if so for how much? City Manager Tammie Carey responded that it was budgeted for \$900,000. Acting Fire Chief Patrick Darrow added that they have looked at several companies and demos. The \$900,000 is a ballpark estimate.

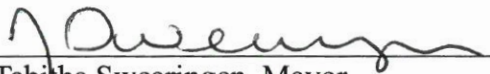
Discussion of the possible surplus of one fire vehicle. Darrow shared that he would like the new engine to replace Engine 1. Because of the amount of money that has recently been spent on the trucks, he would like to designate Engine 2 as a rescue engine. Then move Engine 1 to Station 2 to be used as an Engine Tanker. Then surplus and sell the old tanker truck because of the amount of repairs needed on it.

Commissioner Jennifer Johnson asked if a Maintenance position was in the budget. City Manager Tammie Carey responded that the position was included in the budget. The city currently has a part-time, seasonal Groundskeeper. He works approximately 20 hours per week. She said that a part-time maintenance position was needed and approximately 20 hours per week had been included in the budget. Commissioner Johnson asked if the maintenance position would ever transition to full time. Carey said she would like to evaluate further when the season is up and weigh options by necessity.

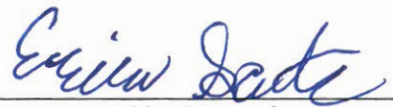
A Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ben Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Sherry Carver to approve Ordinance 26-01 Adopting Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 First Reading. Voting Aye: All. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:16 pm Mayor Swearingen adjourned the meeting.



Tabitha Swearingen, Mayor
City of Orlinda, Tennessee



Erinn Scates, City Recorder