

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CITY OF ORLINDA, TENNESSEE
CITY COUNCIL**

August 13th, 2026

Orlinda City Hall
Meeting Room
7501 Highway 52
Orlinda, Tennessee

The Orlinda City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on Thursday, August 13th, 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 as well as members of the public.

Mayor Tabitha Swearingen called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and led with the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Vice Mayor Ellis to approve the minutes of the Orlinda City Council July 9th, 2026 Regular meeting. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: All. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Vice Mayor Ellis had a question regarding the \$300 line item for Capital Outlay – Fire. City Manager Carey explained this line item is due to an error in coding and nothing should be in Capital Outlay presently. This miscoding will be rectified by next meeting.

FIRE REPORT

No further questions were asked.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and/or possible action regarding the appointment of a three-year term on the Planning and Zoning Commission

Commissioner Johnson asked why Sonya Smith only served a 1-year term on the Planning Commission. Mayor Tabitha Swearingen answered that members drew numbers to determine staggered terms. Sonya Smith drew a 1-year term which has now expired.

Motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Vice Mayor Ellis to appoint Curt Chaffin to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: All. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and/or possible action regarding the award of a contract for an asphalt patch on Church Street.

Mayor Swearingen explained that this was an area where tiles were installed. Rock was placed over the area where the pavement was cut and it is ready to be paved. Due to restrictions on what the city manager is cleared to spend on behalf of the city, the council must vote to approve the funding for this project.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Carver to award a contract to Cedar Ridge Services (CRS) to do the paving on Church Street where tiles were replaced. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: All. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and/or possible action regarding the award of a contract to pave or chip and tar a portion of Haywood Fisher Road and North Moore Road.

Commissioner Carver asked City Manager Carey to clarify if there are two different methods for this process because of how this contract is presented. Carey confirmed that yes, there are two different methods to this project. Carey went on to explain that there were two separate bid packets for this project. The main project is Haywood Fisher and the add alternate is North Moore. The council will need to decide and vote on whether to pave both roads or chip and tar both roads.

Motion to award chip and tar contract to the Scotty's Contracting for Haywood Fisher and North Moore Road for \$32,850 was made by Vice Mayor Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Johnson. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: All Motion passed unanimously

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Carey reported that Patrick Darrow resigned from his position with the Orlinda Fire Department on August 5th. She thanked him for his service to the community. The part-time maintenance position has been filled. Chris Mays will begin with us on Tuesday. Carey said the auditor was with us last Thursday to conduct our annual audit. We should have his report in

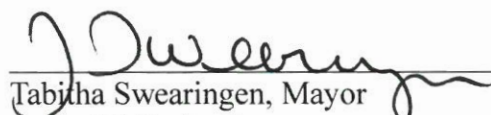
the next month or so. City Recorder Erinn Scates passed her fifth CMFO test on July 31st which was on Governmental Accounting I. The summer reading program at the library wrapped up on July 31st. Carey thanked librarian Annelia Knight for leading that program and extended congratulations to the prize winners. Carey said, the food truck ordinance was not on this agenda for discussion and asked council member to send thoughts and comments about the guidelines in the next two weeks. Carey also reported that the tractor has been taken for repair. Once it is back, we should be able to mow roadsides.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Swearingen did not have anything to report on until next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:24 pm Mayor Swearingen adjourned the meeting.



Tabitha Swearingen, Mayor
City of Orlinda, Tennessee



Erinn Scates, City Recorder
City of Orlinda, Tennessee