

**Public Hearing and Regular
Meeting of the Cornersville
Board of Mayor and Aldermen
September 4, 2025, at 6:00 pm**



Those Participating: Mayor John Luna, Vice Mayor Sherry McClintock, Aldermen Doris Arthur, Mary Johnson, and Janice Kerber, Town Administrator Taylor Brandon, Town Attorney Billy Ostermann, and Administrative Assistant Beth Vick.

1. Luna called the Public Hearing for Revision to the Municipal Code to order. There were no comments.
2. Luna closed the Public Hearing.
3. Luna called the Regular meeting to order.
4. Luna led the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Arthur gave the Invocation.
6. **Financials:** Johnson made a motion to approve the Financials as presented. Arthur seconded the motion. Luna asked if there was any discussion, and there was none. Luna called for a vote, and all voted in favor of the motion.
7. **Minutes:** Johnson made a motion to approve the August 7, 2025 Minutes as presented. Kerber seconded the motion. Luna asked if there was any discussion, and there was none. Luna called for a vote, and all voted in favor of the motion.
8. **Citizens Comments:** Luna asked if there were any Citizens Comments, and there were none.
9. **Ordinance 25-356 Codification of Municipal Code – First Reading:** Johnson made a motion to adopt the 2025 Municipal Code with changes provided on First Reading. McClintock seconded the motion. Luna asked why there are so many changes. Brandon stated due to redundancy and minor changes. McClintock asked why the revision references the 1998 Municipal Code. Brandon stated because the 1998 Municipal Code was adopted as an ordinance. Luna stated the Beer Board and Park Board are in the Municipal Code under Boards and Committees, but the Industrial Development Board is not. Ostermann stated all boards should be included and not just piecemeal of certain boards/committees. He stated the Events Committee needs to be included as well since the town is handling the financials of the committee as with other boards. Luna stated he would like all board members to contact Taylor or Beth if they find anything that needs to be addressed before the October BOMA meeting. Ostermann stated that now is the time to get clarification because it does not matter how old or new an ordinance is, if any errors or omissions

are found, it needs to be addressed now. Brandon stated he would make sure all boards are included.

McClintock stated on page 15-6 Section 15-120 regarding the limitation of heavy trucks there is a typographical error. The number states "6,000" but the wording says, "four thousand." Brandon stated another thing to be discussed is the parking time limits. He stated TDOT placed new lines on Main Street, and the state does allow parking on Main Street. Luna stated it states scotching wheels, angles tires are to be turned, etc. is also mentioned and he does not believe that should be included. Brandon stated along with the weight of trucks, he will check Ordinance 21-273 and other ordinances to see if they prevail in this language. Luna asked if there was any other discussion, and there was none. Luna called for a vote, and all voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed First Reading 4-0.

- 10. Resolution 25-357 Turnout gear replacement for South Marshall Fire Department:** Brandon stated the same fire fighters with Cornersville Fire Department are the fire fighters with South Marshall Fire Department. He stated if turnout gear is damaged in a Cornersville call and it is damaged; the resolution states the Town of Cornersville will replace the gear. Luna asked if there is an agreement with Marshall County that Cornersville Fire Department can wear the gear. Brandon stated that it is in process. Ostermann asked if there was a Memorandum of Understanding in place for it is usually in there. If it is not and silent, then the Town of Cornersville needs to add that to the MOU. Luna stated the town recently purchased SCBAs for the fire department. Brandon stated yes and the SCBAs the town purchased can be used by the county.

Luna stated a resolution states the Cornersville Fire Department is only allowed to go up to a mile outside the town limits if the fire chief feels there is a possibility of a fire spreading into the town limits. Kerber made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-357 Turnout gear replacement for South Marshall Fire Department. Arthur seconded the motion. Luna asked if there was any other discussion, and there was none. Luna called for a vote, and all voted in favor of the motion. Motion Passed 4-0.

- 11. Ordinance 25-358 Zoning text amendment adopting default R-1 zoning – First Reading:** Brandon stated this ordinance will fix the lack of zoning for low density residential properties. Ostermann asked if this was in the old zoning ordinance. Brandon stated it was, but the new Zoning Ordinance 22-274 repealed the old Zoning Ordinance. Kerber made a motion to adopt Ordinance 25-358 Zoning text amendment adopting default R-1 zoning on First Reading. Johnson seconded the motion. Luna asked if there have been any annexations since Zoning Ordinance 22-274 was adopted with R-1 zoning. Brandon stated yes, and all annexations after Ordinance 22-274 was adopted were zoned as R-1. Luna asked if there was any other discussion, and there was none. Luna called for a vote, and all voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed First Reading 4-0.

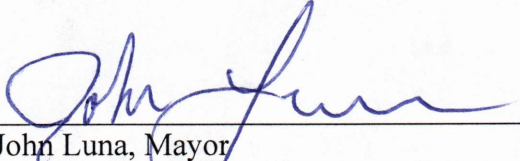
- 12. Resolution 25-359 Request for paving proposals:** Brandon stated this resolution permits paving bid proposals, which could include potential patching of streets. The streets he is looking to pave are Wakefield, Hatchett Hollow, Beechwood, and the Town Hall parking lot. He stated after the bidding process he will come back to the board with an ordinance. Brandon stated he is working with an engineer for extra parking and changing the entrance to the Town Hall parking lot. Luna asked if he would have to get TDOT permission and Brandon stated yes, he will get permission from TDOT. Arthur made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-359 Request for paving proposals.

Johnson seconded the motion. McClintock asked if this is just for paving the same width of the streets. Brandon stated that he wants to widen certain streets. He stated he had budgeted for a \$180,000 Capital Outlay Note. Johnson asked how far Hatchett Hollow would be paved. Brandon stated from the town limits east through the underpass to the highway. Luna asked if there was any other discussion, and there was none. Luna called for a vote, and all voted in favor of the motion. Resolution passed 4-0.

13. Other Business:

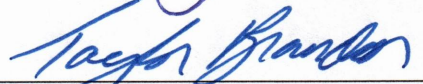
- a. **Removal of Trash Can from Park:** Brandon stated people have been putting household waste and pet waste in the trash cans, and Scott Stiles has to clean them out. Johnson asked if we need a resolution with a fine, and Brandon stated it would be the same as when we had the recycle bin. Violations will be hard to prove. Kerber stated she does not want to see them taken out since the youth group at the church uses them when they clean up. If the cans are taken away, people are going to trash the park. Luna stated he would rather pet waste be placed in the trash cans instead of stepping on it in the park because some people do not clean up the waste their dog leaves. Luna asked if the board wants to table until next month. Kerber made a motion to table until October 2025. Johnson seconded the motion.
- b. **Urban Growth Boundary Amendments:** Brandon stated Marshall County wants to do another UGB amendment to determine commercial development in the county. He stated they have a meeting on September 5, 2025 and if any board member has any ideas on the boundaries, to please let him know.
- c. Mayor Luna stated he had received a resignation by email from Alderman Taylor Pickett effective August 23, 2025.

Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Arthur seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.



John Luna, Mayor

10/2/25
Date



Taylor Brandon, Town Recorder

10/2/25
Date