

**Public Hearing and  
Regular Meeting of the  
Cornersville Board of Mayor  
and Aldermen  
January 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.  
Minutes**



**Those Participating:** Mayor John Luna, Vice-Mayor Sherry McClintock, Aldermen Doris Arthur, Mary Johnson, Janice Kerber, Town Administrator Taylor Brandon, Town Attorney Billy Ostermann, Sergeant Wesley Vick, Officer Sam Barnes, and Administrative Assistant Beth Vick

**1. Luna called the Public Hearing to order.**

- a. Hale Hawkins 2280 Lynnville Highway asked what the details are with the Zoning and parcel development. Brandon stated it will be a self-storage facility that will be obscured from the road with cedar trees. He asked Doug Hooten if there will be ten (10) units in three (3) buildings. Hooten stated it will be four (4) buildings with ten (10) units in each and will look similar to ones on South Ellington Parkway close to Dollar General in Lewisburg. He stated he does not want it to be an eye-sore, and evergreen trees will obscure the project from the Hawkins farm. He stated there will be no disturbance around the units and the lights will be pointed straight down.
- b. Jason Wolaver 2060 Lynnville Highway stated he had the same question as Hawkins. He stated he is concerned about the runoff from the creek and the possibility of erosion, and hopefully a good environmental control plan will be in place. He asked about the entrance around the curve. Hooten stated he must have 500 feet of sight visibility on both sides. He stated there will be a thirty (30) foot buffer for erosion to prevent it.
- c. Daniel Jean 1952 McDaniel Hollow Road stated he is concerned about Industrial Zoning in the area and asked if a lot of commercial zoning and construction is going to happen in Cornersville.

**2. Luna closed the Public Hearing**

**3. Luna called the Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting to Order**

**4. Luna led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**5. Arthur said the Invocation**

- 6. Approval of the Financials:** Kerber made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Arthur asked if the Events Committee turns in receipts for what they spend. Brandon stated that is the expectation, but there have been no receipts turned in for the Main Street Christmas event. Johnson asked if that is why the financials are showing negative for the Events Committee account. Brandon stated no. The amount spent on expenses was greater than the amount made at the event. He stated Beth has asked several times for the receipts from Mrs. Rios (Events

Committee Chairperson), but they have not been received. Luna stated the Events Committee has talked about getting the receipts turned in. Johnson 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.

- 7. Approval of the Minutes:** Johnson made a motion to approve the December 2025 Minutes 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.

#### **8. Citizens' Comments:**

Michael Logelin 2705 McConnell Road stated he just needed more information regarding the Reverter Deeds for Jason Terry and Doris Arthur that were made out in 2022 and what conditions triggered this. He stated this is a piece of property that is now the town's property. Ostermann explained the land was donated for the explicit purpose of extending Polk Street to April Lane and the Right of Reverter that was put in the deed is to give the land back to people that donated it because Polk Street will no longer be extended to April Lane.

- 9. Ordinance 26-362 Rezone 2185 Lynnville Highway from R-1 to I-1 from Planning Commission recommendation – First Reading:** Kerber stated she had the same concerns as the others and, these concerns were answered. She stated her main concern is the safety and visibility of the entrance/exit on Lynnville Highway. Hooten stated the state requires 500 feet of visibility in either direction. He stated where the entrance/exit is located there is 500 feet from the eastern gentle curve as well as the sharp curve on the western side of the highway. He stated the buildings will be gray in color with a hunter green roof that is non-reflective, so it will blend into the landscape.

Arthur asked if anything would be left outside. Hooten stated nothing will be left outside except a certain parking area for boats and RV's and doors will not be allowed to stay open. Luna stated that the Industrial Regulations are very strict. Johnson asked if there would be guidelines, and Hooten stated absolutely. McClintock asked if the State of Tennessee had signed off on the visibility of the entrance. Branden stated that TDOT and TDEC have both signed off on the plans.

McClintock stated Lynnville Highway is her favorite entryway into Cornersville and wants to caution everyone on what makes Cornersville a good place to live. She wants elected officials to be careful about what they approve and disapprove for the future of Cornersville residents. She stated she does not like the look of a storage facility. Luna stated he understands but the job of the Planning Commission and Board of Mayor and Aldermen is to follow the law (ordinances) and he agrees, he does not like the way some things look but, if the ordinance states it is allowed, then the BOMA must abide by the ordinance and not personal feelings. Hooten stated there will be no production to be done on the parcel. McClintock stated she does not like that area surrounded by farms and beautiful homes, and that is her main problem with it. Arthur stated she does not have a problem with the facility and knows it will not be junky looking. McClintock stated she would not have a problem with it at all if it was in a commercial area. Arthur made a motion to approve Ordinance 26-362 to rezone 2185 Lynnville Highway from R-1 to I-1 on First Reading. Kerber seconded the motion. Luna asked if there was any other discussion, and there was none. Luna called for a vote, and Arthur, Johnson and Kerber voted yay, and McClintock voted nay. Motion passed First Reading 3-1.

**10. Resolution 26-363 Contract for Engineering Services:** Brandon stated Dave Ferlisi is retiring and has requested the Town of Cornersville not send him any projects. He stated he has talked with St. Johns Engineering and they are interested. Luna asked if three bids are needed and Brandon stated no it is not required. Kerber made a motion to pass Resolution 26-363 Contract for Engineering Services and Taylor Brandon to find an engineer for the Town. McClintock 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. Motion Passed 4-0

**11. Resolution 26-364 Bid Town Hall Parking Lot grading and paving for Town Hall Parking Lot and Beechwood Avenue:** Brandon stated Dave Ferlisi has engineered the project and there will be more parking spaces with angled parking in the parking lot with an island installed. Luna asked if there was any other discussion, and there was none. McClintock made a motion to approve Resolution 26-364. Arthur seconded the motion. Luna called for a vote, and all voted in favor of the motion. Motion Passed 4-0

**12. Resolution 26-365 Reverter Deeds to Jason Terry and Doris Arthur from prior donated land parcels:** Ostermann stated for clarification purposes in the Resolution an insert is needed to state "a 50 foot right of way was donated to the town for the sole purpose of extending Polk Street to April Lane which did not happen, and a Right of Reverter was retained." He stated that is what forces the town to give the land back to Terry and Arthur. He stated it does not change anything; it just adds clarification. Johnson made a motion to accept Resolution 26-365 with the insertion of wordage for clarification. Kerber seconded the motion. Luna asked if there was any discussion, and there was none. Luna called for a vote, and McClintock, Johnson, and Kerber voted yay. Arthur abstained from the vote. Motion passed 3 yay and 1 abstain.

### **13. Other Business:**

- a. **Fire Committee:** Luna asked if anyone has a recommendation for what the board needs to do. He stated he wants only a temporary committee and thinks instead of the BOMA just making the decisions. He stated the committee members should be one BOMA member, one citizen, and one former firefighter or a firefighter. Arthur asked if all the firefighting equipment is up to date. Brandon stated yes. Arthur asked if the department has all the equipment they need, and Brandon stated as far as he knows, yes.

Luna stated they need to know how to do the recruiting, how to find a new Fire Chief, and how other municipalities do it. He stated that it is something the Fire Committee will be expected to do. Luna stated he had talked with Chris Boatright, a former firefighter, and Boatright stated he would help. Johnson made a motion to allow Mayor Luna to find members of the Fire Committee. Kerber seconded the motion. Johnson stated there needs to a workshop between the Fire Committee and Board of Mayor and Alderman in March 2026. Luna asked who on the BOMA would like to be on the committee. McClintock stated she would be on the committee. Johnson asked if the fire department employees must live in the Cornersville Town Limits, and it was agreed they do not have to reside in the town limits of Cornersville. 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.

- b. Increased Fire Hall Energy Efficiency: Brandon stated that since the new HVAC units have been installed at the Fire Hall, the fire hall is more energy efficient. Luna asked if anything else needs to be done to the Fire Hall. Brandon stated no, a new roof has recently been installed.
- c. Alderman Janice Kerber read a letter she had prepared with input from people in the community. The letter is attached.

14. Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Kerber seconded the motion.

  
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Taylor Brandon, Town Administrator

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