

**Meeting of the Cornersville
Board of Mayor and Aldermen
February 5, 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, Officer Sam Barnes, and Administrative Assistant Beth Vick.

Town Attorney Billy Ostermann was absent from the meeting.

- 1. Luna called the meeting to order**
- 2. Luna led the Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Arthur gave the Invocation**
- 4. Financials:** Kerber made a motion to approve the Financials as presented. Johnson 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.
- 5. Minutes:** Kerber made a motion to approve the January 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.
- 6. Citizens' Comments:**
 - a. Chris Kiser, 210 Terry Lane, stated the Planning Commission's request for 2185 Lynnville Highway was to make sure the zoning map was done first, and it is currently showing 1.5 acres when the parcel is 2.65 acres. He stated he is not asking the board to deny the request, but to wait until the parcel is legally defined before passing.
 - b. Michael Logelin, 2705 McConnell Road, stated he has issues with rezoning 2185 Lynnville Highway and is concerned about "letting the genie out of the bottle." He stated he looked at a Google Map and allowing an industrial zone in a residential area is not consistent with the current residential zoning. He stated it will probably grow residential if you allow it. He stated the town has good industrial areas in town, and it is Doug Hooten's problem with not owning property in any of those areas. He stated Hooten could purchase property on the north or south end of town, in an industrial area, and he believes that is where this type of business should go. He stated he strongly asks the board to reconsider zoning this piece of property industrial, or put it on hold to get more information. He applauded Alderman McClintock for denying the ordinance. Time was called.

7. Ordinance 26-362 Rezone 2185 Lynnville Highway from R-1 to I-1 – Second Reading:

McClintock made a motion to postpone the Second Reading of Ordinance 26-362 and put on hold at this time. Motion died for lack of a second. Kerber asked Brandon if he had discussed everything regarding this ordinance with counsel, and Brandon stated he had. Ostermann stated he has no concerns. Brandon stated the project did go to the Planning Commission, and the Planning Commission approved it. He stated the parcel currently is 1.18 acres to start and it will be 2.65 total acreage once recorded. He stated the project was sent to the Planning Commission for Site Plan Review. He stated Ostermann is not concerned about the acreage because the minimum acreage for an I-1 zone is one acre. He stated Ostermann would have an issue with it if the parcel was reduced in size and less than one acre. Luna asked if there is a handbook or anything the board could look at, and Brandon stated it is in the ordinance.

McClintock asked if the entire parcel is going to be self-storage and she cannot believe the State of Tennessee approved it. Brandon stated yes, the entire parcel will be a self-storage facility including outside parking for RV's and boats. McClintock stated it could possibly increase in size as time goes on and the bridge in the curve at Collier Road is barely wide enough to get two cars through. Brandon stated the entrance will be much further east of the bridge and the Tn Department of Transportation will not approve anything unless there is 500 feet of visibility on either side.

Johnson stated that at the Public Hearing in January, there were no objections from adjacent property owners. Brandon stated Doug Hooten is waiting to record the plat until he knows the zoning and Site Plan Review passes. Luna asked the aldermen if they want the area to be zoned industrial or residential and if they really want industrial in that area. Arthur stated where it is, she does not see a problem with it. Kerber stated it was approved by the planning committee and Luna stated yes. Kiser stood and stated it was not approved by the Planning Commission and handed her information from the Planning Commission. Kerber asked if Mr. Hooten would record the plat after approval from the board. Brandon stated yes. Brandon said he had spoken with the engineer, who confirmed waiting to record until approval was granted.

Arthur stated she hates seeing someone held up. She stated it had already gone to the Planning Commission, Public Hearing, the BOMA for first reading, and this is the second reading. Johnson asked why this is just coming up, at final reading, while looking at the information provided by Kiser. Kerber made a motion to accept Ordinance 26-362 Rezoning 2185 Lynnville Highway from R-1 to I-1 on Second Reading. Arthur seconded the motion. Luna asked if there was any other discussion, and there was none. Luna called for a vote and Arthur, Johnson, Kerber voted yea and McClintock voted nay. Motion passed 3-1.

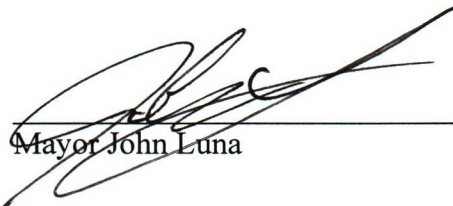
8. Other Business:

- a. **Budget Committee:** Brandon stated he believes the mayor and at least two other aldermen are to be on the budget committee and asked if everyone on the board wanted to be on the budget committee. Luna stated the mayor and two board members are to be on the committee and the BOMA needs to follow the By-Laws. If the board wants to change it then put it on the agenda. Brandon stated that it cannot be done because the Charter can only be changed by the State Legislature. Johnson asked why it could not be the mayor and two board members with input from the entire board. McClintock stated she likes it better when all BOMA members participate. Arthur made a motion for Kerber and McClintock to be on the Budget Committee. Kerber seconded the motion.

McClintock stated she would like all BOMA members to come and participate in the Budget Workshop. 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.

- b. **Budget committee Workshop dates:** The board agreed to have the Budget Committee workshop on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 6:00pm.
- c. **Zoning Map Update:** Brandon stated the digital Zoning Map is near completion and hopefully will be done within a couple of weeks. Kerber asked if the map could be altered when zoning changes are made and Brandon stated yes.
- d. Brandon stated he had given the board members a street inventory list with streets graded by condition. He stated he would like street paving projects to be more data driven based on street condition. He stated the state highways are excluded because the state is responsible for those. Johnson asked if there was a key to the grades and Brandon stated he is working with MTAS on that.
- e. Brandon stated he had sent a copy of the audit with packets. He stated FY2025 was one of the best audits the Town of Cornersville had received in twenty or twenty-five years.
- f. Arthur asked when the paving of the parking lot and Beechwood Avenue will begin. Brandon stated the Bid Opening is February 26, 2026, at 3:00 pm. He stated construction on the CDBG Sidewalk in front of Cornersville Elementary School should begin in March 2026.
- g. Johnson asked Mayor Luna if he had gotten a Fire Committee together. Luna stated he has two possible members but has not found a firefighter who wants to help. Brandon stated the Town may have to hire a part-time firefighter to work calls and could help Scott Stiles in Public Works when there is no call. Johnson asked Brandon to consider that for the new budget year.
- h. Luna stated there are two Solid Waste meetings planned for February on the 12th and 19th. He stated he will be attending both of them. He stated there is concern about expanding the Cedar Ridge Landfill and knows the citizens of Cornersville do not want a landfill in Cornersville. He stated there is concern that Cedar Ridge Landfill is accepting garbage from other counties and counties much larger than Marshall County, i.e. Rutherford County

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



Mayor John Luna

3/5/26

Date



Town Administrator, Taylor Brandon

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