

**MINUTES FOR BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING  
January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
1:00 PM**

The following elected officials were present: Mayor Beaty, Alderman Cloninger, Alderman Milton, Alderman Withers, Alderman Martin and, Alderman Blythe.

The following Staff members were present: Jonathan Newton, Town Manager; Lindsey Tysinger, Town Clerk; Marucs Fleming, Police Captain; Kristin Boone, Finance Director; Bill Trudnak, Public Works Director; Zack Foreman, Assistant Public Works Director; Willie Smith, Electric Director; Sonny Gibson, Electric Supervisor; Earl Withers III, Fire Chief; Matt Kanupp, Assistant Fire Chief; Stuart Valzonis, Planning Director; Alex Wallace, Recreation Director; Matt Denham, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director; and Nikki Stines, Admin Assistant.

Mayor Beaty called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm.

The Town Manager, Jonathan Newton, went over the current budget information including an overview of the general fund balance, revenues, property tax details, retirement contributions, department requests, potential projects and town events.

A discussion between Staff and the Board took place to establish priorities for purchases and potential projects within each department, potential upgrades to town facilities, discontinuing courthouse rentals, and revisions to the gazebo and civic facility rental agreements.

These conversations will serve as the foundation for the Finance Director and Town Manager to develop a proposed budget for FY 2026-27.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

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Hayley Beaty, Mayor

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Lindsey Tysinger, Town Clerk