

Work Session

January 26, 2026

@ 5:00 PM

Meeting was opened by Mayor Jolly.

The first item that was spoken about was the request from Trident Development (Waffle House) in reference to possibly getting tax abatements on a gradual scale that would cover several years. There were varying discussions among the Mayor and Council over the pros and cons to this consideration and it was determined that Mayor Jolly would speak to a town that had a similar agreement and Council would consider all aspects before deciding on allowing or not for this company.

The Demolition Ordinance has been finalized and ready for adoption. Council will receive a copy from the Mayor to review.

Councilman Proctor proposed a new set of rules for the Student Teams who play at Deere Run. Among the items he wished for Council to consider was that there wouldn't be a set time or day for the boys/girls to play during the week, range balls would be \$100.00 per school, an adult would have to be present and monitor any student and if they wished to play the cost would be \$10.00, if the golf coach was present he/she could get a cart to be able to do this, carts would be regular price etc... He said that he thought we needed to encourage these athletes as we have others and by doing this it would serve as encouragement to them and hopefully be a sport they would continue during adulthood. The only item that he suggested that brought a different opinion was that he wanted the schools within a 20-mile range to be included no matter if they were in Lawrence County or not. Councilman Gilley spoke to the matter that if we allowed schools outside of Lawrence County then we would be competing with our own County School Players when other counties had other courses available for them in their areas.

Mayor Jolly gave several updates to those present including the mini park paperwork is being drawn up by the Board of Education to sign that over to the City and College St between the Elementary School and Middle School paperwork is being completed to vacate that as city street, the Court Street property where the fire was several years ago has various leans on it and at this time nothing can be done. Mayor Jolly ask for the Council to be considering the various boards and if they have residents that would like to serve to be making a list so they can be contacted and in the near future the Council will need to make the appointments to the various board – and one of them is the industrial development

board which hasn't been active in several years. The old jail and annex property is being signed over to the City and Mayor Jolly has spoken to engineers about a pocket park and a parking area will be in the area closest to seminary street. The Traffic Lights at Hwy 24 and Market St have been repaired and are working they had electrical issues that were causing issues in them functioning correctly. The City attorney has satisfied the ADA lawsuit attorneys at this point with the response that he sent on the Cities behalf and the items that have not been addressed will continue to be looked at and worked on as soon as possible with updates given on a schedule to the attorneys.

Ryan Jolly, Mayor

Deroma Pepper, City Clerk

Danny Morris, Council Member

Jason White, Council Member

Tate Gilley, Council Member

Cassandra Lee, Council Member

Chris Proctor, Council Member