

City Council Minutes
February 24, 2025
6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Crestview City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor JB Whitten. Board members present: Council members: Ryan Bullard, Brandon Frost, Dusty Allison, and Shannon Hayes. Also present: City Manager Tim Bolduc, Deputy City Manager Jessica Leavins, City Clerk Maryanne Girard, City Attorney Jonathan Holloway, and various staff members. Mayor Pro-Tem Doug Capps was excused.

2. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

2.1. Pastor Brian Walton of Community of Christ Church

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pastor Brian Walton of Community of Christ Church.

3. Open Policy Making and Legislative Session

Mayor JB Whitten declared a quorum was present.

4. Approve Agenda

Mayor JB Whitten called for action.

Motion by Councilmember Shannon Hayes and seconded by Councilmember Brandon Frost to approve the agenda, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ryan Bullard, Shannon Hayes, Brandon Frost, Dusty Allison. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Presentations and Reports

5.1. Mardi Gras King & Queen

Mayor JB Whitten asked Melissa Carter, Events Coordinator, to come forward to present the Mardi Gras King and Queen for 2025. Ms. Carter explained the process stating the money that was raised will be given to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program.

Ms. Carter announced Michael Cadenhead was chosen as King and Amy Bowles was chosen as Queen. Ms. Carter also announced that January 31st is the date for next year's Mardi Gras.

5.2. Remembrance of Kadance Frederickson

Mayor JB Whitten asked for a moment of silence for Kadance Frederickson, a previous Mae Reatha Coleman Citizen of the Year recipient. Among other notable accomplishments, she raised money for the Ronald McDonalds House and collected teddy bears for children in foster homes and hospitals. The city plans a dedication in the near future.

6. Consent Agenda

Mayor JB Whitten called for action.

Motion by Councilmember Ryan Bullard and seconded by Councilmember Shannon Hayes to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ryan Bullard, Shannon Hayes, Brandon Frost, Dusty Allison. All ayes. Motion carried.

6.1. Task Order 2025-01 – Redstone Avenue at Brookmeade Drive Intersection Improvements CEI Services

6.2. Approval of City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2025.

7. Public Hearings / Ordinances on Second Reading

8. Ordinances on First Reading

9. Resolutions

9.1. Resolution 2025-7 Budget Amendment

Financial Management Analyst Wendy Tarpley presented Resolution 2025-07, Budget Amendment to the City Council. She stated the purpose of the amendment is to reflect accurate revenues and appropriations. She then asked the City Clerk to read Resolution 2025-7 by title.

City Clerk Maryanne Girard read Resolution 2025-7 aloud: A Resolution of the City of Crestview, Florida, Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget to More Accurately Reflect Revenues and Appropriations. The Amendments are the Result of Various Prior Year Projects Not Completed, Therefore Carrying Forward to Fiscal Year 2025 and Providing For An Effective Date.

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from and the public. In hearing none, he called for action.

Motion made by Councilmember Dusty Allison and seconded by Councilmember Brandon Frost to adopt Resolution 2025-7.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ryan Bullard, Shannon Hayes, Brandon Frost, Dusty Allison. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Action Items

10.1. MOU 96th Test Wing and Crestview Police Dept

City Manager T. Bolduc stated that General Massaro, the Commander of Eglin Air Force Base, has been directed by the Air Force Higher Headquarters to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with local law enforcement agencies in order to increase cooperation in responding to drone incursions on the installation. Chief McCosker has met with the Base representatives and approved the execution.

Councilmember R. Bullard asked for clarification based on our proximity with the Base, and City Attorney J. Holloway said the issue is airspace, as Eglin's airspace extends over our city limits.

Motion by Councilmember Dusty Allison and seconded by Councilmember Shannon Hayes to approve the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding with the 96th Test Wing.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ryan Bullard, Shannon Hayes, Brandon Frost, Dusty Allison. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. City Clerk Report

12. City Manager Report

12.1. Financial Update - Finance Director

Finance Director Gina Toussaint stated the list of disbursements are included. She added on page 3 of the financial cash forward analysis we have an unrestricted balance of \$9.7 million dollars.

City Manager T. Bolduc added we are in good financial condition.

12.2. Smoking in City Parks

City Manager T. Bolduc explained we have an ordinance that designates smoking areas in Twin Hills Park. He said there is an increase in activity in Twin Hills Park and an increased interest in smoking in the park. He requested direction from the Council on whether the Council wants a more robust ordinance, and whether they wish to add other parks to include the smoking restrictions. He added turf damage from smoking is also a concern.

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the Council.

Discussion ensued on the smell of smoking, litter from cigarette butts and support of a total ban of smoking for the safety of children.

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the public.

After hearing the discussion, City Manager T. Bolduc said the consensus is to eliminate smoking across the Board. He added that nothing prohibits individuals from smoking in their vehicle. He advised that the State statute allows for cigar smoking. He announced the staff will return with an ordinance, adding the golf course will not be included.

12.3. City Manager Updates

City Manager T. Bolduc said we have begun the audit and budget process. He said Chief Vargason, Jessica and several councilmembers were in Tallahassee last week to speak to legislators. We spoke about our four community requests – Redstone sidewalks, a couple of wastewater-related projects, and animal control facilities.

He mentioned we have been working with the builder on the pre-construction on Brookmeade. We are awaiting the delivery time for the drainage structures before starting the project.

We are continuing to work through the transition period. He added the fire department Change of Command ceremony is scheduled tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

13. Comments from the Mayor and Council

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the Council.

Councilmember D. Allison said Hub City Bulls organized and cleaned up 22 places, which included two cemeteries and stated how proud she is with what they accomplished.

Councilmember R. Bullard mentioned the "Unity Walk" success stating it is an event that creates unity.

Councilmember S. Hayes encouraged the Council and citizens to follow the legislative information. He added the Friends of the Library book sale was very successful, adding the next sale is in August. He mentioned he will be attending a Leadership School next week.

Councilmember B. Frost said the City will discuss and take input on the Sports Park on March 5th at Warriors Hall from 5 to 7 p.m.

Mayor Whitten distributed a flyer on "Community Conversation on Substance Abuse" which will be held on March 13th at the Crestview Community Center from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

He announced there will be a Commander's economic breakfast on March 25th. He will ask Mayor Pro-Tem Capps to represent him, as he will be in Tallahassee.

14. Comments from the Audience

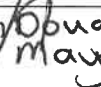
Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the public. No one came forward.

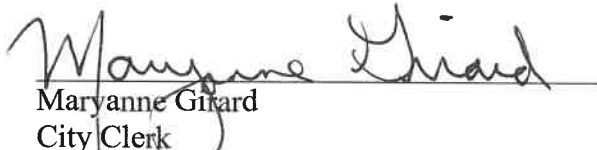
15. Adjournment

Mayor JB Whitten adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Minutes approved this 10th day of March 2025.


JB Whitten
Mayor


Doug Capps
Mayor Pro-Tem


Maryanne Girard
City Clerk

Proper Notice having been duly given

