

**ELIZABETHTOWN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 03, 2026**

The Elizabethtown City Council met in a Regular Session at 04:30 PM with Mayor Jeffrey H. Gregory presiding. The meeting was held at City Council Chambers, 212 West Dixie Avenue, Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

PRESENT: Tony Bishop, Marty Fulkerson, Tim Isaacs, Lamar Jones, and Mika Tyler

ABSENT: Julia Springsteen

For others in attendance, please see sign in sheet (Attachment A)

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeffrey H. Gregory.
2. **INVOCATION:** Invocation was given by Council Member Marty Fulkerson
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Gregory led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **ROLL CALL:** City Clerk Graham took a roll call of the City Council Members. Five of the six members were present, constituting a legal quorum.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES- July 13, 2026:** Minutes of the Special Meeting held on July 13, 2026, were previously distributed to each Council Member for consideration. There being no corrections or amendments thereto, it was moved by Council Member Isaacs, seconded by Council Member Fulkerson, and carried to adopt the minutes as written. Council Members Bishop, Fulkerson, Isaacs, Jones, and Tyler voted aye.
Motion passed 5-0.
6. **PROMOTIONS**
 - A. Mayor Gregory administered the Oath of Office to Eric Reiman and Jerrod Hatfield promoting each to the rank of Sergeant for the Police Department.
7. **APPRECIATION- Maurice Young, Planning Commissioner-** Mayor Gregory presented Mr. Young with a plaque thanking him for his service to the Planning Commission.
8. **MOTION & VOTE**
 - A. **Approving the South End Elizabethtown Economic Development Program known as the 'SEED' Program (Attachment B)**
It was moved by Council Member Bishop, seconded by Council Member Tyler to adopt the program.
Motion passed 5-0.
9. **ORDINANCE, FIRST READING, BY MOTION**

A. Ordinance #13-2026- Amending Code of Ordinances Title 15: Land Usage, Chapter 154: Zoning Code; establishing text amendments related to data centers

It was moved by Council Member Tyler, seconded by Council Member Fulkerson, and carried to read the above Ordinance.

Mayor Gregory asked City Attorney Howard to read the above Ordinance.

City Attorney Howard read the Ordinance in summary.

Mayor Gregory stated that everyone (council, himself, planning commission) is against hyper scale data centers.

Mayor Gregory stated this ordinance will protect our land usage plan regarding data centers. We currently have accessory data centers, by amending the language we can keep our current ones conforming to regulations and prevent any hyperscale from applying. The City believes that by having stronger ordinance language increasing regulations this is a better defense against hyperscale data centers than a moratorium.

Council Members Isaacs and Tyler spoke in favor of the ordinance.

10. MUNICIPAL ORDERS

A. Municipal Order #57-2026- Accepting bid for signage at the Steelgrove Amphitheater

It was moved by Council Member Isaacs, seconded by Council Member Tyler, and carried to read the above Municipal Order.

Mayor Gregory asked City Attorney Howard to read the above Municipal Order. City Attorney Howard read the Municipal Order in full.

It was moved by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Bishop to adopt and approve the Municipal Order.

Motion passed 5-0.

B. Municipal Order #58-2026- Accepting lease agreement for property located at Woodland Drive from Mission Hope for Kids, Inc.

It was moved by Council Member Fulkerson, seconded by Council Member Tyler, and carried to read the above Municipal Order.

Mayor Gregory asked City Attorney Howard to read the above Municipal Order. City Attorney Howard read the Municipal Order in full.

It was moved by Council Member Fulkerson, seconded by Council Member Isaacs to adopt and approve the Municipal Order.

Motion passed 5-0.

C. Municipal Order #59-2026-Authorizing contract with CMW Inc. for masterplan of Trooper Lake

It was moved by Council Member Tyler, seconded by Council Member Jones, and carried to read the above Municipal Order.

Mayor Gregory asked City Attorney Howard to read the above Municipal Order. City Attorney Howard read the Municipal Order in full.

It was moved by Council Member Bishop, seconded by Council Member Tyler to adopt and approve the Municipal Order.

Motion passed 5-0.

D. Municipal Order #60-2026-Authorizing contract with Lochmueller Group Inc. for engineering services for Trooper Lake

It was moved by Council Member Isaacs, seconded by Council Member Tyler, and carried to read the above Municipal Order.

Mayor Gregory asked City Attorney Howard to read the above Municipal Order. City Attorney Howard read the Municipal Order in full.

It was moved by Council Member Fulkerson, seconded by Council Member Isaacs to adopt and approve the Municipal Order.

Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor stated to the Etown Hardin Co Stampede Bike group that was in attendance, that the city is very excited about this park. Seth Breitner, Director of Parks & Recreation, stated this will be great for Elizabethtown.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Gregory asked if anyone in the audience wanted to make comments.

Jose Tores spoke to council and Mayor regarding certain requirements for speaking at a public meeting. He spoke about concerns with the 2040 Comprehensive Plan regarding development, specifically the VA clinic. Mayor Gregory invited him to make an appointment for further discussion.

12. CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Mayor Gregory announced the next City Council meeting will be August 10, 2026.
- B. Mayor Gregory announced there was a great turnout for the car show at Freeman Lake Park last Friday. The City was disappointed to cancel the main show on Saturday, but due to the forecasted weather of rain and storms, everyone felt best about making an early call.
- C. Mayor Gregory welcomed the Etown Hardin County Stampede bike team and welcomed Ms. Patsy Whitehead, Hardin County Magistrate.
- D. Mayor Gregory reminded everyone that the last day for the pool is August 9th. He wished all the lifeguards and staff that are returning to school and college a successful year.
- E. Mayor Gregory stated that the first families have moved into the Family Scholar House at the Elizabethtown Community College.

13. CLOSE MEETING PURSUANT TO KRS 61.810(1)

Mayor Gregory asked to close the meeting to conduct deliberation on future acquisition or sale of real property by the City. It was moved by Council Member Isaacs, seconded by Council Member Fulkerson, to close the meeting. Council Members Bishop, Fulkerson, Isaacs, Jones, and Tyler voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

14. OPEN MEETING

It was moved by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Tyler, and carried the meeting be opened. Council Members Bishop, Fulkerson, Isaacs, Jones, and Tyler voted aye.

Motion passed 5-0.

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15. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Council Member Bishop, seconded by Council Member Isaacs, and carried the meeting be adjourned. Council Members Bishop, Fulkerson, Isaacs, Jones, and Tyler voted aye.
Motion passed 5-0.

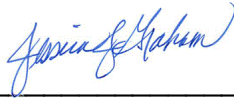
Meeting adjourned at 5:37 PM.



8/18/2026 | 1:34 PM EDT

JEFFREY H. GREGORY, MAYOR

ATTESTED TO:



8/18/2026 | 3:19 PM EDT

JESSICA J. GRAHAM, CITY CLERK

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Attachment A

COUNCIL
TONY BISHOP
MARTY FULKERSON
TIM ISAACS
LAMAR JONES
JULIA SPRINGSTEEN
MIKA TYLER



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CITY OF ELIZABETHTOWN
JEFFREY H. GREGORY, MAYOR

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SIGN IN SHEET

DATE: August 3, 2026

ED POPPE, CITY ADMINSTRATOR
KEN HOWARD, CITY ATTORNEY
JESSICA GRAHAM, CITY CLERK
JASON DAILEY, AST. ADMINISTRATOR
SETH BREITNER, PARKS & REC
COREY BOND, WWTP
RITA DAVIS, STORMWATER
JULIEN CARLIN, IT
JEFF HAWKINS, FINANCE
DON HILL, PUBLIC WORKS

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AMY INMAN, PUBLIC INFORMATION
MARK MALONE, FIRE CHIEF
MICHAEL PAGE, ENGINEER
BETH PYLES, EVENTS
AARON HAWKINS, PLANNING
TERRY SHIPP, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
JEREMY THOMPSON, POLICE CHIEF
JODIE THOMPSON, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

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Logan Simmons
Judy Elliott

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Gage McKinney
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Emily & Anna Marie Henderson
Kinsey Fortenberry
Tiffany Vertrees
Detrick Cooper
Andrea Haire
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Mett Cheser
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Attachment B

SOUTH ELIZABETHTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SOUTH ELIZABETHTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT "SEED" PROGRAM

- Program for existing businesses and properties
- Business must be in good standing with the City on their business license and may not be in violation of any City ordinance, rule, regulation, standard or notice.
- Program is for exterior improvements made to the building/property.
- Businesses in target areas are eligible for up to \$25,000 for improvements made to their building/property. If the business is a tenant and paid for the improvements, then the grant will be made to the tenant instead of the property owner.
- After making improvements to their building/property, businesses are eligible to apply for up to 50% reimbursement of the improvements made. The maximum grant is \$25,000. (*Clarification: Business makes \$30,000 of improvements -- \$15,000 grant; Business makes \$60,000 of improvements -- \$25,000 grant*)
- Eligible improvement activities:
 - Painting the exterior (If in the C-5 downtown district must receive approval for paint color through the Department of Planning & Development)
 - Window and/or door replacement
 - Replacement/repair of the exterior siding material
 - Pedestrian connection from the business to the public sidewalk
 - Removal of parking (to reduce stormwater runoff) and installation of landscaping
- To be eligible improvements must be made after January 1, 2025.

TARGET BOUNDARY

PROPERTY ALONG US 31W

- A – "Downtown" : being generally bounded on north by North & South Miles Street; bounded on east by East & West Poplar Street; bounded on south by Haycraft Street; and bounded on west by US 31W bypass.
- B – "East Dixie Avenue" only properties with frontage on US 31W and being generally bounded on the north by Haycraft Street; and bounded on south by Lincoln Parkway

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