

**ELIZABETHTOWN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 17, 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, Julia Springsteen, and Mika Tyler

ABSENT: None

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 Lamar Jones
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. All members were present, constituting a legal quorum.
5. **NEW PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mayor Gregory announced if anyone wishes to speak during the 'Public Comments' section of the meeting, they should sign in at the side desk with staff.
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES- August 03, 2026:** Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 03, 2026, were previously distributed to each Council Member for consideration. There being no corrections or amendments thereto, it was moved by Council Member Fulkerson, seconded by Council Member Bishop, and carried to adopt the minutes as written. Council Members Bishop, Fulkerson, Isaacs, Jones, Springsteen, and Tyler voted aye.
Motion passed 6-0.

7. RESOLUTION

A. Resolution #03-2026- Recognizing Nonprofit Week and the 5th Annual Nonprofit Roundtable Conference Hosted by Central Kentucky Community Foundation

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

Mayor Gregory asked Council Member Springsteen to read the above Resolution. Council Member Springsteen read the Resolution in full.

It was moved by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Isaacs to adopt and approve the Resolution.

Motion passed 6-0.

Council Member Springsteen stated that we have a generous community and is grateful for the support that is given to all the nonprofit organizations.

8. MOTION & VOTE

A. Motion to reject the bids received for Steelgrove Amphitheater Ice Rink on July 28, 2026

City Administrator Poppe stated the bid received was \$716,831.00 from Iron Sleek, Inc. and the budgeted amount for this proposal was \$400,000.00. Recommendation is to reject the bid and look at this project in the future as a capital expense.

It was moved by Council Member Bishop, seconded by Council Member Tyler to reject the bid.

Motion passed 6-0.

9. ORDINANCE, SECOND 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 Springsteen, seconded by Council Member Tyler 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.

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

A roll call vote was taken. Council Members Bishop, Isaacs, Fulkerson, Jones, Springsteen, and Tyler voted aye.

Motion passed 6-0.

10. MUNICIPAL ORDERS

A. Municipal Order #61-2026- Accepting bid for Pear Orchard Road Northwest Water Main Relocation Project

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

Motion passed 6-0.

B. Municipal Order #62-2026- Amending the Public Speaking Policy

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 Springsteen, seconded by Council Member Isaacs to adopt and approve the Municipal Order.

Motion passed 6-0.

C. Municipal Order #63-2026-Approving lease for Heartland House at 1117 Woodland Drive

It was moved by Council Member Tyler, seconded by Council Member Springsteen, 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.

Mayor Gregory stated that the City purchased the blighted property at 1117 Woodland Drive to provide space for nonprofit organizations. Mission Hope for Kids was the first organization to sign lease for the property, and Heartland House will now also be housed there.

Mayor Gregory welcomed Paige and Debbie Hardin, along with Shellie Washer, and invited them to speak about their nonprofit organization. Mr. Hardin read the organization's mission statement, which summarized its purpose as helping individuals participate in a program designed to restore independence. (Attachment B)

Ms. Washer stated that she serves on both boards of Mission Hope for Kids and Heartland House and assured Council that the two organizations will remain separate. She noted that the infrastructure is being carefully designed to meet the needs of both organizations.

Council Member Tyler thanked them for their service. Mr. Hardin added that the program is deeply rooted in the community.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

D. Municipal Order #64-2026-Authorizing land purchase and acceptance of Arlingwood Court

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 Tyler, seconded by Council Member Fulkerson to adopt and approve the Municipal Order.

Motion passed 6-0.

E. Municipal Order #65-2026- Accepting bid for Magnolia Farms Section 2 Gas Main Extension

It was moved by Council Member Tyler, seconded by Council Member Bishop 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.

Council Member Tyler asked about the bid amounts received, noting the discrepancy between the proposals. Matthew Hobbs, Director of Natural Gas, stated that the City had not previously worked with the company that submitted the higher-priced bid. He added that the City has worked with Superior Technologies and believed the company understood the project parameters, with its bid coming in near the amount he expected.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Mayor Gregory asked for public comments and restated they needed to sign in at the side desk with staff. Tom Kane, non-city resident, spoke against data centers. Jose Torres, city resident, thanked the Mayor for open discussion. He is concerned about providing storm shelters in the city for the homeless.

12. CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Mayor Gregory announced the next City Council meeting will be on August 24, 2026.
- B. Mayor Gregory announced the Heartland Parade will be this Saturday, August 22, 2026, starting at 10am.
- C. The Lawn Party will be this Wednesday, August 19. This is rescheduled from last Wednesday.
- D. Council Member Fulkerson reminded everyone of the Public Meeting concerning the Downtown Master Plan, tomorrow, August 18, 2026, at Pritchard Community Center, from 5pm to 7pm.
- E. Council Member Tyler invited everyone out to the St. James Community Picnic this Saturday, August 22, starting at 4pm.

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 Springsteen, seconded by Council Member Tyler, and carried the meeting be opened. Council Members Bishop, Fulkerson, Isaacs, Jones, and Tyler voted aye. Motion passed 6-0.

15. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Council Member Isaacs, seconded by Council Member Jones, and carried the meeting be adjourned. Council Members Bishop, Fulkerson, Isaacs, Jones, and Tyler voted aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM.



9/15/2026 | 2:50 PM EDT

JEFFREY H. GREGORY, MAYOR

ATTESTED TO:



9/15/2026 | 2:51 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 17, 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
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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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PLEASE SILENCE PHONES

The City of Elizabethtown will provide quality service to its citizens

Attachment B

THE HEARTLAND HOUSE

MISSION STATEMENT

Heartland House’s mission is to operate as a structured program that provides a bridge of hope for individuals and families facing unexpected life crises. Through this program, we offer short-term housing, mentorship, and practical support to help people regain stability, restore independence, and move confidently toward a sustainable future. Rooted in community, accountability, and connection to lasting resources, our program is designed to guide participants through a clear path from crisis to stability.

WHO WE SERVE

Heartland House is designed for individuals and families who have generally been self-sufficient but are facing an unexpected circumstance that has temporarily disrupted their stability.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP & REFERRAL

- Elizabethtown Police Department. A significant portion of those served may be individuals and families identified through their interactions with the Elizabethtown Police Department. Heartland House seeks to provide officers with an additional community resource for appropriate situations - connecting people in crisis with a structured program offering short-term housing, mentorship, practical assistance, and a path toward stability.
- Local Churches & Community Partners. Local churches will be an essential part of the support network, providing volunteers, mentorship, practical assistance, relationships, and other resources that surround participants with meaningful community support as they work toward renewed independence.

IDENTIFY THE NEED

Law enforcement and community partners recognize an appropriate individual or family in crisis.

PROVIDE STRUCTURE

Heartland House provides short-term housing, mentorship, accountability, and a clear path forward.

SURROUND WITH SUPPORT

Churches and community resources help participants rebuild stability and independence.

OUR APPROACH

Heartland House is more than temporary assistance. The program is built around dignity, responsibility, mentorship, and connection. We come alongside people during a difficult season, help them identify the next steps toward stability, and reconnect them with the relationships, resources, and support systems they need to remain independent.

A HAND UP DURING LIFE'S UNEXPECTED CHALLENGES

Restoring hope. Strengthening independence. Building a sustainable path forward.