

Minutes of the Board of Mayor & Aldermen
Chapel Hill Town Hall
August 10, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ben Piper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ben Piper	P	Vice Mayor Joe Sedlak	P
Alderman Dale Brown	A	Alderman Pam Elliott	P
Alderman Jonathan Gilbert	P	Alderman Hawken King	A
Alderman Phillip Manners	P		

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Phillip Dye – Town Administrator	Todd Moore – Attorney (via telephone)
Amy Davis – Town Recorder	Donny Groves – Utility Superintendent
Andrew Kon – Police Chief	Matt Stout – Fire Chief
Brian Brooks, Sewer Plant Operator	

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Prayer led by Larry Chatman.

Pledge led by Mayor Ben Piper.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to Approve: Alderman Pam Elliott

Seconded By: Alderman Joe Sedlak

All in favor, Motion Passed: 4 – 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 13, 2026

Motion to Approve: Alderman Jonathan Gilbert

Seconded By: Alderman Joe Sedlak

All in favor, Motion Passed: 4 – 0

CITIZENS INPUT – None

COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

- Mayor Ben Piper made an announcement regarding the new location at the Community Center, 206 Depot Street, Chapel Hill, TN.

REPORTS

- Police, Fire and Public Works reports were presented to the Board.
- Police Chief Andrew Kon announced Ashley Milligan as a new Police Officer starting soon.
- Alderman Pam Elliott inquired about a full-time staff person for the Fire Department.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Town Administrator Phillip Dye reported on following:

- Police Officer new hire.
- Congratulations to Police Chief Andrew Kon for serving Chapel Hill for 10 years.
- Christmas lights will be installed the week of December 3, 2026.
- Bedford County Water Line plans and mapping are still underway.
- Water Department CCR was approved.
- Lead Service Grant extended.
- ARPA Sewer Line Project is complete.
- Chapel Hill Sewer Plant is up and running and will have a dedication ceremony on August 27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
- Marshall County School Director, Justin Perry has been contacted regarding the 1993 Sales Tax Agreement.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2026-003 TO INCREASE THE SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL, TENNESSEE FROM 2.25% TO 2.75% AND TO REQUEST A REFERENDUM TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE. {SECOND READING}

Motion to Approve: Alderman Phillip Manners

Seconded By: Alderman Jonathan Gilbert

Upon Roll-Call Vote, Motion Passed: 4 – 0

CONSIDERATION TO SURPLUS SEWER AREATOR FLOATS THAT ARE NO LONGER OF USE OR VALUE TO THE TOWN AND AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF THE SAME THROUGH GOVDEALS.COM.

Motion to Approve: Alderman Pam Elliott

Seconded By: Alderman Joe Sedlak

Upon Roll-Call Vote, Motion Passed: 4 – 0

DISCUSSION

- Alderman Pam Elliott inquired about a crossing guard at the Forrest School.

CLOSING REMARKS

Alderman Jonathan Gilbert gave comments as his last meeting serving as a Town Alderman and congratulated the newly elected board members. He addressed the disappointing treatment of the Town Administrator, Town Recorder and Utility Superintendent with the continuing bullying and harassment they endure.

Mayor Ben Piper thanked Alderman Jonathan Gilbert for his service.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 6:18 p.m.

Mayor Ben Piper

Town Recorder Amy Davis