

**TOWN of SURGOINSVILLE
BOARD of MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**

**BMA Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 13th, 2026, @ 6:00 pm**

The BMA session of the Surgoinsville Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held April 13th, 2026, at 6:02p.m. in the Surgoinsville City Hall after public notice was published on *Town of Surgoinsville – City Hall* Facebook Page and posted at City Hall, Surgoinsville Utility District, Post Office, & Surgoinsville Public Library on Thursday, April 9th, 2026.

INVOCATION

Alderman Hoss did the invocation. Alderman Sandidge to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Present

Vice Mayor Collier
Alderman Mierek – arrived late
Alderman Sandidge
Alderman Bishop
Alderman Hoss

Absent

Mayor Graham

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTES

- March 9th, 2026 - BMA Meeting Minutes & Public Hearing Minutes: A motion was made by Alderman Hoss to approve as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bishop. The voting was unanimous in favor to approve the minutes as written.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Police Chief Hammonds read the March 2026 Police Report. Megan Gentry, Recorder, read the Fire Department Report for March 2026. Maintenance Report and Sewer Report for March 2026 were provided for review. The March 2026 *Daily Vehicle Inspection Checklist* for each vehicle, March Work Orders, March Animal Control Log were emailed to each Board Member for review. A motion was made by Alderman Bishop to approve the March reports as written. The motion was seconded by Alderman Sandidge. The voting was unanimous, Alderman Mierek had not yet arrived, in favor of approving.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

- Megan Gentry, City Recorder, provided a financial summary for all funds in March 2026

VISITORS

- Sarah Monoson with *The Kingsport Times News*, Tim Carwile, Cheryl Battaglia, Keith Gibson, Dena Alley, John Cate with *The Rogersville Review*

OLD BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Consider authoring Police Chief Hammonds, Mayor Graham, and Attorney Joe May to execute *Internal Cooperation Agreement Third Judicial District Drug Task Force*. Vice Mayor Collier requested a motion that the mayor, or in his absence, incapacity, or failure to act, the vice-mayor, is authorized and directed to execute, the *Interlocal Cooperation Agreement* with the Third Judicial District Drug Task Force, to deliver the agreement and take any and all action as may be required on the part of the Town to carry out, give effect to, and consummate the activities contemplated by the Agreement. A motion was made by Alderman Bishop. The motion was seconded by Alderman Mierek. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Consider approving emergency purchase at Central Hydraulics, Inc. in the amount of \$609.14 for repairs made to the brush truck, 110-43190-332. A motion was made by Alderman Hoss. The motion was seconded by Alderman Sandidge. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Consider authorizing Mayor Graham to execute contract between First Tennessee Development District and Town of Surgoinsville, Tennessee, for Local Planning Advisory Services. Vice Mayor Collier requested that a meeting be scheduled with FTDD to further discuss the services provided. A motion to table this item was made by Alderman Hoss. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bishop. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Acknowledge that we were not awarded TDOT's Transportation Planning Grant
- Consider approving *The Town of Surgoinsville STEP Sewer Standard Operating Procedures & Town of Surgoinsville STEP O&M Manual*. A motion was made by Alderman Bishop. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hoss. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Consider authorizing Megan Gentry, Recorder, to select Big Creek Services LLC to perform the labor of installing LVP flooring in City Hall up to \$3,000, 110-41810-266. A motion was made by Alderman Mierek. The motion was seconded by Alderman Sandidge. A roll call vote was obtained, with Vice Mayor Collier voting no.
- Consider authorizing Brandon Depew to purchase a sprayer to utilize with asphalt, 110-43190-268. A motion was made by Alderman Hoss to authorize a purchase up to \$3,000. The motion was seconded by Alderman Sandidge. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.

- Consider second & final reading of Ordinance 196-2026 which is an ordinance to amend The Municipal Zoning ordinance of the Town of Surgoinsville, Tennessee, for the purpose of adding an amendment to define and regulate artificial intelligence facilities. A motion was made by Alderman Bishop. The motion was seconded Alderman Hoss. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Consider first reading of Ordinance 197-2026 which is an ordinance amending the FY2026 Budget, Budget Amendment #1. A motion was made by Alderman Hoss. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bishop. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Consider first reading of Ordinance 198-2026 which is an ordinance adopting the annual budget for FY2027. A motion was made by Alderman Mierek. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bishop. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.

COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS

- Hawkins County Mayor candidate Keith Gibson introduced himself.
- Alderman Mierek inquired about Riverfront Festival. Vice Mayor Collier suggested arranging a meeting with Mayor Graham and Teresa Greer.

COUNCIL REQUESTS

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

The BMA Meeting was dismissed at 6:26 pm.


Merrell Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:


Megan Gentry, Recorder