

**CITY OF DRESDEN
BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

April 6, 2026

6:00 p.m.

- I. Call To Order By Mayor**
- II. Opening Ceremonies**
 - A. Welcoming Remarks
 - B. Invocation
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call by City Recorder**
- IV. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- V. Mayor's Report**
- VI. Input From Citizens**
 - LeAnne Moore
- VII. Employee's Report**
 - A. Carla Edwards – Finance
 - B. Josh Lassiter – Public Works
 - C. Jeff Pierpoint – Water Plant
 - D. Bryan Chandler – Police
 - E. Joey Winstead – Park
 - F. Paul Hutcherson – Fire
- VIII. Reports from Aldermen or Advisory Committees**
- IX. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Storm Drain Project Update
- X. New Business**
 - A. Donation Acceptance Resolution 2026-15
 - B. Budget Amendment Resolution 2026-16
- XI. Announcements**
 - Spring Bulk Pickup – April 20-24**
 - Iris Festival – May 1-6**
- XII. Adjournment**

City of Dresden
Board of Directors Meeting
March 2, 2026
6:00 p.m.

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Dresden Municipal Complex. Mayor Mark Maddox was present and presiding when the following was entered into record. Mayor Mark Maddox, City Recorder Jennifer Branscum, Finance Director Carla Edwards, Water Plant Operator Jeff Pierpoint, Park Director Joey Winstead, Police Chief Bryan Chandler, Fire Chief Paul Hutcherson and Public Works Director Josh Lassiter were present. City Attorney Lowe Finney was also present. Mayor Mark Maddox called the meeting to order. Mayor Mark Maddox then asked for the roll call. Mayor Maddox gave the invocation and led the board and guests in the pledge.

Roll Call

Gwin Anderson	Present	Ralph Cobb	Present
Lyndal Dilday	Present	Curtis Doran	Present
Kenneth Moore	Present	Jennifer Schlicht	Present

Mayor Maddox presented the minutes of the February 2, 2026 meeting. Mayor Maddox asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes. With no corrections noted, Mayor Maddox stated the minutes were approved as corrected.

Mayor Maddox stated the storm siren installation is complete and the sirens are ready for testing. He stated the sirens would be tested on Tuesday, March 17 between Noon and 1 pm. Gwin Anderson asked if the sirens would be tested on a routine basis. Mayor Maddox stated they would be tested on the third Tuesday of each month. Anderson suggested choosing an additional day to test the sirens so those who work out of town can hear what they sound like and will recognize the alarm when it sounds.

Mayor Maddox stated the next Mayor's Forum would be on March 23. He thanked the aldermen that have attended in the past months.

Mayor Maddox also announced a new time capsule would be filled and buried during the Iris Festival. He stated information would be shared in the coming weeks about placing items in the capsule.

Mayor Maddox stated he met with the Emergency Management Committee last week and heard a report from the gas company and their emergency response. He stated he has spoken with the gas company about utilizing a portion of their database for their automated text alerts.

Mayor Maddox stated the strategic plan is continuing to be worked on. He stated a committee will be developed to complete the plan. He stated all aldermen and several department heads would be involved in the process. He stated any other suggestions of who to include in the committee may be given to him.

Gwin Anderson stated a pothole on N. Parkway is developing again. Josh Lassiter stated he would get it filled and have a paving company permanently repair it. Anderson also mentioned sidewalk work to be done on Linden and Hwy 22. Lassiter stated a contractor is due to look at the one on Linden Street. He stated the one on Highway 22 will be repaired once a sewer line is repaired.

Jennifer Schlicht mentioned there were several street signs missing or unable to be read. Josh Lassiter stated he just received a large order of signs and will begin putting those up.

Curtis Doran mentioned the traffic hazards being created by Tim's Garage and Lamb's Welding. Police Chief Bryan Chandler stated he has been in communication with Tim's Garage and will continue working to resolve the issues.

Lyndal Dilday mentioned car parts left near the intersection of Hwy 22 and Hwy 54. He asked Chief Chandler to notify the wrecker companies of the need to clean all of the debris up when they are loading wrecked vehicles.

Jennifer Schlicht mentioned the speed trailer that was placed on S. Parkway has stopped working. Chief Chandler stated the battery is down and he would see that it gets charged back up. Schlicht asked for the trailer to be moved to E. Main Street between the car wash and the four-way stop. Chief Chandler stated he would get permission from a property owner to place the trailer in their yard.

Gwin Anderson stated roots are growing under the walking trail and cracking the pavement. He suggested ditching under the trail and cutting the roots so they stop growing. Joey Winstead stated he would work on that.

Ralph Cobb stated the lights at the park are getting older. He asked if there was a plan to put money aside to repair or replace those lights so we don't end up in a situation like we are on Hwy 22. Joey Winstead stated that item of business would be discussed later in the meeting.

Jennifer Schlicht mentioned the lights on Hwy 22. She stated it is getting dark at the intersection of Hwy 22/54. Mayor Maddox stated he has been in discussion with Carla Edwards to repair more than five or six lights but we need the cash to do so.

Jennifer Schlicht asked about the house on Ethridge Street that has burned. Mayor Maddox stated that property has been discussed by the Condemnation Board. Chief Hutcherson stated the property sold in the last tax sale. He stated the previous owner has a redemption period of one year to reclaim the property. He stated any work done or money spent on the property by the new owner would be at a risk. He stated the new owner has the intention of removing the burned structure from the property and will build new house on the lot.

Lyndal Dilday mentioned the house that was demolished on Valley View Road. City Recorder Jennifer Branscum stated the property owner has been notified the contractor did not remove all of the debris and he plans to get it cleaned up.

Lyndal Dilday mentioned a light out on a wood pole at the drive of E. W. James.

Lyndal Dilday stated there has been a misuse of city vehicles and that practice needs to stop. He stated the Public Works Director's vehicle needs permanent markings on it since the magnets are not staying on the vehicle at all times.

Mayor Maddox stated the contractor cannot begin work on the storm drain projects until the middle or end of March due to time lost during rain and snow events at the beginning of the year. He stated the easement for the Moore family has been signed. He stated the easement for Barry Odle has been amended and sent back to him for review. Mayor Maddox stated he spoke with Keith Kemp and he indicated he is ready to review his easement. City Attorney Finney stated he

was waiting for the diagrams of work to be done on the Odle and Kemp properties to be included in the easement. Mrs. Moore stated she spoke with Luttrell and Mr. Goins stated he would not come until all easements were signed. She stated this project has been going on for more than a year now. She stated she talked to the City's insurance company and they indicated they would probably deny the claim due to failure to notify. Mrs. Moore asked for a date the insurance company was notified. Mayor Maddox stated he would get that information. Curtis Doran made a motion to recess until that information could be obtained and shared. Jennifer Schlicht seconded the motion. Mrs. Moore asked what process would be taken if the insurance company denied the claim. Mayor Maddox stated if the Board voted to pay the damages, the funds would have to come out of fund balance. He stated he would have a conversation with the City's insurance rep prior to any action being taken by the Board. Mayor Maddox stated Mrs. Moore would need to provide information and documentation on damages incurred. The motion to recess was withdrawn. Curtis Doran stated it seems actions taken by the City were intentional although they may not be. Jennifer Schlicht stated this project was brought to the Board in October of 2024. She stated she came on the Board in November 2024. She apologized to the property owners for the Board not taking action. Mrs. Moore stated a conversation took place on January 28 with the insurance company. She stated she would like a copy of that email. At the end of the meeting, City Recorder Jennifer Branscum researched all emails from Public Entity Partners and no email was received on January 28 regarding this project. The last email City Recorder Branscum had from PEP on this issue was January 9. A copy of that email was provided to Mrs. Moore. Kenneth Moore stated he would like to have a copy of the easements drafted for these projects.

City Attorney Lowe Finney stated he drafted a deed for the Chamber project. He stated the deed only conveys a portion of the alley that serves the Chamber. He stated the remainder of the alley would remain the ownership of the City. City Attorney Finney stated the board agreed in a previous meeting to take this action; however no formal vote was ever taken. Mayor Maddox asked for a motion to allow him to sign the deed and have it recorded. Gwin Anderson made a motion to allow Mayor Maddox to sign the deed conveying this portion of the alley to the Chamber of Commerce. Jennifer Schlicht seconded the motion. Anderson, Cobb, Doran, Moore and Schlicht all voted yes. Dilday voted no. The motion passed with a vote of 5 to 0.

Mayor Maddox presented Rezoning Ordinance 2026-01 to rezone four residential properties on Weakley County Nursing Home Road within the city limits from industrial to residential on second and final reading. He stated this item was presented to the Planning Commission on behalf of the property owners. The Planning Commission unanimously approved it and recommended it to the City Board for adoption. He stated a public hearing was held prior to tonight's meeting with no citizen input. Lyndal Dilday made a motion to adopt Rezoning Ordinance 2026-01 on second and final reading. Jennifer Schlicht seconded the motion. Anderson, Cobb, Dilday, Doran, and Schlicht all voted yes. Moore voted no. The motion passed with a vote of 5 to 1.

Joey Winstead stated he has been working with WCMES on updating the lighting at the park. He stated funds needed to make necessary repairs exceeds available funds in his operating budget for the park. He stated funds had been put in reserve in years past for the purpose of building a new building for an office space and equipment storage. He stated that need is not as emergent as lighting repairs. Director Winstead asked the Board to unreserve those funds for the building and place the reserve funds in the current operating budget. Finance Director Carla Edwards stated the funds available in reserve totals about \$55,000.00. Mayor Maddox stated if the Board votes to approve this request, a formal budget amendment would be presented at the April meeting adding these funds into the budget. Ralph Cobb made a motion to unreserve the funds for the building and allow the funds to be used for park improvements. Lyndal Dilday

seconded the motion. Anderson, Cobb, Dilday, Doran and Schlicht all voted yes. Moore voted no. The motion passed with a vote of 5 to 1.

With no further business to discuss, Gwin Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Ralph Cobb seconded the motion. Anderson, Cobb, Dilday, Doran, Moore and Schlicht all voted yes. The motion passed with a vote of 6 to 0.

Mayor Mark Maddox

ATTEST:

City Recorder Jennifer Branscum

Finance Director Report

Board Meeting 4/6/26

1. The 2025 tax data has been received and has been loaded into our Accounting system. The original value for property tax was \$824,338.90. The ad valorem tax data was received in December, 2025. The original value for ad valorem tax was \$13,403.81. The original total revenue amount was \$837,742.71. This total has been increased by assessment changes in the amount of \$811.77. The current revenue amount of \$838,554.48 is higher than the budget of \$838,284.00 by \$270.48. Collections to date as of 3/30/26 equal \$785,594.88. The current outstanding receivable amount is \$52,959.60. This amount is higher than the prior year balance by \$13,372.34. Ad valorem taxes have been 100% collected.
2. As of 3/30/26, the outstanding balance for 2024 Property Taxes is \$9,323.65. The balance has been reduced by payments in the amount of \$2,376.10 since the previous report. The one year delinquent tax receivable at this time in the prior year was \$12,222.94. Our current balance is lower than the prior year by \$2,899.29.
3. As of 3/30/26, the outstanding balance for 2015 through 2023 Property Taxes is \$6,938.09. The balance is unchanged from the prior period. The delinquent tax receivable for two years or more at this time in the prior year was \$7,855.97. Our current balance is lower than the prior year by \$917.88.
4. All property taxes for years prior to 2015 have been written off as non-collectible. All outstanding taxes are fully reserved so any collections of prior year taxes will be recognized as delinquent tax revenue.
5. Monthly activities:
 - a. Processed biweekly payrolls for 3/13/26 and 3/27/26
 - b. Processed volunteer fire and monthly payroll for 3/31/26.
 - c. Processed purchase orders.
 - d. Coded and entered accounts payable invoices and check requests.
 - e. Processed 4 weekly accounts payable check runs.
 - f. Prepared monthly account reconciliations.
 - g. Assisted at the counter to receipt water bill payments, property tax payments and miscellaneous receipts.

Please let me know if there is any additional information you would like for me to be presenting to you each month.

Thank you.

Carla R Edwards

Finance Director

City of Dresden

Dresden Public Works
March 2026

Daily checking of 25 lift stations

Cleaning of sewer lines

Read water meters & checked high readings

Repaired multiple water lines & water mains

Turn ons & offs

Picked up bulk items

Picked up brush

Routine maintenance of equipment & made necessary repairs

Picked up trash

Replaced sewer tap at CBR & Tracey's Place

Repaired sewer force main on Hwy 22

Camera studied the sewer line on N. Cedar

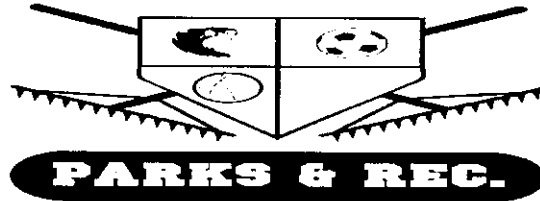
Replaced a pump at the Cox St. and Oakdale St. lift stations

Prepared bid notice for paving of Evergreen and Parkway Streets

Discussed streets with Mayor Maddox and A2H to include in the CDBG application

Began working on budget worksheets for 2026-2027 budget year

CITY OF DRESDEN



March 2026 Monthly Report

- Maintained park properties
- Field prep for high school baseball and softball
- Assisted WCMES with field lighting issues
- Worked on basketball court lighting
- Preparing to install lightening detection provided by Rotary
- Installed new wind screens on fields

RESOLUTION – 2026-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF DRESDEN, TENNESSEE, ESTABLISHING TO ACCEPT GIFTS AND OTHER DONATIONS.

WHEREAS, the Dresden Board of Mayor and Aldermen wish to evaluate the suitability of donations and other gifts prior to acceptance by the Town.

WHEREAS, gifts and donations to be approved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. It is the policy of the City of Dresden that no City official or employee shall solicit or accept any donation or gift on behalf of the City unless and until such solicitation or proposed donation is first approved and authorized by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. For the purpose of this Resolution, the phrase “donation or gift” shall include, but is not limited to, such items of value as cash, bonds, real estate, automobiles, and other items of personal use.

WHEREAS, prior to voting to accept a donation or gift, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen shall first conduct a cost/benefit analysis to determine how acceptance of the proposed gift or donation will affect the City treasury and cash flow.

WHEREAS, prior to voting to accept a donation or gift, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen shall seek and obtain appropriate legal advice to determine the legal implications of such acceptance. In no event shall the City accept offers of donations or gifts which are predicated on the donor receiving favorable treatment by the City, nor shall the City accept donations or gifts which are predicated on the City pursuing policies which violate Federal or State laws or municipal ordinance.

WHEREAS, in considering the acceptance of gifts or donations, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen may consider whether such acceptance, or the conditions of such acceptance, may be unreasonably offensive to the citizens of Dresden.

WHEREAS, nothing in this policy shall be construed to apply to any federal or state grants or low-interest loans offered to the City of Dresden.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Dresden Board of Mayor and Aldermen authorize the acceptance of:

- A court ordered donation to the Police Department from an individual in the amount of \$250.

This resolution shall be adopted and these donations be accepted, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF April, 2026 BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE DRESDEN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN.

Aye / Nay	Gwin Anderson
Aye / Nay	Ralph Cobb
Aye / Nay	Lyndal Dilday
Aye / Nay	Curtis Doran
Aye / Nay	Kenneth Moore
Aye / Nay	Jennifer Schlicht

Mark Maddox, Mayor

Attest: _____
City Recorder Jennifer Branscum

Resolution 2026-16

WHEREAS, the City of Dresden has adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2026 that defines line-item budgets for the Water Fund and General Fund and,

WHEREAS, there is need to amend the budget to reallocate funds and expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Dresden Board of Mayor and Aldermen authorize the following:

Water Fund – Additional cost on water plant truck covered by insurance.

DB	413-36350	Insurance Recovery	\$623.45
CR	413-52100-261	Vehicle Repair	\$623.45

General Fund - Reimbursement for two handheld radar units.

DB	110-33440	State Grant – TN Highway Safety	\$1,630.00
CR	110-42100-312	Small Items of Equipment – Police	\$1,630.00

Water Fund – Reimbursement for water loss evaluation.

DB	413-33400	State Grants	\$90,569.17
CR	413-52100-900	Water Fund Capital	\$90,569.17

General Fund – Continuing education payment to officers from the State of Tennessee.

DB	110-33410	State Law Enforcement Ed. Grant	\$4,800.00
CR	110-42100-111	Police Salaries	\$800.00
CR	110-42100-121	Police Wages	\$4,000.00

General Fund – TLETA cost sharing grant for the Police Department to be used for Chief travel to TLEEDS, police uniforms and safety vests.

DB	110-33400	State Grants	\$9,000.00
CR	110-42100-283	Out of Town Expense	\$1,164.00
CR	110-42100-326	Police Uniforms	\$7,836.00

General Fund – Grant revenue from Commerce & Insurance to purchase turn out gear and extrication equipment.

DB	110-33400	State Grants	\$55,765.00
CR	110-42200-326	Fire Department Uniforms	\$24,350.00
CR	110-42200-333	Fire Department Machinery & Equip.	\$31,415.00

This resolution shall take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Anderson

Doran

Cobb

Moore

Dilday

Schlicht

___ Passed / ___ Failed with a vote of ___ to ___ this 6th day of April, 2026.

Mayor Mark Maddox

ATTEST: _____
Jennifer Branscum, City Recorder

FREE Spring Clean Up

April 20-24

Dumpsters will be located on Moore Street
(next to City of Dresden Water Plant)

Trash and bulk items may be placed in the dumpsters at no charge. This is for residents inside city limits.

Items will not be picked up at residences during this week.

Batteries, shingles, tires or other hazardous materials **CANNOT** be placed in the dumpster.

For more information, contact Dresden City Hall
(731) 364-2270



Schedule of Events

FRIDAY | MAY 1

Horticulture Show | City Hall | Entries from 8-9:30 AM, Viewing: 1-4 PM & Sat 10-12 AM
Contact Shirley Chappell at (731) 514-7306

Music on the Square & Governor's Kick Off | Downtown Dresden Court Square | 6:30 PM
Food Trucks, Vendors, & Car Cruise-In at 6 PM, rain location: Dresden Elementary
featuring Houston Kelly & Iris Idol finalists

SATURDAY | MAY 2

Iris Festival 5K & Fun Run | Wilson Park | Fun Run 8:30 AM, Tot Run 8:50 AM,
5K, 10K, & 2 Mile Walk 9:00 AM | Entries in Advance or Race Day | Trophies and Medallions Awarded

Children's Fun Bingo | Dresden Elementary | 10 - 12 AM | Open to kids up to 15 years old

Corn Hole Tournament | Farmer's Market | 11 AM to 1 PM
Contact Albany Cianfarani at (731) 332-0041, Sponsored by the Dresden Rotary Club

Fun Bingo | Dresden Middle | 2 - 4 PM | Open to 16 years of age or older
Sponsored by First Community Bank of the Heartland

Community Night | Wilson Park | 4 PM
Carnival on Saturday night only from 4 - 10 PM
The Flashback Band 6 - 8:30 PM | Fireworks Show at Dark
Food Trucks, Vendors, Bounce Houses, Petting Zoo,
Face Painting, Balloon Guy, Baseball and Softball Games

SUNDAY | MAY 3

Cemetery Walk | Sunset Cemetery | 4:30 PM

MONDAY | MAY 4

Fairytale Fun Fest | Dresden Elementary | 5-6:30 PM
Party Favors and Photo Opportunities with Characters

DHS Music Dept Showcase Concert | Dresden High | 6:30 PM
Includes Choir, Pride of Dresden Marching Band, & ROAR Pop Band Performances

TUESDAY | MAY 5

Iris Painting Class | Ned McWherter Library | 1 - 3 PM

Iris Festival Parade | Line up at 5:45 - 6 PM at First Baptist Church, Parade begins at 7 PM
Begins at First Baptist Church, continues down Morrow St., ends at Church St.
Advance Registration required by May 2
Contact Courtney Powers at (731) 636-0101, sponsored by Simmons Bank

WEDNESDAY | MAY 6

Baking Contest | McWherter Civic Center | 8 - 10 AM
Dropoff from 7 - 10 AM, Awards: 11 AM - 12 PM, Lunch at 12 PM

Iris Festival Luncheon | McWherter Civic Center | 12 PM
Sponsored by the Dresden Senior Citizens Center

Pancake Supper | First Baptist Church Family Life Center | 5-6:45 PM | Tickets \$5

Community Wide Gospel Singing | First Baptist Church | 7 PM
Featuring Dawson and Tanea Hull, Pianist and Clarinetist | Free