

Spring City Mayor and Board of Commissioners
Public Hearing and Regular City Commission Meeting
June 25th, 2026 @ 6:45 P.M.

Be it remembered there was opened and held a Public Hearing and Regular City Commission meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners on June 4th, 2026 at 6:45 p.m. Attending the meeting were Mayor Leon Locke, Commissioner Reba Murphy, Commissioner Jody Bauer, City Manager Thomas McCormick, City Recorder Brenda Dodson, and Police Chief Roger Day,

Also attending the meeting were Karen and Chuck Murray, Howard Gilliam, Phyllis Nixon, Billy Ray Gideon, Stefan Hickey, Gerald Gillespie, Lee Booker, and Terry Smith

The Public Hearing started at 6:45 p.m. with the reading of Ordinance 2026-06 and 2026-07.

**2026-06 AN ORDINANCE TO OF THE TOWN OF SPRING CITY, TENNESSEE,
ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY TANK MAINTENANCE FEE FOR RECOVERY OF
WATER STORAGE CONTRACT COST.**

**2026-07 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWN OF SPRING CITY FISCAL YEAR
2025-2026 BUDGET.**

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:00 p.m. and the Regular Meeting was opened at 7:02 p.m.

The meeting was opened with prayer and pledge to the American Flag.

Roll call was taken by Brenda Dodson, City Recorder

Commissioner Beaver – Absent

Commissioner Jenkins – Absent

Commissioner Murphy – Present

Vice Mayor Bauer – Present

Mayor Leon Locke – Present

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Bauer to approve the June 4, 2026 Regular City Commission meeting minutes.

Vote:

Commissioner Murphy-Aye

Vice Mayor Bauer-Aye

Mayor Locke-Aye

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Bauer and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve Resolution R-2026-35.

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE AUDREY PACK MEMORIAL
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES.**

Vote:

Commissioner Murphy-Aye

Vice Mayor Bauer-Aye

Mayor Locke-Aye

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy, and seconded by Vice-Mayor Bauer to approve Ordinance 2026-08. 1ST reading.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SPRING CITY, TENNESSEE RESTRICTING
THROUGH TRUCK TRAFFIC ON PICCADILLY AVENUE.**

Vote:

Commissioner Murphy-Aye

Vice Mayor Bauer-Aye

Mayor Locke-Aye
Motion Carried

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Bauer, and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve Ordinance 2026-09. 1st. reading

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWN OF SPRING CITY WATER AND
WASTEWATER FEE SCHEDULE TO ADD A FIRELINE TAP FEE.**

Vote:
Commissioner Murphy-Aye
Vice Mayor Bauer-Aye
Mayor Locke-Aye
Motion Carried

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Bauer, and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve Ordinance 2026-10. 1st. reading.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF SPRING CITY,
TENNESSEE, BY ADDING PROVISIONS FOR DEMOLITION PERMITS.**

Vote:
Commissioner Murphy-Aye
Vice Mayor Bauer-Aye
Mayor Locke-Aye
Motion Carried

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Bauer, and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve Ordinance 2026-6. 2nd and final reading.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SPRING CITY, TENNESSEE ESTABLISHING A
TEMPORARY TANK MAINTENANCE FEE FOR RECOVERY OF WATER
STORAGE TANK CONTRACT COSTS.**

Vote:
Commissioner Murphy-Aye
Vice Mayor Bauer-Aye
Mayor Locke-Aye
Motion Carried

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Bauer, and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve Ordinance 2026-7. 2nd and final reading

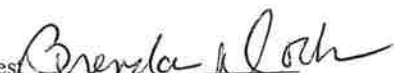
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWN OF SPRING CITY FISCAL YEAR 2025-
2026 BUDGET**

Vote:
Commissioner Murphy-Aye
Vice Mayor Bauer-Aye
Mayor Locke-Aye
Motion Carried

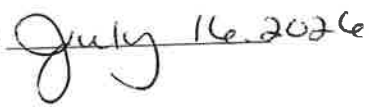
Motion was made by Vice Mayor Bauer and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve the purchase of a granite marker to be engraved with the names of the Mayor and Spring City Board of Commissioners for placement at the Rhea County Force Veterans Memorial Park. The Town's contribution toward the purchase shall not exceed \$5,000.00.

Commissioner Murphy-Aye
Vice Mayor Bauer-Aye
Mayor Locke-Aye
Motion Carried

With there being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Attest: 
Brenda Dodson, City Recorder

Mayor 
Leon Locke, Mayor

Dated: 

ORDINANCE NO. O-2026-6

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SPRING CITY, TENNESSEE, ESTABLISHING A
TEMPORARY TANK MAINTENANCE FEE FOR RECOVERY OF WATER STORAGE TANK
CONTRACT COSTS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Spring City owns and operates a municipal water system for the benefit of its customers; and

WHEREAS, the Town has entered into a Utility Service Co., Inc. agreement for water storage tank maintenance and related contract work; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commissioners find that water storage tank maintenance is necessary to protect the Town's water system, maintain service reliability, and preserve public utility assets; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee law authorizes municipal water and sewer rates and charges by ordinance to provide funds sufficient to pay reasonable expenses of operation, repair, and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commissioners find that the temporary tank maintenance fee established by this Ordinance is reasonable and justified for the limited purpose of recovering the remaining water storage tank contract costs shown in the schedule below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Commissioners of the Town of Spring City, Tennessee:

SECTION 1. A temporary Tank Maintenance Fee is hereby established as a recurring monthly utility charge to recover the remaining Utility Service Co., Inc. water storage tank contract costs, as shown in the schedule in Section 2.

SECTION 2. The monthly Tank Maintenance Fee shall be charged to each active water customer account as follows:

Budget Year	Contract Year	Hillcrest Tank	Back Valley Tank	Clearwell Tank	Contract Cost Per Year	Monthly Tank Fee
FY2026-2027	Year 2	\$90,345.00	\$5,000.00	\$93,389.00	\$188,734.00	\$15.20
FY2027-2028	Year 3	\$90,345.00	\$5,000.00	\$93,389.00	\$188,734.00	\$15.20
FY2028-2029	Year 4	\$90,345.00	\$5,000.00	\$93,389.00	\$188,734.00	\$15.20
FY2029-2030	Year 5	\$90,345.00	\$36,514.00	\$93,389.00	\$220,248.00	\$17.73
FY2030-2031	Year 6	\$20,636.00	\$36,514.00	\$19,625.00	\$76,775.00	\$6.18
FY2031-2032	Year 7	\$20,636.00	\$36,514.00	\$19,625.00	\$76,775.00	\$6.18
FY2032-2033	Year 8	\$20,636.00	\$36,514.00	\$19,625.00	\$76,775.00	\$6.18
FY2033-2034	Year 9	\$20,636.00	\$36,514.00	\$19,625.00	\$76,775.00	\$6.18
FY2034-2035	Year 10	\$20,636.00	\$13,407.00	\$19,625.00	\$53,668.00	\$4.32
Total Repaid		\$464,560.00	\$210,977.00	\$471,681.00	\$1,147,218.00	

SECTION 3. The fee shall begin with utility bills rendered on or after July, 2026, and shall remain in effect only during the fiscal years and in the amounts stated in Section 2, unless amended by subsequent ordinance.

SECTION 4. Revenue collected from the Tank Maintenance Fee shall be accounted for in the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund and used for water storage tank contract recovery and related utility system purposes.

SECTION 5. The Town is authorized to implement the fee through its utility billing system and to make reasonable billing adjustments, including rounding to the nearest cent, as necessary to carry out this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. All ordinances, resolutions, rate schedules, policies, or parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

SECTION 7. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is held invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

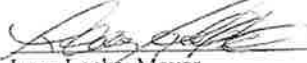
SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed on first reading this 4th day of June, 2026.

Passed on second and final reading this 25th day of June, 2026.

ADOPTED by the Town Commissioners of the Town of Spring City, Tennessee, on this 25th day of June, 2026.

TOWN OF SPRING CITY, TENNESSEE


Leon Locke, Mayor Date


Brenda Dodson, City Recorder Date

July 26-June 27 Water Rates

Inside Residential

<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Minimum</u>
First 1,000	\$22.66
Over 1,000	\$15.50 (Per 1,000)

Outside Residential

<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Minimum</u>
First 1,000	\$24.08
Over 1,000	\$16.55

Commercial

<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Minimum</u>
First 1,000	\$23.92
Over 1,000	\$16.40

Residential & Commercial Waste Water

<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Minimum</u>
First 1,000	\$22.89
Over 1,000	\$14.32

SSM

<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Minimum</u>
First 1,000	\$16.03
Over 1,000	\$7.45

TVA

<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Minimum</u>
First 1,000	\$15.97
Over 1,000	\$7.39

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SPRING CITY, TENNESSEE
AMENDING THE TOWN'S RATE SCHEDULE FOR UTILITY
SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Town of Spring City (the "Town") is authorized by state law and the Town of Spring City Code (the "Town Code") to operate and maintain a water and wastewater system and to provide other basic utility services such as garbage removal; and

WHEREAS, the Town is also authorized by state law and section 18-125 of the Town Code to furnish water and sewer service under such rate schedules as the Town may from time to time adopt by appropriate ordinance or resolution; and

WHEREAS, because of operating cost increases associated with the provision of such utility services, the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Spring City believe it is in the best interests of the Town and its residents to increase certain of its rates for utility services provided by the Town; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2019, the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury's Water and Wastewater Financing Board ordered the Town of Spring City to hire a firm to perform a rate feasibility study; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Spring City hired Buddy Petty Rate Studies to do the feasibility study presented their findings to the Spring City Board of Commissioners on July 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Petty Rate Studies recommends continuing with an annual 3% rate increase for both water and sewer rates;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF SPRING CITY, TENNESSEE, THAT:

Section 1: That this Ordinance shall allow the town to increase both the Water and Sewer rates annually, with an automatic incremental adjustment of three percent (3%), with each said increase taking effect on July 1 of each and every following year without any required action on the part of the Town of Spring City.

Section 2: That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or any particular rate set forth in the schedule or rates and charges referenced herein is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 3: That this Ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect on July 1, 2024, and shall apply to all meter readings read or services rendered after said effective date.

First Reading

June 6, 2024

Second Reading

June 27, 2024

Woody Evans, Mayor

Brenda Dodson, City Recorder