

City of Crab Orchard Tn
Regular Monthly Minutes
May 13th, 2025 5:30pm

The City of Crab Orchard held its regular monthly meeting on May 13, 2025 at 5:30pm. Mayor Emmett Sherrill and Alderlady Winona Christopher were in attendance, Alderman Mike Findley was absent. Mayor Sherrill called the meeting to order. The first item on the agenda was the minutes for the month of April. Mayor Sherrill asked the alderman if they had a chance to look over them and they replied that they had. He then asked if they had any questions about the minutes, they said they did not. Alderlady Christopher made the motion to accept the minutes as written, Mayor Sherrill seconded. Motion carried, Ayes-2 and Nay-0. Alderlady Christopher-aye, and Mayor Sherrill-aye.

The next item on the agenda was the financial report for the month of April. Mayor Sherrill asked if anyone had any questions regarding the financial report, Alderlady Christopher said she did not but wanted to state that she was pleased to see that the city had opened another bank account and a CD, fully insuring all of the money. Mayor Sherrill made the motion to accept the financial reports as read. Alderlady Christopher seconded. Motion carried, Ayes-2 and Nay-0. Alderlady Christopher-aye, and Mayor Sherrill-aye.

The next item on the agenda was old or new business. Alderlady Christopher stated that she did not have any. Mayor Sherrill did, presenting a deed given to the City of Crab Orchard in 1992 from Franklin Limestone (Lhoist) regarding Walton Rd. At that time Lhoist had closed Walton Rd due to high volumes of traffic after hours, due to the previous existence of a bar. The issue now being that a prospecting property owner cannot access his acreage without that road. Attendees Joe Sherrill, Adam Hyde and Nathan Hyde were in attendance to discuss this matter. Joe stated that he had a surveyor Kris confirm the right of way. Joe then asked Mayor Sherrill if he had any pictures of that area from the 90s, then Adam produced some of his own pictures to present to the board. Nathan then approached the board and told them that he had been approached by Hugh Walter through Mark Lee, who told him he could probably buy that property and to make an offer. Nathan then explained that he had gone through Farm Credit and his attorney Kenneth Chadwell to begin the process of buying that land. Farm Credit then told him that the loan could not be granted until all easements had been established. Attendee Adam had documentation that Lhoist had closed that road overnight, and Joe Sherrill provided a letter telling the story from 1986 and the following court cases involving the right of way. Mayor Sherrill stated that he thought there would be a road dispute on who would maintain this road once it was open and paved. Joe Sherrill answered that if the road was a road used for public access when the city was incorporated that it would be a city road. Attendee Adam Hyde suggested a second proposal, being: If they could talk to the adjacent property owners (The Prices) and give them some of the land they purchase in exchange for the land needed to have a 50ft right of way to their gate. He added that that would result in a cheaper survey as well. After a short discussion, Mayor Sherrill stated that he would contact the surveyor. Mayor Sherrill also added that Lhoist may have a right of way through there, and Adam replied that he had gone to the tax office to see if that was the case and it was not. Adam then asked Mayor Sherrill if he would propose the idea to the Prices and he agreed, stating that that would be the best outcome for everybody. Mayor Sherrill also stated that we could set up a meeting to be held

here with both families to make sure everyone was comfortable moving forward. Alderlady Christopher asked who would maintain this road, and Mayor Sherrill responded that the city would maintain the road if the second proposal came to fruition. Alderlady Christopher stated that the city has a road list so we can easily decipher whether a road is city, county or private, and that that road would have to be added once completed. Attendee Joe Sherrill stated that the second proposal would be a smart decision for the Prices, they would get more land out of the deal.

Mayor Sherrill moved on with new business, stating that he had been contacted by R McDaniell about widening Cox Valley Rd so drivers would stop cutting through his graveled property. Mayor Sherrill expressed to him that we cannot widen Cox Valley Rd due to funds and half of the road belonging to the state of Tennessee. He suggested to McDaniell that he needs to block his property with some sort of barrier to stop illegal crossings.

Mayor Sherrill asked if anyone had anything else, Alderlady Christopher stated that she wanted to thank the city of Crab Orchard and Joe Sherrill for their donations to the Crab Orchard Elementary School Archery team. She said that they reached their goal for donations and every child got to go to Nationals for free. Mayor Sherrill responded that he would like to recognize those children after their next trip.

Mayor Sherrill stated that he did not have anything further and asked the council if they did, they answered that they did not. Alderlady Christopher made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Mayor Sherrill seconded. Motion carried, Ayes-2 and Nay-0. Alderlady Christopher-aye, and Mayor Sherrill-aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm.

Emmett Sherrill, Mayor

Winona Christopher, Alderlady

Not Present
Mike Findley, Alderman

Cameron Parsons, City Recorder