

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AUGUST 24, 2026

The Common Council of the City of Somerset, Kentucky met in a regular meeting on Monday August 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. with the following present: Council Members Brian Dalton, Brannen Wheeldon, Jimmy Eastham, Margaret Dick, Phyllis Lawson, Patrick Hunley, John Minton, Jim Mitchell, David Godsey, Amanda Bullock, David Burdine, Mayor Alan Keck, and City Clerk Nick Bradley. Absent: Tom Eastham and City Attorney John Adams.

Mr. Dalton made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 10, 2026. Ms. Dick seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mr. Dalton, Mr. Wheeldon, Mr. J. Eastham, Ms. Dick, Ms. Lawson, Mr. Hunley, Mr. Minton, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Godsey, Ms. Bullock, and Mr. Burdine.

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the following Resolution Number 26-12: AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION, SUBMITTAL, AND EXECUTION OF ALL REQUIRED APPLICATIONS, AGREEMENTS, CERTIFICATIONS, ASSURANCES, AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION NECESSARY TO OBTAIN AND ADMINISTER FUNDING THROUGH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (COPS OFFICE), FOR THE PROJECT ENTITLED "UAS OPERATIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT-SOMERSET" BY THE MAYOR, AND TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY FOR ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO SAID GRANT PROJECT. Mr. Dalton seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mr. Dalton, Mr. Wheeldon, Mr. J. Eastham, Ms. Dick, Ms. Lawson, Mr. Hunley, Mr. Minton, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Godsey, Ms. Bullock, and Mr. Burdine.

UAS OPERATIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT - SOMERSET

RESOLUTION 26-12

City of Somerset

A RESOLUTION of the City of Somerset, Kentucky, authorizing the Mayor to make application for, and upon award to enter into agreements and execute all documents necessary to administer a grant through the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office), for the project entitled "UAS Operations for Law Enforcement - Somerset", and to act as the authorized representative of the City for said project.

WHEREAS, the City of Somerset desires to apply for grant funding through the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office), for the project entitled "UAS Operations for Law Enforcement - Somerset" to enhance public safety and law enforcement operations through the implementation and use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS); and

WHEREAS, the COPS Office supports the effective use of UAS technology in law enforcement operations to improve public safety, situational awareness, search and rescue capabilities, evidence collection, and officer safety; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that application for and acceptance of COPS grant funds imposes certain obligations and responsibilities upon the City of Somerset.

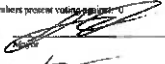
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 24th day of August, 2026, by the City of Somerset, Kentucky,

The Mayor is hereby authorized to prepare, submit, and execute all required applications, agreements, certifications, assurances, and other documentation necessary to obtain and administer funding through the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office), for the project entitled "UAS Operations for Law Enforcement - Somerset", and to act as the authorized representative of the City for all matters pertaining to said grant project.

Done this 24th day of August, 2026, on a Motion made by Mr. Mitchell and seconded by Mr. Dalton.

Members present voting in favor: 11

Members present voting against: 0

By: 

Attest: 

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the following Ordinance Number 26-14: AUTHORIZING THE FORMAL CLOSING OF MACADONIA WAY FROM EAST OF LISA WAY TO THE JERRY IKERD PROPERTY LINE WITH EAST SOMERSET CHURCH/MACEDONIA SERVICE FOUNDATION. Ms. Bullock seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mr. Dalton, Mr. Wheeldon, Mr. J. Eastham, Ms. Dick, Ms. Lawson, Mr. Hunley, Mr. Minton, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Godsey, Ms. Bullock, and Mr. Burdine.

ORD 26-14

ORDINANCE 26-14

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FORMAL CLOSING OF MACEDONIA WAY FROM EAST OF LISA WAY TO THE JERRY IKERD PROPERTY LINE WITH EAST SOMERSET BAPTIST CHURCH/MACEDONIA SERVICE FOUNDATION.

WHEREAS, the following described portion of a city street is within the area zoned by the City to provide recreation hiking and mountain biking trails, to wit:

"Macedonia Way from East of Lisa Way to the Jerry Ikerd Property Line with East Somerset Baptist Church/Macedonia Service Foundation."

WHEREAS, all property owner(s) (related entities) who abut the public street at the proposed closing area, have consented in writing to the proposed closing of the street; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Somerset, Kentucky, the following findings are made with reference thereto:

1. The street to be closed is and described as follows:

"Macedonia Way from East of Lisa Way to the Jerry Ikerd Property Line with East Somerset Baptist Church/Macedonia Service Foundation."

2. The property owners abutting the public street have given their written consent to the closing and a copy of the written consent(s) is and are attached hereto (See Exhibit B), and,

Accordingly, based upon the findings of fact herein, it is hereby ORDERED and ORDAINED the public street, alley or way described as hereby CLOSED. A copy of this Ordinance shall be filed of record in the Palmetto County Clerk's Office as required by KRS 82.405(2) as required.

The foregoing Ordinance was read and presented to a regular meeting of the City Council of Somerset, Kentucky for the first reading on the 10th day of August 2026.

Motion by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Bullock that the Ordinance be adopted as the law of the City of Somerset, Kentucky, to be effective immediately upon publication thereof as required by law after a Second Reading on August 24, 2026.

APPROVED: 
ALAN L. KISER, MAYOR
CITY OF SOMERSET, KY

ATTEST: 
NICK BRAMLEY, CITY CLERK



First reading was given the following Ordinance Number 26-15: STRIKING LANGUAGE FROM THE 2026-2027 BUDGET ORDINANCE NUMBER 26-11.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 26-15

Whereas the 2026-2027 budget ordinance, ordinance 26-11, had some wastewater rate language from prior budgets which were not needed; and,

Whereas the cardinal number has rates in the exhibit of ordinance 26-11 are correct,

Now therefore, the Somerset City Council ordains the following:

The following language shall be struck from Ordinance 26-11 and have no effect:

"HEREIN AND IS INCLUDED HEREIN BY REFERENCE, THE WASTEWATER BASE RATE INCLUDES A 7% INCREASE FROM THE PRIOR RATE FOR FY2026 - 2027 AS REQUIRED BY THE KENTUCKY INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY ("KIA") PREFERENTIAL FINANCING FOR A MANDATORY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT.", and,

It is confirmed that the cardinal number rates found in the exhibit containing the Wastewater rates shall govern.

FIRST READING AUGUST 24, 2026

SECOND READING:

APPROVED ALAN KECK, MAYOR OF SOMERSET

ATTEST: NICK BRADLEY, CITY CLERK

First reading was given the following Ordinance Number 26-16: IMPOSING A BANK FRANCHISE AND LOCAL DEPOSIT TAX: SETTING FORTH TIME TABLES FOR THE

COLLECTION OF SUCH TAX FOR THE YEAR 2026 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT YEARS:
AND SETTING FORTH ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES, INCLUDING PENALTIES FOR
THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES.

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TAX FOR THE YEAR 2026 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT YEARS; AND SETTING
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COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSET,
KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: There is hereby imposed on all "financial institutions" as defined in KRS
Chapter 136, located within the corporate limits of the City of Somerset, Kentucky, for the
2026 tax year and all subsequent years, a franchise tax at the rate of 0.0225% on all deposits,
as defined in KRS Chapter 136, maintained by such financial institutions.

SECTION 2: The City of Somerset, Kentucky will issue tax bills to financial institutions
no later than December 1 of each year. Payment of the tax shall be due with a two percent
(2%) discount by December 31 of each year, or without discount by January 31 of each
year.

SECTION 3: The City of Somerset, Kentucky, shall have a lien for taxes on the property
assessed for taxes to the extent allowed under KRS 134-420.

SECTION 4: All taxes due in accordance with these sections which are not paid before
June 10, 2027 for the tax year 2026, or which are not paid before January 31, for all
subsequent tax years shall be deemed delinquent and shall be subject to a penalty of 20%
and shall bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum.

SECTION 5: All moneys collected pursuant to these sections shall be paid into the
General Fund of the City to be used for the payment of proper expenditures as determined
by the City Council.

SECTION 6: The City Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this Ordinance to the
Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Revenue, Frankfort, Kentucky.

FIRST READING: AUGUST 24, 2026

SECOND READING

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

First reading was given the following Ordinance Number 26-15: FIXING THE TAX LEVY, AD
VALOREM, FRANCHISE TAX, AND TAX FOR THE CITY OF SOMERSET, KENTUCKY,
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027
PROVIDING PENALTY AND INTEREST FOR NON-PAYMENT.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-17

THIS ORDINANCE NUMBER 26- FIXING THE TAX LEVY, AD VALOREM, FRANCHISE TAX, AND TAX FOR THE CITY OF SOMERSET, KENTUCKY, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027 PROVIDING PENALTY AND INTEREST FOR NON-PAYMENT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSET, KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1. That for the purpose of providing income for general municipal expenses for the City of Somerset, Kentucky, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 is hereby levied an ad valorem of twelve and four tenths cents (.124) on each hundred dollars (\$100.00) of taxable property within the city limits of Somerset, Kentucky.

SECTION 2. That the twelve and four tenths cents (.124) ad valorem on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of taxable property within the city limits of Somerset, Kentucky, levied shall be deposited in the general fund account and shall be used to pay on general expenses incidental to the operation of the city government.

SECTION 3. That for the purpose of providing income for general municipal expenses for the City of Somerset, Kentucky, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 there is hereby levied a tax of twelve and four tenths cents (.124) on each hundred dollars (\$100.00) on personal property, tangible and intangible of franchise holders as determined by the Department of Revenue within the city limits of Somerset, Kentucky.

SECTION 4. The twelve and four tenths cents (.124) on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for franchise property within the city limits of Somerset, Kentucky, shall be deposited in the general fund account and is to be used to pay on expenses incidental to the operation of city government.

SECTION 5. That a two percent (2%) discount shall be allowed on each one dollar (\$1.00) collected before November 1, 2026.

SECTION 6. That there shall be added to and collected a penalty of twenty percent (20%) and interest of six percent (6%) per annum upon each one dollar (\$1.00) of all taxes herein provided for and unpaid after January 1, 2027 until such time that said taxes are paid.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance is to become in full force and effect on and after its approval and passage according to law.

FIRST READING AUGUST 24, 2026 SECOND READING

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

APPROVED:



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK