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The Murray City Council met in regular session May 23, 1991, 7:30 P.M., City Hall Building, with Mayor William N. Cherry presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: John E. Scott, Joe Rexroat, Charles Homra, Steve Trevathan, Danny Hudspeth, Tommy Sanders, Bob Billington, Charles Walston, Charles Foster, Ruby Hale, Loretta Jobs, and J. D. Outland

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Don Leet, Don Elias, Mac Fitts, Chief Elkins, Chief Hornbuckle, Pat Scott, Artie Haneline, Tommy Marshall, Attorney Overbey, and the City Clerk.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mayor Cherry then called on the City Clerk to issue the Oath of Office to Dr. J. D. Outland, recently elected by the City Council to fill the Council seat vacated by Mike Outland.

The minutes of the May 9, 1991, Council session were presented for review. Councilman Homra moved to approve the minutes as written; Councilman Rexroat seconded the motion, and the voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 91-946, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 375, CODIFIED AS SECTION 93 OF THE CITY OF MURRAY CODE OF ORDINANCES INCREASING RATE SCHEDULES FOR THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY LANDFILL was read in summary by the City Clerk. Councilman Billington moved to adopt Ordinance Number 91-946 on the second reading and Councilman Homra seconded the motion. The roll call vote follows:

AYES: John E. Scott, Joe Rexroat, Charles Homra, Steve Trevathan, Danny Hudspeth, Tommy Sanders, Bob Billington, Charles Walston, Charles Foster, Ruby Hale, Loretta Jobs, and J. D. Outland

NAYS: None

Mayor Cherry declared Ordinance Number 91-946 duly adopted, and same is recorded in Ordinance Book Number 4, pages 367-368.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 006-91, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REEVALUATION OF THE 201 FACILITIES WASTEWATER TREATMENT ALTERNATIVES PLAN AND THE "SELECTED PLAN" FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT FOR THE CITY OF MURRAY, KENTUCKY, was read by the City Clerk. Councilwoman Hale moved to adopt the Resolution as presented, and Councilman Sanders seconded the motion. The roll call vote follows:

AYES: J. D. Outland, Loretta Jobs, Ruby Hale, Charles Foster, Charles Walston, Bob Billington, Tommy Sanders, Danny Hudspeth, Steve Trevathan, Charles Homra, Joe Rexroat, and John E. Scott.

NAYS: None

Councilwoman Hale, Chair of the Public Works Committee, presented bids received for the construction of the Water Treatment Plant which were opened on May 15, 1991. On recommendation of the Public Works Committee, Mrs. Hale moved to accept the low bid or Judy Construction Company, Cynthiana, Kentucky, in the amount of \$3,178,000; and Councilman Billington seconded the motion. The roll call vote follows:

AYES: Bob Billington, Charles Walston, Charles Foster, Ruby Hale, Loretta Jobs, J. D. Outland, Tommy Sanders, Danny Hudspeth, Steve Trevathan, Charles Homra, Joe Rexroat, and John E. Scott.

NAYS: None

Chair Hale then presented bids received for landfill scales and moved as recommended by the Committee to accept the low bid of West Kentucky Scale, Ledbetter, Kentucky, in the amount of \$49,942; and Councilman Homra seconded the motion. The roll call vote follows:

AYES: Tommy Sanders, Danny Hudspeth, Steve Trevathan, Charles Homra, Joe Rexroat, John E. Scott, Bob Billington, Charles Walston, Charles Foster, Ruby Hale, Loretta Jobs, and J. D. Outland

NAYES: None

Councilman Rexroat, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, updated the Council on the Guidelines and Procedures Manual prepared for the Communications Division of the Murray Police Department. The manual would serve as official reference for city communications and encompassed local, state and federal recommendations on situations involving police communications. Dr. Rexroat moved, as recommended by the Public Safety Committee, to adopt the Guideline and Procedures Communications Manual; Councilman Sanders seconded the motion, and the voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Councilman Sanders, Chair of the Finance Committee, moved that the City Attorney be authorized to draw a budget ordinance according to the proposal prepared by the City Finance Officer for operation of city government for the period July 1, 1991, through June 30, 1992; and Mrs. Hale seconded the motion. Mayor Cherry asked for any comments or amendments to the proposed budget and there were none. Question was called and the roll call vote follows:

AYES: Tommy Sanders, Danny Hudspeth, Steve Trevathan, Charles Homra, Joe Rexroat, Bob Billington, Charles Walston, Charles Foster, Ruby Hale, Loretta Jobs, and J. D. Outland

NAYS: John E. Scott

Councilman Walston moved that the City Council hold a special Council session June 5, 1991, 5:30 P.M., to give first reading to a Bond Ordinance, City of Murray, Kentucky, Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds (Water Treatment Plant Project) Series of June 1, 1991; (2) the first reading of an Annexation Ordinance for property on River Road; and (3) adoption of a Resolution closing a section of the proposed road in the Murray Industrial Park as shown on the latest minor plat. Councilman Billington seconded the motion, and the voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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At 7:45 P.M., Mrs. Hale moved that the Council adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter relating to the Murray Calloway Senior Citizens; Dr. Outland seconded the motion, and the voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. At 8:00 P.M., on a motion by Councilman Sanders, second by Councilman Rexroat, and unanimous voice vote, the Council reconvened in open session.

Councilman Foster moved that Mayor Cherry be authorized to notify the Murray Calloway County Senior Citizen's Board that the City Council would, as outlined in the Senior Citizen By-Laws, appoint four (4) members to the Board. Councilman Homra seconded the motion, and the voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Councilman Sanders, Council representative to the Murray Planning Commission, advised that eight property owners on River Road had petitioned for annexation into the city limits and the Planning Commission had approved the request. Property owners would pay for water line service to their residences and were in the process of contracting for the desired city utility. Mr. Sanders moved that the City Attorney be authorized to draw an ordinance annexing the River Road properties; Councilman Homra seconded the motion, and the voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Councilman Trevathan, Chair of the City's Health Insurance Program, moved to approve a 35% across the board increase in health insurance premiums with the additional cost to be incorporated into the 1991-92 proposed budget and Councilman Homra seconded the motion. Dr. Trevathan explained that the self-insurance fund had experienced large claims since the first of January and if that trend continued, the fund would be depleted and unable to cover claims. The increase would contribute amounting to \$140,000 annually. Question was called and the voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion, with Councilman Foster declaring himself ineligible to vote on the issue.

In reviewing the proposed budget, Councilman Hudspeth commented on revenues from Business License which accounted for only 3.4% of the total revenues. Mr. Hudspeth stated that the Council should once again look at increasing this source of revenue and Mayor Cherry advised that he had been reviewing the various categories under which businesses were presently being taxed.

Councilman Trevathan alerted the Fire Department to repeated open burning in the area of South 5th and 6th Streets, and asked for an update on efforts to control unkept properties. Mr. Fitts reported that city equipment had been in service for two weeks with 22 work orders signed by Mayor Cherry. The Police Chief continually notified in writing property owners whose property was in violation of the city's ordinance which gave the property owner 10 days to correct the situation. Mayor Cherry reported that he and Codes Officer Haneline had inspected several dilapidated structures which appeared to provide unhealthy living conditions. Attorney Overbey advised that Mr. Haneline should begin condemnation procedures, and if property owners did not comply, the City could seek relief in court as with the Howard Anderson property.

Councilman Rexroat reported that the Public Safety Committee had reviewed the Police Chief's flow chart on the actual cost of the City providing dispatch service for the Sheriff's Department. The City presently dispatched for the County all hours except 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, with the present fee paid by County inadequate and unchanged in a number of years. Dr. Rexroat moved that Mayor Cherry and Chief Elkins be authorized to negotiate with County Government for a more equitable fee for dispatch services; Mrs. Hale seconded the motion, and the voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Councilman Scott commented on complaints by citizens of barking dogs disturbing the peace and asked if consideration could also be given to excess noise from moving vehicles. The Public Safety Committee was presently addressing citizen complaints presented at their meeting this date.

Mr. Elias updated the Council on landfill plans and the application for sewer plant expansion.

The City Clerk read letters of retirement from Assistant Fire Chief Joe Allbritte and Fire Chief James Hornbuckle. Both Officers were retiring from city service at the end of May, 1991. The Council applauded the officers long service to the city and Mayor Cherry expressed appreciation for their leadership and service to the professionalism of the Murray Fire Department.

This having completed the agenda and no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Walston moved the meeting be adjourned. Adjournment time was at 8:25 P.M.

*William N. Cherry*  
William N. Cherry, Mayor

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Joel A. Gass, City Clerk