

## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

January 26, 2023

6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday January 26, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Bob Rogers presiding.

**Council Members Present:** Mr. Bell, Mr. Bohannon, Mr. Bolin, Ms. Cherry, Mr. Darnall, Ms. Elder, Dr. Higginson, Mr. Hudspeth, Mr. McCuiston, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Rouse and Dr. Strieter.

**Council Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jim Osborne, Warren Hopkins, Dannetta Clayton, Kim Wyatt, Shane Knight, Chief Liles and Sam Bierds

Mayor Bob Rogers called the meeting to order and welcomed Council members, staff, and guests.

After a moment of reflection, Mr. Bolin led the pledge.

Mayor Rogers recognized Chief Jeffrey Liles, by presenting him with a hand drawn portrait. Mayor Rogers proclaimed, January 31, 2023, as Chief Liles Day, in Murray, Kentucky. Mr. Hudspeth commended Chief Liles on his accomplishments during his tenure at the Murray Police Department. Mr. Hudspeth stated officers approached him, and recommended naming the training center, The Jeff Liles Training Center.

**Mr. Hudspeth made a motion to name the training center, at the Murray Police Department, The Jeff Liles Training Center; seconded by Mr. Bell. All members present voted Aye.**

The minutes of the Council meeting of January 12, 2022, were presented for approval.

**Mr. Bohannon moved for approval of the minutes; seconded by Mr. Roberts. All members present voted Aye.**

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Rogers yielded his time to allow, Dr. Carthell, Human Rights Commission, Chair and Mr. Hartman, Executive Director of the Kentucky Fairness Campaign, to give their insight on Ordinance 2023-1838. This ordinance will have a second reading and a roll call vote.

Dr. Carthell stated the Human Rights Commission has worked on this ordinance for almost two (2) years. Each member did have a chance to look it over and suggest any changes. The Commission feels this document provides the best way to facilitate a complaint to the State Commission. The Human Rights Commission voted unanimously, to present this to Council, for their approval.

Mr. Hartman stated there is a gap between the local level and state level for protection against LBGTQ, with the recommended ordinance update. Mr. Hartman stated the federal level and the state level could not investigate complaints, made on public accommodations. A local Human Rights Commission or the City Administrator would have to investigate those allegations. Mr. Hartman recommended a Fairness amendment be added to this ordinance.

**Ordinance 2023-1838** (Second Reading) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF MURRAY CODE OF ORDINANCES, §32 DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS, SPECIFICALLY, HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, §32.10, §32.11, §32.12, §32.13, §32.14, §32.15, §32.16, §32.17 and §32.18 AND ADD NEW SUBSECTIONS, SPECIFICALLY, §32.19, §32.20, §32.21 AND §32.22 TO CLARIFY THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION AND BRING INTO COMPLIANCE WITH CURRENT STATUTES.

**Mr. Bohannon moved for approval; seconded by Mr. McCuiston.**

Mayor Rogers called for a roll call vote.

**Ayes:** Mr. Bell, Mr. Bohannon, Ms. Cherry, Mr. Hudspeth, Mr. McCuiston, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Rouse

**Nays:** Mr. Bolin, Mr. Darnall, Ms. Elder, Dr. Higginson, Dr. Strieter

Motion passes in favor, 7-5.

**Ordinance 2023-1839** (First Reading) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF MURRAY CODE OF ORDINANCES, §118 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL, SPECIFICALLY §118.075 (A), (C), (E)(2) and (E)(3) IN ORDER TO MODIFY THE HOURS FOR SALE AND DELIVERY UNDER THESE SECTIONS. (No Vote)

Mayor Rogers recognized Mr. McCuiston to explain about this ordinance. Mr. McCuiston stated he was requesting on behalf of some business owners, to have this ordinance updated to modify the hours of alcohol sales on Sunday. The business owner informed Mr. McCuiston; he believed this would help improve business on Sunday.

**Resolution 2023-003** RESOLUTION AWARDING A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE FOR A TERM OF TEN (10) YEARS FOR A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE CITY OF MURRAY, KENTUCKY TO COMCAST OF THE SOUTH LLC.

**Mr. Bell made a motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Roberts. All members present voted Aye.**

**Resolution 2023-004** for the purpose of obtaining certain Federal financial assistance under the Disaster Relief Act (Public Law 288, 93<sup>rd</sup> Congress) or otherwise available from the President's Disaster Relief Fund.

**Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve; seconded by Ms. Elder. All members present voted Aye.**

**Consent Agenda**

- a) **Municipal Order 2023-003** Reappointing Martha (Marti) Erwin to the Hospital Board
- b) **Municipal Order 2023-004** Reappointing Cheryl Crouch to the Senior Citizens Board
- c) **Municipal Order 2023-005** Reappointing Jim Foster to Planning Commission
- d) **Municipal Order 2023-006** Reappointing Paula Hulick to BZA

**Mr. Bell made a motion to approve; seconded by Ms. Elder. All members present voted Aye.**

**Executive Session** pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) for the purpose of discussions of pending litigation against or on behalf of the City of Murray.

**Mr. Bohannon made a motion to enter executive session; seconded by Dr. Higginson. All members present voted Aye.**

Council entered into executive session at 7:15 p.m..

**Mr. Roberts made a motion to end executive session; seconded by Mr. Bolin. All members present voted Aye.**

Council exited executive session at 7:39 p.m..

With no other business before the Council, **Mr. Bohannon moved to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Rouse. All members present voted Aye.** The meeting adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

  
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Bob Rogers, Mayor

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Kim Miles, City Clerk