

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

March 23, 2023

6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 23, 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, Dr. Higginson, Mr. Hudspeth, Mr. McCuiston, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Ross, Ms. Rouse and Dr. Strieter.

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jim Osborne, Warren Hopkins, Shane Knight, Kim Wyatt, Rakov Aetherus, Matt Turner, Anna Wicker, Angel Clere, Kendra Clere, Jay Herndon, Andrew Wiggins, John Cooper, Justin Swope, Colin Kelly, John Davis, Dustin Bevil, Chris Garland, Nathan Webb, David Bailey, Sam Bierds and Kim Miles.

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

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

The minutes of the Council meeting of March 9, 2023, were presented for approval.

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

Mayor's Report: Mayor Rogers recognized Mr. Knight, Public Works Director to give an update on his department. Mr. Knight stated the City had to declare an emergency repair due to a sewer issue. The issue was resolved in a timely manner. James Oakley and Ron Allbritten have changed job titles; however, the classification has not changed. James Oakley will oversee the Street and Storm Water Departments, Ron Allbritten will oversee the Sanitation, Fleet, Facilities, and Properties.

FY22 Audit Report The FY22 Audit Report was presented by Krista Romaine of Romaine and Associates. Ms. Romaine stated the Independent Audit Report was an unmodified opinion, which is a clean opinion. Ms. Romaine stated there were no audit findings and no compliance issues.

Murray Main Street Murray Main Street Director, Deana Wright reviewed the Annual Report for Murray Main Street. Ms. Wright went over upcoming events and plans for Downtown.

Cemetery Committee Report Ms. Cherry reported prior to Council proceedings, the Cemetery Committee met to discuss planting trees in the cemetery. Dr. Reika Ebert, member of the Sierra Club, has secured five trees that will be donated to the cemetery. Mr. Swift has agreed to auger the holes, free of charge. The decision was made to plant the trees along the 7th Street entrance.

Public Works Committee Report Mr. McCuiston stated the Public Works Committee held a meeting prior to Council, to discuss the North 4th Street Water Relocation bid. D-Port Directional Drilling and Utilities was the lowest bid. The bid amount was \$239,445.70.

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

Declaration of Surplus Property Mayor Rogers recognized Matt Turner. Mr. Turner stated the list of items it wishes to surplus was included in the Council packet. Mr. Turner stated the tractor on the last page has been removed. The items will be placed on Govdeals.com.

Mr. Hudspeth moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Bohannon. All 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 moved to enter executive session; seconded by Ms. Ross. All members present voted Aye. (7:20 p.m.)**

Executive Session started at 7:20 p.m. and ended at 7:33 p.m., when **Mr. Bell moved to leave executive session; seconded by Mr. Bohannon. All members present voted Aye. (7:33 p.m.)**

Personnel Recommendation Mayor Rogers announced the recommendation of Samuel Bierds for Chief of Police. Mr. Bierds worked under the leadership of Chief Liles. There were 36 applications from 17 different states.

Mr. Bohannon made a motion to accept; seconded by Mr. McCuiston. The Mayor called for a Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Mr. Bell, Mr. Bohannon, Mr. Bolin, Ms. Cherry, Mr. Darnall, Ms. Ross, Dr. Higginson, Mr. Hudspeth, Mr. McCuiston, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Rouse, and Dr. Strieter.

Nays: None

With no other business before the Council, **Mr. Bell moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Bohannon. All members present voted Aye.** The meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.



Bob Rogers, Mayor

ATTEST



Kim Miles, City Clerk