

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

September 14, 2023

6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 14, 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, Ms. Cherry, Mr. Darnall, Dr. Higginson, Mr. Hudspeth, Mr. McCuiston, Ms. Ross, Ms. Rouse, and Dr. Strieter.

Council Members Absent: Mr. Bolin and Mr. Roberts

Staff Present: Jim Osborne, Kim Wyatt, Rakov Aetherus, Chief Bierds, Assistant Police Chief Cooper, James Payne, and Kim Miles.

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

After a moment of reflection, Ms. Cherry led the pledge.

The minutes of the Council meeting of August 24, 2023, were presented for approval.

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

Mayor's Report Mayor Rogers recognized Chief Bierds to give an update on the Police Department's progress. Chief Bierds stated the most important change has been the department's reorganization of patrol squads that are now divided into hybrid, ten (10) and twelve (12) hour shifts, on an eighty (80) hour pay period, allowed by KRS. Captains have been taken off patrol, moved into positions of Division Commanders. This allows for a rotating weekend off for the officers. There has been an additional six (6) patrol vehicles added, this allows for marked patrol vehicles at the schools. Chief Bierds stated the Policy Review Manual has been updated. The new hire of James Payne in the position of Alcohol Beverage Control Assistant Administrator-Community Service will benefit our community in many ways. He will play an important role in educating our children about drug prevention as well as many other responsibilities that will fall under his job description. Chief Bierds was also proud to announce the department received the KLC Risk Assessment Award for being 100%.

Public Hearing for the purpose of obtaining written or oral comments regarding the proposed AD Valorem Tax for 2023.

Mr. Bell made a motion to open the Public Hearing; seconded by Ms. Ross. All members present voted Aye.

Clifton Darnell came forward to speak. Mr. Darnell asked about the small percentage on property tax bills that goes to the retirement fund, allocated for the Police and Fireman Pension. Mr. Darnell stated he was informed these individuals retired in the early 80's, he questioned

how long will this continue to be assessed be on our property tax bill?

Mr. Hudspeth, Personnel and Finance Committee Chair stated as long as there are participants in this program, we will continue with that assessment. When the participants have all been removed, the additional funds remaining will be transferred into the General Fund.

Mr. Darnell asked when the retirement plan officially ended. Mr. Hudspeth responded when the State took over the pension for the said group of people. Mr. Osborne stated it was in 1988.

Mr. Bell made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing; seconded by Mr. Darnall. All members present voted Aye.

Ordinance 2023-1854 (Second Reading) An Ordinance amending chapter 96: taxation, specifically chapter 96.03 AD Valorem Tax for the purpose of adopting the Annual County Assessment for property situated within the city as a basis for AD Valorem Tax Levies.

Mr. Bohannon made a motion; seconded by Mr. Darnall. Mayor Rogers called for a Roll Call Vote.

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

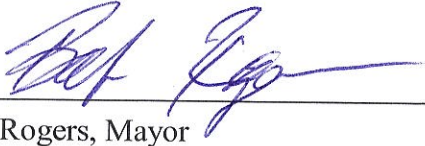
Nays: None

Motion passes 10-0 vote.

Resolution 2023-013 a resolution authorizing the amendment to the agreement between Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the City of Murray, US 641 Sidewalk (North 12th Street) Project SC-628-1800000532, SYP Item # 01-03203.00, Supplement Agreement No. 3 and further authorizing the Mayor to sign the Supplemental Agreement No. 3 to Agreement #Sc-628-1800000532, along with any other necessary documents relating to the project, including but not limited to, the grant agreement execution; and further authorizing the Mayor to act as the authorized agent for this project.

Mr. Bohannon made to motion; seconded by Mr. Darnall. All members present voted Aye.

With no other business before the Council, **Mr. Bell moved to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Ross. All members present voted Aye.** The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.



Bob Rogers, Mayor

ATTEST



Kim Miles, City Clerk