

## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

September 9, 2021

6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday September 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Bob Rogers presiding.

**Council Members Present:** Johnny Bohannon, Wesley Bolin, Linda Cherry, Danny Hudspeth, Monty McCuiston, John Mark Roberts, Alice Rouse, Pat Seiber, Dr. Burton Young, Rose Elder and Jeremy Bell.

**Council Members Absent:** Dr. Dan Miller

**Staff Present:** Jim Osborne, Kim Miles, Marisa Stewart, Zach Warren, Rakov Aetherus, Chief Eric Pologruto, Matt Turner, Chief Jeff Liles and Bob Byczynski.

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

After a moment of reflection, Ms. Elder led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the Council meeting of August 26, 2021 were presented for approval. **Mr. Roberts moved for approval; seconded by Ms. Cherry. All members present voted Aye.**

**Mayor's Report:** The Mayor stated he did not have a report tonight and recognized Mr. Hudspeth, Chair for the Public Works Committee to give a report from the meeting that took place prior to Council.

Mr. Hudspeth stated the Public Works Committee had one item on their agenda tonight and that was to consider the WTP Electrical Bid. He stated four bids came in. State Electric Company came in with the low bid that met specs at \$1, 975,154.00. This bid was accepted unanimously by the committee and recommended Council accept the bid.

**Mr. Hudspeth made a motion to accept the bid; seconded by Mr. Bell. All members present voted Aye.**

The Mayor recognized Mr. Bolin, Chair for the Public Safety Committee to give a report on the meeting that took place before Council.

Mr. Bolin stated they received a report from Chief Pologruto and Matt Turner on the status of the Fire Truck that Murray State owns that we currently use and have custodial care of. Chief Pologruto and Mr. Turner have reported the truck is inoperative and is so far out of date that refurbishing it is not an option. The committee recommended that we return the truck to Murray State.

**Mr. Bolin made a motion to return the truck per the Memorandum Agreement; seconded by Mr. Bell. All members present voted Aye.**

Dr. Young requested an update on the fire station. Mayor Rogers stated both of the old buildings have been torn down and most of the debris has been hauled away. They are now working on a retention basin and some landscaping. After this is completed it will be ready for an open house and dedication. The Fire Department is currently moved in and operating from the new location. This move made it possible to remove the asbestos from the other building so that it could be demolished.

At our last Council Meeting the Finance Committee made the recommendation that we draft an Ordinance concerning the tax levy for this year leaving it at the same rate as last year. There was a first reading of this Ordinance. No action was taken. There will be a Public Hearing at the next Council Meeting where the public can speak before Council Members vote.

**Ordinance Number 2021-1814** (First 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. (No Vote)

**Consider/Approve Agreement to Transfer Ownership of The Murray Calloway County Parks** (Roll Call Vote) Mr. Bell moved to enter into that agreement to transfer the ownership of the Murray Calloway County Parks; seconded by Mr. Bohannon. There was a roll call vote:

Mr. Jeremy Bell: Yes

Mr. Johnny Bohannon: Yes

Mr. Wesley Bolin: Yes

Ms. Linda Cherry: Yes

Ms. Rose Elder: Yes

Mr. Danny Hudspeth: No

Mr. Monty McCuiston: Yes

Dr. Dan Miller: Absent

Mr. John Mark Roberts: Yes

Ms. Alice Rouse: Yes

Ms. Pat Seiber: Yes

Dr. Burton Young: Yes

Mr. Bell made a motion for the City to draft a resolution terminating the joint operation of the park system with the County and further terminating the Murray-Calloway County Park Board and authorizing the Mayor to establish a new committee or department, at his sole and absolute discretion, for the management, operation and control of the park system under the new ownership of the City, all contingent upon the Calloway County Fiscal Court approving and executing the agreement to transfer ownership of the park system to the City; seconded by Mr. Bohannon. All members present voted Aye.

Mr. Hudspeth wanted to acknowledge the Park Board for the years of service they have given. What they have accomplished with what they have been given is somewhat of remarkable. They have raised over \$500,000.00 in donations, they have put in one of the first disc golf courses in the state and several other things they have done. He applauds them. Mr. Bell also echo those sentiments.

With no other business before the Council, Mr. Bell moved to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Elder. All members present voted Aye. The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

  
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Bob Rogers, Mayor

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Kim Miles, City Clerk