

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2008
6:30 P.M.**

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 14, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, with Mayor Rushing presiding.

Council Members Present: Danny Hudspeth, David Ramey, Dan Miller, Pat Scott, Jeremy Bell, Butch Seargent, Linda Cherry, Pete Lancaster, Jason Pittman, Robert Billington, Jane Brandon, Butch Seargent, and Bill Wells.

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Ken Claud, J. L. Barnett, David Roberts, Ron Allbritten, Don Rogers, Dennis Thompson, Philip Morris, Cathy Morris, Michael Skinner, Candace Dowdy, Alan Lanier, Matt Mattingly, Harla McClure, and Warren Hopkins.

Minutes of the council meeting held July 24, 2008, were presented for approval. **Mr. Pittman moved, seconded by Mr. Billington,** to approve the minutes as written. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for a voice vote, which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mayor Rushing recognized Bill Wells, Chairman of the Finance/Personnel Committee and requested that he provide a report. Mr. Wells stated the committee discussed the proposed tax rate for 2008 and the proposed vehicle tax rate for 2009. Alan Lanier, Finance Director, stated that due to increased assessments, the tax rate has decreased for the second year in a row. He stated the proposed rate for real property is .3764 and .3927 for personal property. He further stated the vehicle tax is dictated by state statute and will remain the same. **Mr. Wells moved, as unanimously recommended by the Finance/Personnel Committee** to accept the rates as presented. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Dan Miller, David Ramey, Robert Billington, Jane Brandon, Pete Lancaster, Jeremy Bell, Jason Pittman, Linda Cherry, Butch Seargent, Pat Scott, and Bill Wells.

NAYES: None.

Mayor Rushing declared said recommendation approved.

Mr. Wells stated the committee also discussed the possibility of the fire department purchasing an additional rescue unit. Chief Skinner stated that R-1 was involved in an accident on June 16th and is currently being repaired. He stated that he is currently renting a rescue unit since we are required to have one. **Mr. Wells moved, as unanimously recommended by the Finance/Personnel Committee** to authorize that the purchase of a rescue unit be bid and R-2 and the service unit be traded in for same. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for

the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Dan Miller, David Ramey, Robert Billington, Jane Brandon, Pete Lancaster, Jeremy Bell, Jason Pittman, Linda Cherry, Butch Seargent, Pat Scott, and Bill Wells.

NAYES: None.

Mayor Rushing declared said recommendation approved.

Mayor Rushing recognized Robert Billington, Chairman of the Public Works Committee and requested that he provide a report. Mr. Billington stated the committee met to review bids for a front load garbage truck which was budgeted for \$211,000. The following bids were received:

BIDDER	BID
Municipal Equipment	\$193,467.00
CMI Equipment	\$197,500.00
Banner Truck & Trailer Sales	\$195,917.00

Mr. Billington moved, as unanimously recommended by the Public Works Committee, to accept the bid of Municipal Equipment in the amount of \$193,467 for the front end load garbage truck. **Dr. Miller seconded the motion.** With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Dan Miller, David Ramey, Robert Billington, Jane Brandon, Pete Lancaster, Jeremy Bell, Jason Pittman, Linda Cherry, Butch Seargent, Pat Scott, and Bill Wells.

NAYES: None.

Mayor Rushing declared said recommendation approved.

Mr. Billington stated that the committee also discussed accepting 4900 feet of gas lines from Murray State University. He stated we currently work on these lines and the PSC states that the University does not need the gas lines and cannot work on them since they are not

operator qualified. Murray State will reimburse us for the cost of assuming these lines and replacing meters. **Mr. Billington moved, as unanimously recommended by the Public Works Committee**, to assume responsibility of 4900 feet of gas lines at Murray State University. **Mr. Pittman seconded the motion.** With no further discussion Mayor rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Ordinance Number 2008-1469 (second reading) an ordinance amending Section 50.03, Connect Fees and Service charges, of the City of Murray Code of Ordinances in order to bring it in line with the Kentucky Revised Statutes regarding cold check fees which have increased from \$25.00 to \$50.00 was presented to the council for a second reading. **Mr. Bell moved, seconded by Mr. Lancaster** to adopt said ordinance. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Dan Miller, David Ramey, Robert Billington, Jane Brandon, Pete Lancaster, Jeremy Bell, Jason Pittman, Linda Cherry, Butch Seargent, Pat Scott, and Bill Wells.

NAYES: None.

Mayor Rushing declared said ordinance adopted on a second reading and recorded in Ordinance Book Number 7, Page _____.

Ordinance Number 2008-1470 (first reading) an ordinance creating a new section to Chapter 53 of the City of Murray Code of Ordinances to create a policy for contractors or individuals who request the use of a meter for fire hydrants was presented to the council on a first reading. **Mr. Pittman moved, seconded by Mr. Billington** to approve said ordinance. J. L. Barnett, Director of Public Works, stated the ordinance is needed so that a policy is in place for the use of the meters. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Dan Miller, David Ramey, Robert Billington, Jane Brandon, Pete Lancaster, Jeremy Bell, Jason Pittman, Linda Cherry, Butch Seargent, Pat Scott, and Bill Wells.

NAYES: None.

Mayor Rushing declared said ordinance approved on a first reading.

Municipal Order 2009-011 reappointing Cindy Reichmuth to the Architectural Review Board for a three year term which will expire August 24, 2011. **Mr. Lancaster moved, seconded by Dr. Miller** to approve said municipal order. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice call vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Municipal Order 2009-012 reappointing John Resig to the Architectural Review Board for a three year term which will expire August 24, 2011. **Mr. Billington moved, seconded by**

Mr. Lancaster to approve said municipal order. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice call vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Municipal Order 2009-013 appointing Amber DuVentre to the City of Murray Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mike Lovins. Said term will expire October 27, 2009. **Mr. Billington moved, seconded by Mr. Pittman** to approve said municipal order. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice call vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Wells provided the following information for Make a Difference Day: 293 pairs of eyeglasses; 85 gallons of oil; 200 pounds of clothes; 26 inkjet cartridges; 51 cell phones; 3000 pounds of pulverized glass; 150 pounds of batteries; 30 tons of paper; and 1200 pounds of aluminum cans. He stated the next Make A Difference Day is October 25th.

He provided pictures to the council which showed how the glass pulverizer works and stated it would be an asset to the community.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

H. Thomas Rushing, Mayor

Attest:

Harla McClure, City Clerk