

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2008
6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 11, 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, Philip Morris, Cathy Morris, Michael Skinner, Candace Dowdy, Alan Lanier, Matt Mattingly, Harla McClure, and Warren Hopkins.

Minutes of the council meeting held August 28, 2008, were presented for approval. **Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Pittman,** 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 Pat Harrington. Ms. Harrington was present to inform the council of the designation that had been received – “Playful Cities USA.” Ms. Harrington stated it was an effort by many people to get the application turned in.

Mayor Rushing recognized J. D. Chaney from the Kentucky League of Cities. Mr. Chaney was present to provide the council with an update of the last legislative session. He encouraged the council members and the public to contact him with any issues they would like to have taken before the General Assembly.

Mayor Rushing recognized Danny Hudspeth, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee and requested that he provide a report. Mr. Hudspeth stated the committee met to discuss SB 93, which would allow golf carts on the city streets. He stated the committee opted to table the discussion until the summer. The committee also requested that Chief Ken Claud provide information on the statutes that dictate who can ride scooters and the requirements of same. The committee also discussed the NOL regarding wrecker services. Mr. Hudspeth stated the committee will review the Municipal Order that was adopted in 2006 which set the fee for towing and discuss the matter at a later date.

Mayor Rushing entertained a motion to open a public hearing to hear comments regarding the proposed tax rate for 2008. **Mr. Hudspeth moved seconded by Mr. Billington** to open the public hearing. Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Rushing asked the audience if anyone wanted to address the council regarding the proposed tax rate. There being no one, Mayor Rushing entertained a motion to close the public hearing. **Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Ramey** to close the public

hearing. Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Ordinance Number 2008-1472 (first reading) an ordinance to levy an ad valorem tax in the City of Murray, Kentucky for the year 2008 upon all property in the City of Murray as shown by the Calloway County Assessment as of January 1, 2008 was presented to the council on a first reading. **Mr. Pittman moved, seconded by Mr. Lancaster** to approve 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 approved on a first reading.

Ordinance Number 2008-1473 (first reading) an ordinance to levy an ad valorem tax in the City of Murray, Kentucky for the year 2009 upon all motor vehicles and watercraft in the City of Murray, Kentucky was presented to the council on a first reading. **Mr. Billington moved, seconded by Mr. Bell** to approve 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 approved on a first reading.

Ordinance Number 2008-1474 (first reading) an ordinance was presented to the council on a first reading to rezone a 1.215 acre portion of land located at 506 Industrial Road from Floodway to Industrial based on the following findings: 1) the existing zoning classification given to the property is inappropriate and the proposed zoning classification is appropriate; and 2) based on an Engineer Certification, this portion of land is located outside the Special Flood Hazard Area as shown on FEMA Flood Maps. Said property is owned by Jerry Duncan. The Planning Commission approved this recommendation by a vote of 6-0. **Mr. Bell moved, seconded by Mr. Billington** to approve said ordinance. 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.

Mayor Rushing presented the following names as consideration for Position #5 to the Board of Commissioners of the Murray-Calloway County Hospital: Mr. R. Greg Delancey; Mr. Matthew H. Hale; and Mr. Hal Kemp.

Mayor Rushing then asked that the Council be polled, and the vote is as follows:

Greg Delancey: Jeremy Bell.

Matthew H. Hale: None.

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

Since there were no votes for Mr. Hale, **Mr. Pittman moved, seconded by Mr. Billington** to appoint Hal Kemp to fill the unexpired term of Jack Rose, which is Position #5 and will expire March 31, 2012. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing declared Mr. Hal Kemp appointed to the Murray Calloway County Hospital Board.

Bill Wells stated the next Make a Difference Day is October 25, 2008.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

H. Thomas Rushing, Mayor

Attest:

Harla McClure, City Clerk