

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JANUARY 8, 2009**  
**6:30 P.M.**

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 9, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, with Mayor Rushing presiding.

**Council Members Present:** Pete Lancaster, Linda Cherry, Jeremy Bell, Dan Miller, Pat Scott, John Bowers, Robert Billington, Greg Anderson, Butch Seargent, Jane Brandon, Danny Hudspeth, and Bill Wells.

**Council Members Absent:** None.

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

Minutes of the council meeting held December 11, 2008, were presented for approval. **Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Bowers,** 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 Krista Crass. Ms. Crass retired effective December 31, 2008 and has worked for the City since 1982. She stated she has enjoyed her time with the City.

Mayor Rushing recognized the Murray Calloway County Soccer Association. Gwenda Wilhelm was present on behalf of the Association. She stated her reason for coming to speak to the council was due to the Park Board's decision to take over the baseball and soccer programs and hire a Sports Coordinator. Ms. Wilhelm stated the soccer association is vibrant and that all of the parents expend several volunteer hours to ensure that the children enjoy the experience and that the program remains viable. She stated when she questioned if there would be soccer registration in March, she was told that the Park would probably not be able to do that registration. She stated there are approximately 400 children in the program for the season and that they are an accredited program with licensed referees. She stated the program is offered to the community without spending taxpayer dollars and in this economy it seems unwise to spend taxpayer dollars to hire a coordinator to do this.

Mayor Rushing recognized Bill Wells, Chairman of the Finance/Personnel Committee and requested that he provide a report. Mr. Wells stated there was a discussion to amend the FY 08-09 budget. Mr. Wells requested that Alan Lanier, Finance Director, provide additional information. Mr. Lanier stated that with the retirement of Ms. Crass, the job description was amended to increase departmental continuity and internal control. He stated to continue this continuity, he would like for the council to approve amending the budget to vacate the position for Computer Operator/Data Clerk (Grade 21) and provide funding for another Accounting Clerk (Grade 22) position. **Mr. Wells moved, as unanimously recommended by the Finance/Personnel Committee,** to amend the budget based on the foregoing. **Mr. Billington seconded the motion.** With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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 bids for patrol cruisers for the police department. He stated there was only one bid from Parker Ford in the amount of \$21,790.09 per vehicle. **Mr. Hudspeth moved, as unanimously recommended by the Public Safety Committee** to accept the bid of Parker Ford in the amount of \$21,790.09 per vehicle. **Mr. Bell seconded the motion.** With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**Ordinance Number 2009-1478** (first reading) an ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the City of Murray Code of Ordinances was presented to the council on a first reading. **Mr. Billington moved, seconded by Mr. Anderson** to approve said ordinance. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

**AYES:** Pete Lancaster, Linda Cherry, Jeremy Bell, Dan Miller, Pat Scott, John Bowers, Robert Billington, Greg Anderson, Butch Seargent, Jane Brandon, Danny Hudspeth, and Bill Wells.

**NAYES:** None.

Mayor Rushing declared said ordinance approved on a first reading.

**Municipal Order 2009-001** order appointing city officials to the appropriate committees, boards, and commissions was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Dr. Miller** to approve said municipal order. With no further discussion Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

### **Consent Agenda**

**Municipal Order 2009-002** reappointing Jo Crass to the Cablevision Advisory Commission for a four year term to expire January 1, 2013 was presented to the council for approval.

**Municipal Order 2009-003** reappointing Brenda Rowland to the Cablevision Advisory Commission for a four year term to expire January 1, 2013 was presented to the council for approval.

**Mr. Wells moved, seconded by Mr. Lancaster** to approve said consent agenda. With no further discussion Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**Municipal Order 2009-004** reappointing Alan Lanier, Finance Director; Joe Dick; Howard Koenen; and A. L. Hough (AARP) representative) to the Senior Citizens Board for a one year term to expire January 1, 2010 was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Billington moved, seconded by Mr. Bell** to approve said municipal order. With no further discussion Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**Municipal Order 2009-005** reappointing Jim Frank to the Weaks Community Center Board for a three year term which will expire January 1, 2012 was presented to the council for

approval. **Mr. Lancaster moved, seconded by Mr. Scott** to approve said municipal order. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**Municipal Order 2009-006** appointing Jason Pittman to the Weaks Community Center Board for a three year term to expire January 1, 2012 was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Billington** to approve said municipal order. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**Mr. Bell moved, seconded by Mr. Seargent** to convene to executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(c) regarding pending litigation. Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

**AYES:** Pete Lancaster, Linda Cherry, Jeremy Bell, Dan Miller, Pat Scott, John Bowers, Robert Billington, Greg Anderson, Butch Seargent, Jane Brandon, Danny Hudspeth, and Bill Wells.

**NAYES:** None.

Mayor Rushing declare the vote unanimous and convened to executive session at 7:10 p.m.

**Mr. Billington moved, seconded by Mr. Scott** to reconvene into open session. Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

**AYES:** Pete Lancaster, Linda Cherry, Jeremy Bell, Dan Miller, Pat Scott, John Bowers, Robert Billington, Greg Anderson, Butch Seargent, Jane Brandon, Danny Hudspeth, and Bill Wells.

**NAYES:** None.

Mayor Rushing declare the vote unanimous and reconvened into open session at 7:38 p.m.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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H. Thomas Rushing, Mayor

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Harla McClure, City Clerk