

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 11, 2009
6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 11, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, with Mayor H. Thomas Rushing presiding.

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

Council Members Absent: Dan Miller.

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

Minutes of the council meeting held May 28, 2009, were presented for approval. **Mr. Wells moved, seconded by Mr. Scott,** 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 Robert Billington and requested that he provide a report. Mr. Billington stated the committee met to review bids for chemicals and crushed limestone and received the following bids:

Chemicals:

ITEM	BRENNTAG		PREVIOUS BID PRICE
Bulk Sodium Hydroxide (Caustic Soda Liquid) 50% Mercury Cell Grade	\$430.00 Dry Ton		\$960.00 Dry Ton
Chlorine Cylinders 1 Ton Cylinders	\$235.00/Ton		\$489.00/Ton
Sulfur Dioxide 1 Ton Cylinders	\$410.50/Ton		\$821.00/Ton
Sodium Fluoride 125 Pound Drums	.83/Pound		.83/Pound \$103.75/125# Drum

Crushed Limestone:

ITEM	ROGERS GROUP		PREVIOUS
#3	\$13.20		\$12.90
#57	\$13.20		\$12.90
DGA	\$12.90		\$12.65
#9	\$14.95		\$14.65
#78	\$14.95		\$14.65
CHANNEL LINING II	\$15.20		\$14.80
(8" TO 10" RIP RAP)			

Mr. Billington moved, as unanimously recommended by the Public Works Committee, to accept the bid of Brenntag for Chemicals and Rogers Group for crushed limestone. **Mr. Seargent seconded the motion.** Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Ordinance Number 2009-1486 (second reading) an ordinance adopting the City of Murray, Kentucky Annual Budget fro the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, by estimating revenues and appropriating funds for the operations of City Government was presented to the council on a second reading. **Mr. Billington moved, seconded by Mr. Bowers** to approve said ordinance.

Mr. Hudspeth stated the council received the draft budget from the Mayor and the management team. He stated the council is accustomed to getting the draft budget and except for a few dollars here and there in special appropriations; the council has been accustomed to passing it on through. He stated it is his opinion that somewhere down the line, the council got accustomed to just doing that. He stated it seems like the council is not doing their job by really

looking at ways to make this thing work. He stated it is evident if you look at the combined budget summary page, it shows a deficit of \$959,000 between expenditures and revenues and he believes that is a problem as we go forward. Mr. Hudspeth stated it is good that we are looking at a revenue meeting in the fall and he believes it will be something that is one of the biggest things the council does over the next ten years to come to actually look at how we are going to go forward as a city and try to decrease that deficit. He stated the citizens need to know that we are in some trying times and we are going to have to put a lot of things on the table to talk about, i.e. benefit packages, hiring, everything and we are going to have to look at real challenging things as we go forward and that will be test of our character how we look at those things. He stated that disparity between revenue and expenses, and if the city stickers do not increase, then the difference would increase to over one million dollars.

Mr. Anderson stated that it is the wrong time to be raising the city sticker price on our citizens.

Mr. Seargent stated that we are in a place of difficulty everyway we look at it and we have a real job ahead of us. He stated he would like to set a date for when the comprehensive revenue study would begin and would feel better knowing that a date is set to begin.

Mr. Wells stated that he does not remember anyone having a rubber stamp on the budget and there was good discussion about a lot of different issues.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Pete Lancaster, Jeremy Bell, Linda Cherry, Pat Scott, John Bowers, Robert Billington, Butch Seargent, Jane Brandon, and Bill Wells.

NAYES: Greg Anderson and Danny Hudspeth.

Mayor Rushing declared said ordinance adopted by a vote of 9 to 2 and recorded in Ordinance Book Number 7, Page _____ and Finance Book Number 3, Page _____.

Resolution Number 2009-012 a resolution authorizing the Mayor to make an application to the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security for an enhanced physical grant for funds in the amount of \$31,389.95 for a 75 kilowatt generator; \$9,945.52 for a key card entry system; \$17,972.77 for a video surveillance recording system at the police department was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Bell moved, seconded by Mr. Wells** to approve said resolution. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

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

NAYES: None.

Mayor Rushing declared said resolution approved.

Bill Wells provided the following information for the Make a Difference Day: 126 eyeglasses; 200 pounds of clothes; 165 inkjet cartridges; 19 cell phones; 20 tons of paper; 900 pounds of aluminum cans; 130 gallons of oil; 3840 pounds of glass; and 7 gallons of drugs. He stated the next Make a Difference Day will be held August 8, 2009.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

H. Thomas Rushing, Mayor

Attest:

Harla McClure, City Clerk