

MINUTES OF COUNCIL
JUNE 25, 2015
6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Jack Rose presiding.

Council Members Present: Robert Billington, Johnny Bohannon, Linda Cherry, Danny Hudspeth, Dan Miller, Jason Pittman, Pat Scott, Butch Seargent, Jane Shoemaker, Greg Taylor, Burton Young

Council Members Absent: Jeremy Bell

Staff Present: Cathy Morris, Chief Liles, Tonya Guidry, Candace Dowdy

After a moment of silence, Mr. Bohannon led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Rose welcomed members and guests and called the meeting to order. He introduced Wendy Lovett who had been shadowing him as part of new Murray State Doctorate in Educational Leadership.

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of June 11, 2015 were presented for approval. **Mr. Pittman moved; seconded by Ms. Shoemaker.** All members voted aye.

Mayor Rose presented the Mayor's Report as outlined below:

- a. WWTP
- b. 5th and Poplar project status update

Mayor Rose asked Todd Solomon with GRW to discuss the additional fund request which went before the Capital Projects Committee of the Kentucky State Legislature on June 16, 2015. Although a vote by the committee was expected, absenteeism prevented a quorum. He said, while that could have created a one-month set back—complicating project timelines—calls were made and the Finance Cabinet approved the additional funding request without a committee vote. On June 23, 2015, GRW received a letter of approval for additional funding. The pre-construction meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2015; actual construction will begin July 13, 2015.

Mayor Rose presented a status update of the 5th and Poplar Street project. He said ribbons were placed around two trees marked for removal and a cleanup of the location was in progress. Mayor Rose invited ideas for the area for which a nice park with fountain was currently being discussed. He said funding would be provided and he would keep the community posted on a decision for this area. He thanked Dr. Miller for providing assistance and leadership with this project.

Mayor Rose stated insurance and audit rates received were more favorable than last year due to the effects of bringing additional competition to the process.

There were no public comments.

The Mayor's Committee on Enhancing Business Process and Planning Co-chairs, Aaron Dail and Chris Wooldridge, stated the Committee met on June 23, 2015 to discuss goals. The Committee's purpose is to address the business licensing process, review relevant ordinances, and submit recommendations for improvement.

Public Works Committee Chair, Butch Seargent presented the low bid of \$36,831.00 by BTM Excavating for the Melvin Henley Drive Sanitary Sewer Main Extension project for approval. **Dr. Miller moved; seconded by Mr. Pittman.** All members voted aye.

Personnel and Finance Committee Chair, Danny Hudspeth stated the Personnel and Finance Committee met prior to the Council Meeting to discuss the City's Personnel Policies and Procedures and Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace policy. He said changes made were suggested by Attorney Stacey Blankenship with Denton & Keuler of Paducah, Kentucky. Mr. Hudspeth introduced Cathy Morris, Human Resources Manager, to explain the changes and the effects on City employees. Mr. Hudspeth requested Council move to Agenda Items 11 and 12.

Municipal Order Number 2015-016 amending City of Murray Personnel Policies and Procedures was presented for approval. **Mr. Hudspeth moved; seconded by Mr. Taylor.** All members voted aye.

Municipal Order Number 2015-017 amending the Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace Policy was presented for approval. **Mr. Hudspeth moved; seconded by Mr. Billington.** All members voted aye.

Ordinance Number 2015-1671, amending Ordinance Number 794 of the City of Murray Code of Ordinances to rezone a 3.89 acre tract of land located at the northeast corner of 402 Chestnut Street and the 0.41 acre portion of state right-of-way along North 4th Street from B-2 (Highway Commercial) to R-2 (Single Family Residential) was presented for approval on first reading. **Mr. Seargent moved; seconded by Mr. Bohannon.**

Ayes: Robert Billington, Johnny Bohannon, Linda Cherry, Danny Hudspeth, Dan Miller, Jason Pittman, Pat Scott, Butch Seargent, Jane Shoemaker, Greg Taylor, Burton Young

Nays: None

Resolution Number 2015-016, adopting and approving the execution of a Municipal Aid Co-op Program contract with the state of Kentucky was presented for approval. **Mr. Bohannon moved; seconded by Ms. Shoemaker.** All members voted aye.

With no further business before the Council, **Mr. Billington moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bohannon.** The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Jack Rose, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tonya Guidry, Deputy City Clerk