

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL**  
September 10, 2015  
6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Jack Rose presiding.

**Council Members Present:** Jeremy Bell, Robert Billington, Johnny Bohannon, Linda Cherry, Danny Hudspeth, Jason Pittman, Butch Seargent, Jane Shoemaker, Greg Taylor Burton Young

**Council Members Absent:** Dan Miller, Pat Scott

**Staff Present:** Cathy Morris, Don Leet, Candace Dowdy, Tom Kutcher, Chief Liles, City Attorney Warren Hopkins

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

Mayor Rose welcomed Council members and guests and called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the Council Meeting of August 27, 2015 were presented for approval. **Mr. Hudspeth moved; seconded by Ms. Shoemaker.** All members voted aye.

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

- a. Playful City Award – Pat Herrington: Ms. Herrington presented information concerning the Playful City Award. It was Murray's 8<sup>th</sup> straight year to receive the award.
- b. Mayor's Committee to Enhance Business Process and Planning surveys: Mayor Rose invited members of the business community to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Town Hall meeting on September 15, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at the Robert O. Miller Conference Center. Over 1,800 surveys were mailed out to receive feedback.
- c. 16<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Project: Mayor Rose reported that public input is being sought and received. Due to the feedback, the project completion goal will be moved from November 2015.
- d. Panhandling information – City Attorney Warren Hopkins: Mr. Hopkins informed the Council of the need for further study based on a recent 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals ruling.

Mayor Rose stated there had been no requests for public comment.

Mayor Rose recognized Murray Electric System, General Manager Tony Thompson and his guests Tina Cox and Terry McCallon, who presented rate increases for broadband cable and electric services.

Mayor Rose recognized Don Leet, Part-time Interim Director of Finance, who had assisted Mayor Rose with the 2015 tax rate structure.

Personnel and Finance Committee Chair, Danny Hudspeth, stated the Personnel and Finance Committee met prior to the Council Meeting to discuss 2015 tax rates. **Mr. Hudspeth moved** for the Council to approve City Attorney Warren Hopkins to draft an ordinance for the 2015 tax rates utilizing \$0.4260 for real and tangible property and \$0.3800 for vehicle and watercraft which would reflect 2% growth with approximately \$90,000 increased tax receipts; **seconded by Mr. Bohannon.** All members voted aye.

**Resolution Number 2015-021**, authorizing the submittal of an application, written by Deana Wright, Murray Main Street Program Director, for Department of Local Government grant funds in the amount of \$5,000 to assist the City of Murray in the development of a downtown Renaissance Park was presented for approval. **Mr. Pittman moved; seconded by Mr. Bell.** All members voted aye.

**Recommendation** from the Planning Committee to zone the 0.74 acre tract of land located at 170 Utterback Road and owned by Good Works Unlimited, LLC as R-4 (Multi-Family Residential) was presented for approval. **Mr. Pittman moved; seconded by Ms. Cherry.** All members voted aye.

Mayor Rose invited the members to attend the Chamber Breakfast, September 15, at 7:30 a.m. in the CFSB Murray room. He also invited members and guests to the Murray Fire Department Badge and Award Presentation Ceremony September 12, at 9:00 a.m. at the Robert O. Miller Conference Center.

With no other business before the Council, **Mr. Billington motioned to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Bohannon.** All members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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Jack Rose, Mayor

ATTEST:

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June Batts, City Clerk