

MINUTES OF COUNCIL
September 24, 2015
6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Jack Rose presiding.

Council Members Present: Jeremy Bell, Johnny Bohannon, Linda Cherry, Danny Hudspeth, Dan Miller, Jason Pittman, Pat Scott, Butch Seargent, Jane Shoemaker, Greg Taylor

Council Members Absent: Robert Billington, Burton Young

Staff Present: Luke Crawford, Candace Dowdy, Tom Kutcher, Don Leet, Chief Liles, Cathy Morris, Phillip Morris, James Oakley, City Attorney Warren Hopkins

After a moment of silence, Mr. Taylor 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 September 10, 2015 were presented for approval. **Mr. Taylor moved; seconded by Mr. Pittman.** All members voted aye.

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

- a. WWTP expansion update—Todd Solomon presented status updates of current projects to Council
- b. Mayor's Committee to Enhance Business Process and Planning surveys are still being collected.
- c. 16th Street Pedestrian Project—Mayor Rose presented an MSU SGA resolution renouncing all three engineering solutions. He said engineers were still considering various possibilities.
- d. Introduction of new Finance Director—Mayor Rose introduced Luke Crawford to Council.

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

Public Works Committee Chair, Butch Seargent, stated the Public Works Committee met prior to the Council meeting to discuss two items. He said an ordinance amending the Transfer Station's hours and days of operation was presented to better align Transfer Station hours/days with the sanitation department, and decrease overtime hours by reducing hours/days of low use (winter months).

Ordinance Number 2015-1675, an ordinance amending Ordinance 92-981, an ordinance which established the hours of operation of the City of Murray, Kentucky Transfer Station by changing the daily hours of operation and Saturday operation schedule was presented for approval on first reading.

Dr. Miller moved; seconded by Mr. Bell.

Ayes: Jeremy Bell, Linda Cherry, Danny Hudspeth, Dan Miller, Jason Pittman, Pat Scott, Butch Seargent, Jane Shoemaker, Greg Taylor

Nays: Johnny Bohannon

Mr. Seargent stated the Public Works Committee also discussed Stormwater improvement bids. He recognized James Oakley who presented four project bids for approval:

- 1) 15th and Olive Streets culvert replacement—low bid of \$17,700 by Danny Cope and Sons
- 2) Riley Court stream mitigation—low bid of \$9,960 by Danny Cope and Sons
- 3) Hermitage Place culvert replacement low bid of \$8,727 by Danny Cope and Sons
- 4) Northwood Drive stream mitigation low bid of \$6,900 by LDM Construction

Mr. Bell moved to approve all low bids for the four projects presented; **seconded by Ms. Shoemaker**. 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 four items. He presented Resolution 2015-023.

Resolution Number 2015-023, a resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for the State and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for matters pertaining to the disaster assistance available from the snow event that occurred in March 2015 was presented for approval. **Mr. Hudspeth moved; seconded by Mr. Taylor**. All members voted aye.

Mr. Hudspeth recognized Cathy Morris to present proposed changes to City employee's travel expenses. Ms. Morris said the changes would align City mileage and meal reimbursement rates with state rates.

Municipal Order Number 2015-021, amending the personnel expense reimbursement rates by utilizing the state of Kentucky reimbursement rates for mileage and meals was presented for approval. **Mr. Pittman moved; seconded by Mr. Taylor**. All members—except Ms. Cherry—voted aye. Ms. Cherry voted nay.

Mr. Hudspeth stated Ordinance Number 2015-1674 was brought to the Personnel and Finance Committee upon recommendation of Mayor Rose. Mayor Rose stated he intended for Don Leet to fill the temporary part-time position in order to ease the transition of the new Finance Director and assist with other projects which would benefit the City.

Ordinance Number 2015-1674, an ordinance amending Ordinance 2015-1669, an ordinance which adopted the FY 2016 City of Murray, Kentucky annual budget by restating certain revenues and expenditures for the City of Murray adding the position of Part-Time Special Projects Administrator was presented for approval on first reading. **Mr. Hudspeth moved; seconded by Mr. Bohannon**.

Ayes: Jeremy Bell, Johnny Bohannon, Linda Cherry, Danny Hudspeth, Dan Miller, Jason Pittman, Pat Scott, Butch Seargent, Jane Shoemaker, Greg Taylor
Nays: None

Mr. Hudspeth recognized Don Leet, who presented information regarding the natural gas ordinance and the purchase of natural gas by the City. Mr. Leet explained proposed changes in the minimum bill and the addition of a commercial customer class. He also said amending the ordinance's section regarding the distribution rate would add needed clarity and flexibility. Mr. Leet added that the City has contracted for a fixed purchase price of 75 - 80% of the expected gas supply to stabilize/reduce natural

gas rates for customers for three years. **Mr. Hudspeth motioned** for the city attorney to draw up an ordinance to reflect the stated changes; **seconded by Mr. Bohannon**. All members voted aye.

Mayor Rose recognized Dr. John Yates, Cable Commission Chair, who presented an overview of recent events regarding the Cable Franchise agreement with Time Warner Cable and the transfer of control from Time Warner Cable to Charter Communications.

Resolution Number 2015-022, a resolution of the City of Murray, Kentucky, authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all necessary documents related to the transfer of Time Warner Cable's franchise agreement to Charter was presented for approval by Dr. John Yates, Cable Commission Chair. **Mr. Pittman moved; seconded by Ms. Shoemaker**. All members voted aye.

Ordinance Number 2015-1676, amending Ordinance Number 794 of the City of Murray Code of Ordinances to zone a 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 on first reading. **Mr. Taylor moved; seconded by Mr. Bohannon**.

Ayes: Jeremy Bell, Johnny Bohannon, Linda Cherry, Danny Hudspeth, Dan Miller, Jason Pittman, Pat Scott, Butch Seargent, Jane Shoemaker, Greg Taylor
Nays: None

With no other business before the Council, **Mr. Bohannon moved** to adjourn; **seconded by Mr. Bell**. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Jack Rose, Mayor

ATTEST:

June Batts, City Clerk