

MINUTES OF COUNCIL
September 14, 2017
6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session Thursday, September 14, 2017, 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, Wesley Bolin, Linda Cherry, Danny Hudspeth, Jason Pittman, John Mark Roberts, Pat Scott, Jane Shoemaker

Council Members Absent: Dan Miller, Burton Young

Staff Present: Jaimey Erwin, Tim Fortner, City Attorney Warren Hopkins, Tom Kutcher, Chief Jeff Liles, Cathy Morris, Jim Osborne, Zachary Warren and Kim Wyatt

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

Mayor Rose recognized Mark Lewis, Troop Leader of Boy Scouts Troop 45, who introduced the Scouts in attendance who are working to obtain their Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

After a moment of silence, Linda Cherry led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of August 24, 2017, were presented for approval. **Mr. Bell moved; seconded by Ms. Shoemaker.** All present voted aye.

Mayor's Report

a) Mayor Rose recognized Tim Fortner who provided the Alcohol Beverage Control Quarterly Report to the Council.

b) Mayor Rose recognized Cathy Morris who discussed the Fort Campbell Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Project. Ms. Morris explained that the project was a partnership developed with Fort Campbell to assist with employment as soldiers integrate back into the workplace after their military career is over.

Public Comment Mayor Rose reported that there were no requests for public comment.

Public Hearing

Mr. Billington moved, seconded by Mr. Bell that a public hearing be opened for the purpose of obtaining written or oral comments regarding the proposed tax rate for 2017.

Mayor Rose called for a voice vote. All present voted aye.

Mayor Rose declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone in attendance had a written or oral comment they would like to submit. With there being none, **Mr. Scott moved; seconded by Mr. Bell** that the public hearing be closed.

Mayor Rose called for a voice vote. All present voted aye.

Ordinance Number 2017-1745 (first reading) an ordinance levying an ad valorem tax in the City of Murray, Kentucky for the year 2017 upon all property in the City of Murray as shown by the Calloway County Assessment as of January 1, 2017. **Mr. Roberts moved; seconded by Ms. Shoemaker.** Mayor Rose called for a roll call vote.

Ayes: Mr. Bell, Mr. Billington, Mr. Bohannon, Mr. Bolin, Ms. Cherry, Mr. Hudspeth, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Scott, Ms. Shoemaker

Nays: None

Mayor Rose recognized Personnel and Finance Committee Chairman Bohannon who reported that the Committee had met prior to the Council meeting and they had two items to recommend to the Council for approval. Mr. Bohannon recognized Cathy Morris who explained the purpose of Ordinance 2017-1746 which eliminates the Human Resources Generalist position and creates a Human Resources Representative position.

Ordinance Number 2017-1746 (first reading) an ordinance amending ordinance number 2017-1738, an ordinance which adopted the 2017-2018 City of Murray, Kentucky annual budget by restating certain revenues and expenditures for the City of Murray operations budget. **Mr. Bohannon moved; seconded by Mr. Roberts.**

Prior to the vote, Ms. Cherry commented that due to the uncertainty of the payroll tax she was uncertain if this position was really needed or if it was a place they could look at cutting corners.

Ayes: Mr. Bell, Mr. Billington, Mr. Bohannon, Mr. Bolin, Ms. Cherry, Mr. Hudspeth, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Scott, Ms. Shoemaker

Nays: None

Mr. Bohannon then recognized Jaimey Erwin who discussed the County Line West Gas Project. Mr. Erwin stated that the project had been advertised and they received ten bids. Mr. Erwin reported that Martin Contracting was the low bidder with a bid of \$594,570.50. Mr. Erwin recommended that the Council approve that bid. **Mr. Bohannon moved; seconded by Mr. Roberts.**

Mayor Rose called for a voice vote. All present voted aye.

Mayor Rose then advised the Council that a resolution was needed to finalize the paperwork regarding the recently awarded TAP Grant Sidewalk Project.

Resolution 2017-010 TAP Grant sidewalk resolution. **Mr. Bell moved; seconded by Ms. Shoemaker.**

Mayor Rose called for a voice vote. All present voted aye.

Mayor Rose recognized Mark Lewis and asked if any of the Boy Scout members had any questions prior to the Council going into Executive Session. Mr. Lewis advised that a few of them did. Mayor Rose then recognized Daniel Lewis, Colby Landrum and Micah Patton who received clarification regarding the TAP Sidewalk Project, the County Line West Gas Project and the upcoming 1% Occupational License Tax.

Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) for the purpose of discussions of pending litigation against or on behalf of the City of Murray. **Mr. Pittman moved; seconded by Mr. Scott.**

Mayor Rose called for a roll call vote. All present voted aye. (7:17 p.m.)

Mr. Bell moved for the Council to leave executive session; **seconded by Mr. Roberts.** (8:02 p.m.)

With no other business before the Council, **Mr. Billington moved** to adjourn; **seconded by Mr. Bohannon.** All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Jack Rose, Mayor

ATTEST

Jim Osborne, City Clerk