

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL

March 22, 2018

6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session Thursday, March 22, 2018, 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, Dan Miller, Jason Pittman, John Mark Roberts, Pat Scott, Jane Shoemaker

**Council Member Absent:** Burton Young

**Staff Present:** Ron Allbritten, Robert Byczynski, Dannetta Clayton, Chris Garland, City Attorney Warren Hopkins, Tom Kutcher, Police Chief Jeff Liles, Bennett Moore, Jim Osborne, David Roberts, Kim Wyatt

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

After a moment of silence, Robert Billington led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of March 8, 2018, were presented for approval. **Mr. Bell moved; seconded by Mr. Roberts. All present voted Aye.**

### **Mayor's Report**

- a) Mayor Rose recognized Rick Murdock, co-founder of Ag Connections. Mr. Murdock gave a brief history of how the company began and announced they will be moving to Murray. He stated he plans to use the City roads to drive to the new office in Murray and he plans to pay the Occupational Tax, in order for Murray to grow and be successful. Mr. Murdock recognized Pete Clark, co-founder, Joe Ben Bogle, and Brandon Sharp. Mr. Clark gave an overall presentation on why they are moving to Murray and what it means to their company. Mr. Bogle stated Murray Electric System will provide the band width and speed their company needs and is the most cost effective. Mr. Sharp shared their server hosting needs and stated the development staff is always encouraged to use the latest and greatest technology.
- b) Mayor Rose recognized Jim Osborne. Mr. Osborne stated the retirement numbers in the budget will be affected until SB 66 comes to a resolution. He stated the budget will be presented to the Personnel & Finance Committee, no later than April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- c) Mayor Rose recognized Tom Kutcher. Mr. Kutcher gave an update on the progress of three capital projects; the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade project, the Water Plant Clearwell project, and the East Clarks River Pump Station project.

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

Mayor Rose recognized Public Safety Committee Chairman Robert Billington. Chairman Billington reported that the Committee had a meeting scheduled prior to the Council meeting with one item on the agenda: Closure of South Third Street between Elm and Poplar Streets.

**Ordinance Number 2018-1753** (first reading) an ordinance closing a portion of South Third Street, beginning at Poplar Street and ending at Elm Street, being 375', with a 60' right-of-way, shown upon the plat of the Town of Murray, shown on Plat Book H, Page 498, in the Calloway County Court Clerk's office, being situated entirely within property owned by the First Baptist Church. **Mr. Billington moved; seconded by Mr. Roberts.**

Dr. Miller stated a member of St. Leo's Church asked him, if they had a need for additional parking, could they close a portion of Payne Street, because they own property on both sides of Payne. Dr. Miller stated he wants to make the Council aware of the unintended consequences of closing South Third Street.

Mayor Rose called for a roll call vote. Mr. Bolin did not vote.

**Ayes:** Mr. Billington, Ms. Cherry, Mr. Roberts

**Nays:** Mr. Bell, Mr. Bohannon, Mr. Hudspeth, Dr. Miller, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Scott, Ms. Shoemaker

With no other business before the Council, **Mr. Billington moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Bohannon. All present voted Aye.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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Jack Rose, Mayor

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Dannetta Clayton, City Clerk