

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

April 12, 2018

6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session Thursday, April 12, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Jack Rose presiding.

Council Members Present: Robert Billington, Johnny Bohannon, Wesley Bolin, Linda Cherry, Danny Hudspeth, Dan Miller, Jason Pittman, John Mark Roberts, Pat Scott, Jane Shoemaker, Burton Young

Council Member Absent: Jeremy Bell

Staff Present: Ron Allbritten, Robert Byczynski, Dannetta Clayton, City Attorney Warren Hopkins, Police Chief Jeff Liles, Bennett Moore, Cathy Morris, Jim Osborne, David Roberts, Justin Smith, Zach Warren, Kim Wyatt

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

Before having a moment of silence, Mayor Rose asked everyone to remember the helicopter pilots in Ft. Campbell. Dr. Young led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of March 22, 2018, were presented for approval. **Mr. Bohannon moved; seconded by Ms. Shoemaker. All present voted Aye.**

Recognize Retiree Mr. Osborne presented Lawrence Webb, who recently retired, with a plaque for his dedicated service to the City of Murray. Mr. Webb stated it had been an honor and privilege to work for the City of Murray.

Mayor's Report

- a) Mayor Rose stated that Ben Chandler will speak as soon as he arrived from a meeting at Murray State. He will speak about the possibility of establishing a smoke free community.
- b) Mayor Rose recognized Ron Allbritten. Mr. Allbritten stated the spring brush pick up will begin April 16, 2018, in the northwest section of the City, and work clock-wise throughout the City.

Public Comment Mayor Rose recognized Dr. Ken Winters. Dr. Winters spoke in favor of closing South Third Street between Poplar Street and Elm Street. Mayor Rose recognized Marty Futrell. Mr. Futrell spoke in opposition of closing South Third Street between Poplar Street and Elm Street.

Ordinance Number 2018-1753 (second 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 Ms. Shoemaker.**

After an in-depth discussion, Mayor Rose called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Bolin, Mr. Scott, and Dr. Young did not vote.

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

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

Mayor Rose recognized Ben Chandler, President and CEO of the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky. Mr. Chandler stated the foundation promotes public policies that lead to better health. He stated their goal is to lower the cancer rate. He stated the Commonwealth leads the nation in smoking. Mr. Chandler stated that 1/3 of all cancer is caused by smoking. Mr. Chandler urged the City of Murray to pass a Smoke-Free Ordinance.

Recommendation from the Planning Commission to amend Chapter 156 (Zoning Code) of the City of Murray Code of Ordinances (Sign Regulations) to allow electronic reader boards within residential zones for churches. Mayor Rose recognized David Roberts, who explained the implications of the text amendment. After discussion, **Mr. Scott moved for approved; second by Dr. Miller. All present voted aye.**

Resolution 2018-003 a resolution authorizing the Mayor to make an application for and enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Homeland Security and/or Commonwealth of Kentucky for grant funds in the amount of \$59,550.75 for a communications project (portable radios) to be administered by the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. **Dr. Miller moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Roberts. All present voted aye.**

Mayor Rose recognized Transportation Committee Chairman Dan Miller. Chairman Miller reported the Committee had a meeting prior to the Council meeting to discuss transportation issues within the City. He stated the Committee will be prioritizing those issues, looking at project costs, and will make a recommendation to the Council at a later date.

Mayor Rose recognized Personnel and Finance Committee Chairman Johnny Bohannon. Chairman Bohannon reported the Committee had a meeting prior to the Council meeting with two items on the agenda: Ordinance Number 2018-1754, and Ordinance Number 2018-1755. Chairman Bohannon recognized Jim Osborne. Mr. Osborne stated Ordinance Number 2018-1754 sets the 2018 tax rate in the amount the Mayor's Committee recommended, which is a total of .031. Mr. Osborne stated the previous tax rate was .4260. Mr. Hudspeth asked what the total reduction of income for the City would be. Mr. Osborne stated \$975,560 for property, \$98,600 for tangibles, and \$52,957 for vehicle and motor craft.

Ordinance Number 2018-1754 (first reading) an ordinance amending Chapter 96: Taxation, specifically Chapter §96.03 Ad Valorem Tax for the purpose of adopting the 2018 annual county assessment for property situated within the City as a basis for ad valorem tax levies. **Mr. Bohannon moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Billington.**

Mayor Rose called for a roll call vote.

Ayes: Mr. Billington, Mr. Bohannon, Mr. Bolin, Ms. Cherry, Dr. Miller, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Scott, Ms. Shoemaker

Nays: Mr. Hudspeth, Dr. Young

Chairman Bohannon recognized Kim Wyatt and Jim Osborne. Ms. Wyatt and Mr. Osborne explained each section of Ordinance Number 2018-1755.

Ordinance Number 2018-1755 (first reading) an ordinance amending Ordinance Number 2017-1738, an Ordinance which adopted the FY 2018 City of Murray, Kentucky Annual Budget by restating certain revenues and expenditures for the City of Murray Operations Budget. **Mr. Bohannon moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Pittman.**

Mayor Rose called for a roll call vote.

Ayes: Mr. Billington, Mr. Bohannon, Mr. Bolin, Ms. Cherry, Mr. Hudspeth, Dr. Miller, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Scott, Ms. Shoemaker, Dr. Young

Nays: None

Surplus Property Mayor Rose recognized Jim Osborne. Mr. Osborne stated the Police Department has a list of items it wishes to surplus. **Mr. Pittman moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Roberts. All present voted Aye.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Jack Rose, Mayor

ATTEST

Dannetta Clayton, City Clerk