

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

November 11, 2021

6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday November 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Bob Rogers presiding.

Council Members Present: Johnny Bohannon, Wesley Bolin, Linda Cherry, Danny Hudspeth, Monty McCuiston, Dr. Burton Young, Rose Elder, Dr. Dan Miller, Pat Seiber and Jeremy Bell.

Council Members Absent: John Mark Roberts

Staff Present: Jim Osborne, Ron Allbritten, Tom Emery, Kim Miles, Rakov Aetherus, Warren Hopkins, Chief Jeff Liles and Bob Byczynski.

Mayor Rogers called the meeting to order and welcomed Council members, staff, and guests.

After a moment of reflection, Dr. Young led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the Council meeting of October 28, 2021 were presented for approval. **Dr. Miller moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Bohannon. All members present voted Aye.**

Mayor's Report: The Mayor asked that each person present and each person watching or listening tonight to remember our Veterans. He stated he had the good fortune today of going to a ceremony this morning at the American Legion and this afternoon at the Chestnut Park for the VFW. While preparing to speak he came across an article that said, "It isn't the missiles or the awesome equipment that makes our military strong. It is the people in the military that makes our military strong". The Mayor also said he read, "We will remain the Land of the Free, as long as we continue to be the Home of the Brave". The Mayor stated he saw all of those brave men and women out there today, some were on walkers, some were limping but they all were proud of the brotherhood they had become. The Mayor also, recognized Dr. Young as the Keynote Speaker at the American Legion and Mr. McCuiston as the recipient of the Citizens of the Year Award. The Mayor was pleased with how well they represent our Council.

The Mayor wanted to remind everyone our next meeting is a scheduled meeting on Tuesday November 23rd and there would only be one meeting in December and that would be on the 9th of December. That will be the only Council Meeting we have in the month of December.

The Mayor also wanted to ask everyone to be aware that Covid is on the spike again. If you haven't received a vaccination he encourages you to do so. Remember when going to Holiday functions to be safe. The Mayor also noted several things going on in our community. Shane Andrus will be inducted into the MSU Hall of Fame, Murray High Football is still in the play offs and the Murray High Band is going to State.

The 2021 tax bills were mailed on Wednesday November 10, 2021 which was later than normal. The Mayor asked if anyone wanted to make a motion to extend the deadline.

Dr. Miller made a motion to extend the Property Tax deadline until December 31, 2021; seconded by Mr. Bell. All members present voted Aye

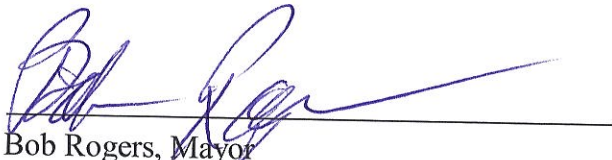
Public Works Committee Report: The Mayor recognized Mr. Hudspeth to give a report on the meeting that took place prior to the Council meeting. Mr. Hudspeth stated that all members of the committee were present and had one item on their agenda, a concrete bid. Mr. Hudspeth stated that bid came from SRM Concrete. Mr. Hudspeth recognized Mr. Allbritten to go over the details. Mr. Allbritten stated any bid over \$30,000.00 must go before Council and with all the sidewalk work we having going on we will need a bid for concrete. The only bid came from Smyrna Concrete who is located in Murray. The pricing varied on what type of concrete that we would need at the time of purchase.

Mr. Hudspeth made a motion to approve the bid; seconded by Ms. Rouse. All members present voted Aye.

Cemetery Report: The Mayor recognized Ms. Cherry to give a report. Ms. Cherry stated the committee met to discuss the purchase of two long benches and three short benches for the families who have loved ones laid to rest in the cemetery. The committee would also like to have some estimates on adding some shrubs and plants to be place there as well. Ms. Cherry asked Mr. Osborne to come forward with details on some benches he had researched. Mr. Osborne stated over the past few months there has been some requests for benches. Mr. Osborne stated he searched several companies. He found some that are made out of recycled plastic that matches the mausoleum. The idea is to put an 8ft bench on the south and north sides of the mausoleum. We would place the three smaller ones in other locations. The two larger benches we would be able to anchor down to deter theft. The total cost of the benches with shipping would be \$2100.00. The benches will be coming out of Del Ray, FL. There is a shipping delay, it will be March before we get them. Mr. Osborne stated with all companies he looked at all have around the same shipping date.

Ms. Rouse made a motion to purchase the benches; seconded by Ms. Seiber. All members present voted Aye.

With no other business before the Council, **Mr. Bell moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Bohannon. All members present voted Aye.** The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.


Bob Rogers, Mayor

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Kim Miles, City Clerk