

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

October 12, 2017

6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session Thursday, October 12, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Jack Rose presiding.

Council Members Present: Jeremy Bell, Johnny Bohannon, Wesley Bolin, Dan Miller, Jason Pittman, John Mark Roberts, Pat Scott, Jane Shoemaker, Burton Young.

Council Members Absent: Robert Billington, Linda Cherry, Danny Hudspeth

Staff Present: Danna Clayton, Chris Garland, Tonya Guidry, City Attorney Warren Hopkins, Tom Kutcher, Chief Jeff Liles, Cathy Morris, Jim Osborne, Tammy Roberts, Marilyn Downey, Zachary Warren and Kim Wyatt

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

After a moment of silence, Jeremy Bell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of September 28, 2017, were presented for approval. **Ms. Shoemaker moved; seconded by Mr. Bohannon.** All present voted Aye.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Rose reported on the Kentucky League of Cities conference. Mayor Rose advised the Council that a big issue discussed at the conference was pension reform. He reported that he had received information prior to the Council meeting that it appeared that separation of CERS was not going to be part of the bill introduced in the legislature. He reiterated his support for the separation of the plan. Mayor Rose went on to report that he was in the process of getting a letter drafted to Senator Humphries and Representative Imes asking them to be aware of the nearly \$1,000,000.00 dollars in extra expense to the City of Murray based on the reported proposal. Mayor Rose expressed his frustration with the edict and the repercussions it would have on the City of Murray and other cities and counties.

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

Mayor Rose recognized John McConnell with McConnell insurance who spoke to the Council regarding the employee health insurance plan. Mr. McConnell stated that there was an uptick in claims this year over the same period last year. Mr. McConnell stated that due to MedBen's claims adjudication and mitigation, the City of Murray only saw about a 2% increase over the last year and therefore the trust balance was being maintained and moving in the right direction. Mr. McConnell reported that the renewal offer received was a good one and it offered more protection to the City of Murray trust fund. Mayor Rose then recognized Cathy Morris to speak about the insurance proposal. Ms. Morris stated that the City of Murray was currently using MedBen as the third party administrator for insurance claims. Ms. Morris stated that based off MedBen's performance and diligence with City of Murray claims, it was the recommendation of the Mayor's Office to continue the contract with MedBen for calendar year 2018. Ms. Morris also reported that the Mayor's Office recommended that U.S. Fire be the provider of the stop loss coverage for the City due to the protection it offered the trust fund balance. Ms. Morris went on to report that those two recommendations netted an increase in cost of approximately \$27,000.00 but due to trust fund performance it was the recommendation of the Mayor's office that the trust fund absorb that cost increase and keep premiums the same for City of Murray employees. Ms. Morris closed her report by advising the Council that the Internal Revenue Service is changing the deductible amounts for health savings plans. These deductibles are changing to \$2700.00 for single plans and \$5400.00 for family plans. Due to that change Ms. Morris stated that it was the recommendation of the Mayor's Office that the City of Murray contribution to employee health savings accounts be increased to \$800.00 for single plans and \$1850.00 for family plans. Ms. Morris reported that these changes netted an increased cost of \$11,000.00 to the City of Murray. **Mr. Bohannon moved; Dr. Miller seconded.**

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

Mayor Rose recognized Personnel and Finance Committee Chairman Johnny Bohannon. Mr. Bohannon reported that the Committee had a meeting scheduled prior to the Council meeting, however the Committee did not have a quorum and no business was conducted. Mr. Bohannon went on to state that it was his recommendation that the entire Council review Ordinance 2017-1747 which would reduce the insurance premium tax percentage to 8.5% initially. Mayor Rose reported that was a reduction of 1%. Mayor Rose explained that the City of Murray was bound by Commonwealth of Kentucky statutes on when this reduction could occur and the change would take effect July 1, 2018. Mayor Rose went on to state that the Mayor's Committee to Review Needs, Expenditures and Revenue Sources had recommended a 2.25% reduction and this was the first step towards implementing that. Mayor Rose reported that it was his desire to revisit the issue after revenues are reviewed and make the second reduction at a later time.

Ordinance Number 2017-1747 An ordinance amending City of Murray Code of Ordinances CHAPTER 112 Insurance Companies, specifically §112.02 Payment of License Tax, in order to reduce the insurance premium tax percentage. **Mr. Bohannon moved; Mr. Pittman seconded.**

Mayor Rose called for a roll call vote.

Ayes: Mr. Bell, Mr. Bohannon, Mr. Bolin, Dr. Miller, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Scott, Ms. Shoemaker, Dr. Young.

Nays: None

Mayor Rose made a **Recommendation** to appoint Jim Osborne as City Administrator effective November 1, 2017. **Mr. Bohannon moved; Mr. Roberts seconded.** Mayor Rose called for a voice vote.

All present voted Aye.

Mayor Rose made a **Recommendation** to appoint Danna Clayton to fill the vacant City Clerk position effective November 1, 2017. **Mr. Roberts moved; seconded by Ms. Shoemaker.** Mayor Rose called for a voice vote.

All present voted Aye.

Municipal Order 2017-024 Reappointing Gayle Balentine to the City of Murray Code Enforcement Board. **Mr. Roberts moved; seconded by Mr. Pittman.** Mayor Rose called for a voice vote.

All present voted Aye.

Municipal Order 2017-025 Reappointing Mike Basiak to the City of Murray Code Enforcement Board. **Mr. Bolin moved; seconded by Mr. Scott.** Mayor Rose called for a voice vote.

All present voted Aye.

Municipal Order 2017-026 Reappointing Gerald Washington to the Human Rights Commission. **Mr. Bell moved; seconded by Mr. Pittman.** Mayor Rose called for a voice vote.

All present voted Aye.

Set Halloween Hours Mayor Rose opened the floor for discussion of Halloween hours. After a brief discussion **Dr. Miller moved; seconded by Ms. Shoemaker** to set Halloween hours from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on October 31, 2017. Mayor Rose called for a roll call vote.

All present voted Aye.

With no other business before the Council, **Mr. Roberts** moved to adjourn; **seconded by Mr. Bohannon**. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Jack Rose, Mayor

ATTEST

Jim Osborne, City Clerk