

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

September 26, 2019

6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Bob Rogers presiding.

Council Members Present: Jeremy Bell, Wesley Bolin, Linda Cherry, Rose Elder, Danny Hudspeth, Monty McCuiston, Dan Miller, John Mark Roberts, Alice Rouse, Pat Seiber, Terry Strieter, Burton Young

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ron Allbritten, Bob Byczynski, Dannetta Clayton, Officer John Cooper, City Attorney Warren Hopkins, Tom Kutcher, Bennett Moore, James Oakley, Jim Osborne, Justin Smith, Kim Wyatt

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

After a moment of reflection, Terry Strieter led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the Council meeting of September 12, 2019 were presented for approval. **Mr. Hudspeth moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Roberts. All members present voted Aye.**

Mayor's Report

Mayor Rogers recognized Mr. Tom Kutcher. Mr. Kutcher gave an update on the progress of three capital projects: the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade, the Water Plant Clearwell project, and the East Clarks River Pump Station project.

Dr. Miller moved to open a public hearing for the purpose of obtaining written or oral comments regarding the proposed tax rate for 2019; seconded by Mr. Roberts. All members present voted Aye. Mayor Rogers declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone in attendance had a written or oral comment they would like to submit. Mr. Orville Herndon came forward and stated he is a resident, worker, and voter in the City of Murray. He thanked the Council for not raising the property tax rate, and asked the Council to consider reducing the property tax rate next year. Being no further comments, **Dr. Miller moved to close the public hearing; seconded by Mr. Roberts. All members present voted Aye.**

Ordinance Number 2019-1783 (second reading) an ordinance amending Chapter 96: Taxation, specifically Chapter §96.03 Ad Valorem Tax for the purpose of adopting the annual county assessment for property situated within the city as a basis for ad valorem tax levies. **Mr. Hudspeth moved for approval; seconded by Ms. Rouse.**

Dr. Miller stated Mayor Rose made a pledge to not raise the property tax rate as long as he was in office, and during his last term in 2018, Mayor Rose reduced the property tax rate by twenty-five percent.

Mayor Rogers called for a roll call vote.

Ayes: Mr. Bell, Mr. Bolin, Ms. Cherry, Ms. Elder, Mr. Hudspeth, Mr. McCuiston, Dr. Miller, Mr.

Roberts, Ms. Rouse, Ms. Seiber, Dr. Strieter, Dr. Young

Nays: None

Ordinance Number 2019-1787 (first reading) an ordinance amending Chapter 54: Storm Water Utility, specifically Chapter §54.02, Paragraphs (D) and (E) for the purpose of updating the stormwater utility fee to adequately accommodate the costs of funding water quality mandates, drainage improvement projects and system rehabilitations.

Mayor Rogers stated the ordinance is a recommendation from the Public Works Committee and the Personnel and Finance Committee. He stated for clarification, if the ordinance passes there will be an increase of \$2.00 per month for the stormwater fee.

Ordinance Number 2019-1788 (first reading) an ordinance creating a new chapter 134, Municipal Appeals Board, in order to adopt and ensure compliance with ordinances of the City of Murray, specifically establishing an appeals board where no appeals board currently exists for those appeals set forth in ordinances that provide for an appeal upon a final decision by the administrative action of the administrator, department or other city agency.

Mayor Rogers stated the ordinance is putting an appeals procedure in place for anyone that disagrees with a decision of a board that doesn't already have an appeals board.

Ordinance Number 2019-1784 (second reading) an ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the code of ordinances of the City of Murray, Kentucky. **Mr. Roberts moved for approval; seconded by Mr. McCuiston.**

Mr. Osborne stated the ordinance is approving the codification of ordinances to be placed on AmLegal.

Mayor Rogers called for a roll call vote.

Ayes: Mr. Bell, Mr. Bolin, Ms. Cherry, Ms. Elder, Mr. Hudspeth, Mr. McCuiston, Dr. Miller, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Rouse, Ms. Seiber, Dr. Strieter, Dr. Young

Nays: None

Ordinance Number 2019-1785 (second reading) an ordinance accepting three (3) newly constructed streets located in Deer Meadow Subdivision, Unit 2, specifically: a street being 545 feet in length, having a 50 foot right of way, known as Bambi Lane; a street being 120 feet in length, having a 50 foot right of way and known as North Deer Court, and a street being 180 feet in length, having a 50 foot right of way and known as South Deer Court. Both North Deer Court and South Deer Court are 60 foot radius cul-de-sacs. **Mr. Hudspeth moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Roberts.**

Ms. Cherry asked when the streets were developed, if the City inspected the streets to verify they met specifications. Mr. Smith stated the City has a stamped approval from an engineer, and the City does perform inspections.

Dr. Strieter congratulated the planning department for having the developer construct sidewalks.

Mayor Rogers called for a roll call vote.

Ayes: Mr. Bell, Mr. Bolin, Ms. Cherry, Ms. Elder, Mr. Hudspeth, Mr. McCuiston, Dr. Miller, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Rouse, Ms. Seiber, Dr. Strieter, Dr. Young

Nays: None

Ordinance Number 2019-1786 (second reading) an ordinance accepting three (3) newly constructed streets located in Vintage Hills Subdivision, Phase II, specifically: a street being 2,023 feet in length and 29 feet wide, having a 50 foot right of way and consisting of two 14.5 foot drive lanes, known as Vintage Hills Drive; a street being 344 feet in length and 29 feet wide, having a 50 foot right of way and consisting of two 14.5 foot drive lanes, known as Cross Cut Drive, and a street being 348 feet in length and 29 feet wide, having a 50 foot right of way and consisting of two 14.5 foot drive lanes, known as Wagon Wheel Drive. **Dr. Strieter moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Roberts.**

Mayor Rogers called for a roll call vote.

Ayes: Mr. Bell, Mr. Bolin, Ms. Cherry, Ms. Elder, Mr. Hudspeth, Mr. McCuiston, Dr. Miller, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Rouse, Ms. Seiber, Dr. Strieter, Dr. Young

Nays: None

Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1) (b) for the purpose of deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property. **Mr. Hudspeth moved to enter Executive Session; seconded by Ms. Cherry. All members present voted Aye (6:56 p.m.).**

Mayor Rogers introduced Misba Sattar an exchange student from Hunza, Pakistan. Ms. Sattar stated her purpose in the United States is to introduce Pakistani culture, learn the American culture, and upon her return to Pakistan, be an ambassador of both cultures. She stated there is no doubt that Murray is considered the friendliest town in America.

Dr. Miller moved to leave Executive Session; seconded by Ms. Seiber. All members present voted Aye (7:20 p.m.)

With no other business before the Council, **Dr. Miller moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Bell. All members present voted Aye.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Bob Rogers, Mayor

ATTEST

Dannetta Clayton, City Clerk