

## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

September 24, 2020

6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 24, 2020 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, John Mark Roberts, Alice Rouse, Pat Seiber, Terry Strieter, Burton Young

**Council Members Absent:** Dan Miller

**Staff Present:** Bob Byczynski, Dannelta Clayton, City Attorney Warren Hopkins, Jeff Liles, Zach Warren, Kim Wyatt

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

After a moment of reflection, Danny Hudspeth led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the Council meeting of September 10, 2020 were presented for approval. **Mr. Roberts moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Strieter. All members present voted Aye.**

### Mayor's Report

Mayor Rogers stated the Council generally sets the hours for Halloween. He stated the Calloway County Health Department recommends to not promote door to door trick or treating, and to encourage everyone to participate in the Trail of Treats, beginning at Central Park and ending at Bee Creek, on October 30, 2020, from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Mayor Rogers stated the kids will stay in the car, hold their containers out the window, and the vendors will put the candy in their container. Ms. Cherry asked about traffic control. Mayor Rogers stated he will ask Chief Liles to provide assistance at the Park. Mr. Hudspeth asked if the Park Board will take donations for treats. Ms. Cherry stated the vendors supply the treats. Mr. Bell stated donations could be made at the Park office.

Mayor Rogers reminded everyone that there is only six more days until the end of the census. He encouraged everyone to complete the census, because it is very important to our City.

Mayor Rogers stated that several Council members have asked if the city gets a response from resolutions that are passed. He stated on June 25, 2020, a resolution was passed regarding the statue, and no official acknowledgement has been received. He stated on July 23, 2020, a resolution was passed regarding the 911 fee, and no official acknowledgement has been received. Mayor Rogers stated he read an article in the Ledger that the County has formed an Appeals Committee to hear appeals from anyone that believes they should not pay the 911 fee. Mr. Hudspeth asked if there was a recourse in the Courts for citizens of Murray that do not believe they should pay the 911 fee. Mayor Rogers stated he believes they should request an appeal from the Appeals Committee. Ms. Seiber asked if there is a deadline to the appeals process. Mayor Rogers stated he will find out and let the citizens know.

Mayor Rogers recognized Zach Warren. He stated Zach is a really outstanding employee and is

leaving the City to start his own business. Mayor Rogers thanked Zach for all he has done for the City and wished him the best.

**Ordinance Number 2020-1800** (first 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.

Mayor Rogers recognized Kim Wyatt. Ms. Wyatt stated the ordinance changes the tax rate to \$0.3154, which is a 4% allowable growth rate per KRS 132. She stated at this rate the total projected revenue increase will be \$237,702.00, over the prior year. Ms. Wyatt stated the 4% allowable increase in revenues is not a rate increase of 4%. She stated for a property owner with an assessment of \$100,000.00, it will be an annual increase of \$5.40, and for a property owner with an assessment of \$150,000.00, it will be an annual increase of \$8.10. Ms. Wyatt stated this rate does include the fire and police pension fund rate of \$0.0165.

**Ordinance Number 2020-1801** (first reading) an ordinance amending City of Murray Code of Ordinances, Chapter 112: Insurance Companies, specifically §112.02: Payment of License Tax in order to update and clarify the language contained therein and to create a new Subchapter, specifically §112.05 to identify exceptions to the payment of tax in this Chapter.

Mayor Rogers recognized Warren Hopkins. Mr. Hopkins stated the ordinance was drafted from the request of the Personnel and Finance Committee to help with economic development. He stated if a business meets certain guidelines, they will not pay the insurance premium tax, but will pay a \$20,000.00 business license fee. Mr. Hopkins stated the guidelines are: the employer maintains annual gross revenues in excess of \$100,000,000.00; the employer employees no less than 100 full-time equivalent employees; the employer is engaged in interstate transportation; and the corporate domicile is located and remains within the city limits.

**Ordinance Number 2020-1802** (first reading) an ordinance amending City of Murray Code of Ordinances, §110 General License Requirements, specifically §110.10 License Tax, Subparagraph (C) to include a new classification and rate for businesses excepted from paying a license tax in Chapter §112.05.

### **Consent Agenda**

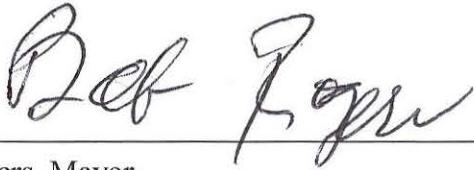
Mayor Rogers recognized Terry Strieter. Dr. Strieter stated the tree board ordinance has been updated and made more current. He stated the City Beautification Committee and the Tree Board Committees are trying to make the City more beautiful.

- a) **Municipal Order Number 2020-021** to appoint Terry Strieter to the Tree Board for a one (1) year term. Said term will expire September 24, 2021.
- b) **Municipal Order Number 2020-022** to appoint Georgia Douglas to the Tree Board for a one (1) year term. Said term will expire September 24, 2021.
- c) **Municipal Order Number 2020-023** to appoint Joy Waldrop to the Tree Board for a one (1) year term. Said term will expire September 24, 2021.
- d) **Municipal Order Number 2020-024** to appoint Matt Chadwick to the Tree Board for a two (2) year term. Said term will expire September 24, 2022.
- e) **Municipal Order Number 2020-025** to appoint Oliver Muscio to the Tree Board for a two (2) year term. Said term will expire September 24, 2022.
- f) **Municipal Order Number 2020-026** to appoint Paula Willis to the Tree Board for a three (3) year term. Said term will expire September 24, 2023.
- g) **Municipal Order Number 2020-027** to appoint Scott Seiber to the Tree Board for a three (3) year term. Said term will expire September 24, 2023.

**Ms. Rouse moved to accept the consent agenda; seconded by Mr. Hudspeth. Ms. Seiber recused herself from voting. All members present voted Aye.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



Bob Rogers, Mayor

ATTEST



Dannelta Clayton, City Clerk

