

## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

January 28, 2021

6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via video with Mayor Bob Rogers presiding.

**Council Members Present:** Jeremy Bell – (6:41), Johnny Bohannon, Wesley Bolin, Linda Cherry, Rose Elder, Danny Hudspeth, Monty McCuiston, Dan Miller, John Mark Roberts, Alice Rouse, Pat Seiber, Burton Young

**Council Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Dannetta Clayton, City Attorney Warren Hopkins, Bennett Moore, Jim Osborne, Kim Wyatt

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

After a moment of reflection, Mayor Rogers led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the Council meeting of January 14, 2021 were presented for approval. **Mr. Roberts moved for approval; seconded by Dr. Young. All members present voted Aye.**

Mayor Rogers recognized Jim Osborne. Mr. Osborne stated as of today, 372 applicants that have signed up for the recycling program, which is very close to enough applicants to develop routes and to get the containers. He stated he and Ms. Wyatt have worked to get the utility system ready to accept the payments for recycling. The Council had a brief discussion on distribution of flyers and notifying citizens of the program.

Mayor Rogers stated there are phases for the COVID vaccine. Phase 1A was for Long Term Care facilities, Assistant Living facilities, and health care workers, and that phase is complete. Phase 1B is for First Responders, anyone that is 70 years of age or over, and K-12 school personnel. He stated the first responders and school personnel have received the first shot, and the emphasis now will be on anyone 70 years of age or older, followed by 60 years of age or older.

Mr. Bolin stated Murray High School had a scary situation with a series of threats that lead to a lockdown the first day, and an evacuation the second day. Mr. Bolin complimented the Murray Police Department on the incredible work they did to keep everyone safe. He also mention the excellent work of David Maddox the school resource officer, who was the only officer there until backup arrived, and also the work of Officer Wiggins with the press briefing. He stated partners from all over the region were involved, and everyone did a good job in a tense situation to make sure the students and the staff were safe and protected.

Mayor Rogers recognized Krista Romaine from Romaine and Associates. Ms. Romaine presented the FY 20 Audit Report. Ms. Romaine stated the Independent Audit Report as an unmodified opinion, which is a clean opinion, and there were no internal findings. Ms. Romaine applauded the City for being able to provide the services needed, during this difficult time, without dipping into the reserves. Ms. Romaine explained the deficit for the net position of government activities due to the pension liability. Ms. Romaine also explained the Statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position for the utilities. Ms. Romaine stated overall in FY 20 the City has operated very efficient.

Dr. Miller asked Ms. Wyatt to share information regarding property taxes. Ms. Wyatt stated between July 1, 2020 and January 21, 2021, the City collected \$3,096,000.00 in property taxes. She stated for the same time period the previous, the City collected \$2,900,000.00 in property taxes. Ms. Wyatt stated there was a slight increase in the rate and another driving force was a lot of homeowners refinanced their property because of low interest rates. She stated this year to date, \$36,488.00 has been collected for business licenses, and last year for the same time period \$43,658.00 was collected.

**Dr. Miller made a motion to approve the FY 20 audit report; seconded by Ms. Elder. All members present voted Aye.**

**Ordinance Number 2021-1806** (first reading) an ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Murray, Kentucky.

**Ordinance Number 2021-1805** (second reading) an ordinance amending City of Murray Code of Ordinances, Chapter 93 Health and Sanitation, Subchapter §93.04 City's Responsibility; Private Collectors Prohibited, specifically paragraph (D)(1) Recycling Material; § 93.05 Special Collections; Charges; Denial of Services; Prohibited Items; Call Back and Special Pickup; §93.06 Monthly Statements; Cessation of Charge; §93.08 Schedule of Fees, in order to update the current recycling rules and regulations and update current fees for collection. **Mr. Bohannon moved for approval; seconded by Ms. Rouse.**

Mayor Rogers called for a roll call vote.

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

**Nays:** None

With no other business before the Council, **Mr. Bell moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Roberts. All members present voted Aye.** The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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Bob Rogers, Mayor

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Dannetta Clayton, City Clerk