

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

April 22, 2021

6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Bob Rogers presiding.

Council Members Present: Jeremy Bell, Wesley Bolin, Rose Elder, Danny Hudspeth, Monty McCuiston, Dan Miller, John Mark Roberts, Alice Rouse, Pat Seiber, Johnny Bohannon and Burton Young

Council Members Absent: Linda Cherry

Staff Present: Bob Byczynski, Danna Clayton, City Attorney Warren Hopkins, Jeff Liles, Zach Warren, Jim Osborne, Marisa Stewart and Kim Miles

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

Mayor Rogers announced that Ann Danner, who worked in the Finance Department for almost eleven years had passed away from an illness she had been fighting for a long time. He asked that Ann and her family be remembered in a moment of silence.

Ms. Rose Elder led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the Council meeting of April 8, 2021 were presented for approval. **John Mark Roberts moved for approval; seconded by Monty McCuiston. All members present voted Aye.**

Mayor's Report

Mayor Rogers stated the he would encourage anyone who has not had a Covid Vaccination to get one. It is his understanding that when get to 2.5 million Kentuckians vaccinated most restrictions will be lifted except meetings or gatherings with over 1,000 people attending. Please encourage those who have not had a vaccination to get one.

Mayor Rogers recognized Public Safety Committee Chair, Wesley Bolin to give a report on the meeting held prior to the Council Meeting. Mr. Bolin stated Marisa Stewart, Project Manager gave an update on the new fire station located on S 16th St. The project is currently on schedule and possibly will be completed by June 28th, 2021. After completing the new station the old one will be demolished. We are looking into getting the City's emblem put on the new station this will depend on cost. Mr. Bolin mentioned a letter that was sent to the editor at Murray Ledger and Times on how a young girl wanted the trees replaced at the project site. Mr. Bolin thought it would be a good idea around Earth Day for the City to partner with the Tree Board and reforest the area around the new station. Mr. Bolin opened the floor for questions on the fire station and there were none. Mayor Rogers said there was only one monetary change order and it was not significant. There was about 41 days lost to weather or Covid on this project. The Mayor complimented the architects of the building and all who have worked on this project. Asbestos will have to be removed from the old fire station once the new one is completed.

The Mayor recognized Deana Wright to give a 2020 report on Main St. The first item she discussed was the annual report. She stated it started out really well then it went downhill. There are four working committees. The Economic Vitality Committee is working to find funding for activities

they are doing. The Design Committee continued to work on adding art to downtown and complete the “Imagination Alley” to make our downtown area look good. The Organization Committee is membership based to raise money for the budget. The Promotions Committee promotes downtown through social media platforms, they introduce new and traditional events in the new normal. Ms. Wright went over how they are funded and how they have used that money. She also talked about a grant they would be applying for. Wi-Fi for the Farmer’s Market was discussed. Wi-Fi is very expensive and she is not sure they can afford it. The broad band was not strong enough to support it last year. Mayor Rogers said in May we will discuss if we can help with is or not. If we peruse applying for the grant we will need to update our ordinance. **Burton Young made a motion to proceed with updating the ordinance; seconded by Jeremy Bell. All members present voted Aye.**

The Mayor thanked Mr. Osborne for working with everyone who was involved with putting in water faucets to water downtown planters. The water faucets can be locked and only used by someone with a key. Mrs. Alice Rouse stated all planters have been adopted. This will help beautify downtown.

Surplus property update was given by Dannetta Clayton, Planning Director. Ms. Clayton stated that on Mach 25, 2021 the Council passed a resolution to make a piece of property located off of 94 East, across from McDougal Rd surplus property to be sold. The property was acquired in March of 1999 from Water District 1, the only bid received was from Swift Farms for 4,000.00. Ms. Clayton stated that the city would have a permanent easement on that property for any utilities, wires, communication equipment or cable. **John Mark Roberts made a motion to accept the bid from Swift Farms; seconded by Johnny Bohannon. All members present voted Aye.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Bob Rogers, Mayor

ATTEST

Kim Miles, City Clerk