

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

June 10, 2021

6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday June 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Bob Rogers presiding.

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

Council Members Absent: Rose Elder (WebEx malfunction)

Staff Present: Jim Osborne, Kim Wyatt, City Attorney Warren Hopkins, Kim Miles, Zach Warren, Chief Jeff Liles and Bob Byczynski

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

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

The minutes of the Council meeting of May 27, 2021 were presented for approval. **Bohannon moved for approval; seconded by Roberts. All members present voted Aye.**

Mayor's Report: Mayor Rogers stated he really did not have anything to report on however, he did want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers and support during his brother's passing.

The Mayor recognized Cemetery Chair Linda Cherry to give a report on the meeting prior to Council. Ms. Cherry gave a detailed account of all the work that has went on in the past month. Please see the attached Cemetery Notes for a complete recap.

Ordinance Number 2021-1812 (Second Reading) an ordinance adopting the City of Murray Annual Budget for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, for the General Fund; Cemetery Fund; Alcohol Beverage Control; Municipal Aid Tax Fund; E-911 Fund; Court Award Fund; Local Government Economic Assistance Fund; Murray Natural Gas System; Murray Water and Sewer System; Murray Storm Water System; Sanitation, Transfer Station, and Central Garage Division; by estimating revenues and appropriating funds for the operation of City government.

Bohannon moved to accept the second reading of the ordinance, seconded by Alice Rouse. All members present voted yes in a roll call vote.

Ordinance Number 2021-1811 (Second Reading) an ordinance amending the City of Murray Code of Ordinances, Chapter 118 Alcohol Beverage Control, Subchapter 118.023(A) Regulatory License Fee in order to revise the regulatory license fee percentage from five (5%) percent to four (4%) percent. **Roberts moved to accept the second reading, seconded by McCuiston. All members present voted yes in a roll call vote.**

Ordinance Number 2021-1813 (First Reading) an ordinance amending Ordinance Number 2020-1796 an ordinance which adopted the FY 21 City of Murray, Kentucky annual budget by restating certain revenues and expenditures for the City of Murray Operations Budget.

No vote was necessary for this reading.

Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(b) for the purpose of deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property. (Voice Vote to enter executive session and a voice vote to end executive session). At 6:50 p.m. **Bell moved to enter executive session, seconded by Bohannon.** At 7:30 p.m. **Roberts moved to adjourn executive session, seconded by Bell.**

With no other business before the Council, **Bell moved to adjourn; seconded by Rouse. All members present voted Aye.** The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Bob Rogers, Mayor

ATTEST

Kim Miles, City Clerk

Good evening,

My city council Cemetery Committee members, Alice Rouse-my co-chair, Pat Seiber, John Mark Roberts, Johnny Bohannon, and Dr. Burton Young are hosting a Remembrance Dedication to honor the memory of those early settlers--those mothers, fathers, children, and infants--who lived here around 200 years ago, and whose headstones have been scattered throughout the oldest part of our cemetery. Consequently, since our cemetery records only go back as far as the early 1900s, their gravesites have become forever lost over the ages.

Some of them have been cleaned and identified, and are now re-located in an area of the cemetery that has been set aside to be their final resting place.

When the article by Martha Andrus about the cemetery committee project appeared in the Ledger & Times, I received numerous emails and phone calls from citizens who were pleased to learn what we were doing and who wanted to know how they could help: The Murray Genealogical Society and the Murray/Calloway Co. Historical Society provided historical information.

Jim Osborne, our City Administrator, found the gravesites of Sara Jane Utterback's mother, father, and brother by using an app called Find a Grave. Sara Jane, born in 1831, was only 6 years old when she died in 1837. I have a 6 year- old granddaughter, so little Sara Jane became my personal inspiration for this cemetery project. I had found her well-preserved headstone propped up among many other headstones against a large burned- out tree stump in the cemetery. Calloway Monument Co. provided the monument marker, as well as the engraving, "In Memory Of Mothers, Fathers, Sons, and Daughters Who Once Were Lost but Now Will Be Remembered for Generations. Placed Here By All Those Who Care About The Heritage They Left Us."

J. H .Churchill Funeral Home erected the monument marker on the East side of the final resting place set aside for the headstones that had been stacked against the stump.

Cemetery Sexton, Tom Emery, and his crew collected the stones and cleaned and repaired them. Many of them dated back to the early 1800s. He, then, erected Sara Jane's headstone next to the graves of her parents and brother.

So what began as a mundane cemetery committee project became an actual community driven labor of love to honor the memory of those who came before us.

Linda Cherry

Chair Murray City Cemetery Committee