

## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

May 26, 2022

6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday May 26, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Bob Rogers presiding.

**Council Members Present:** Jeremy Bell, Johnny Bohannon, Wesley Bolin, Rose Elder, Danny Hudspeth, Monty McCuiston, John Mark Roberts, Linda Cherry, Alice Rouse and Burton Young.

**Council Members Absent:** Dr. Dan Miller and Pat Seiber

**Staff Present:** Warren Hopkins, Jim Osborne, Rakov Aetherus, Chief Liles, Bob Byczynski and Kim Miles.

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

After a moment of reflection, Dr. Young led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the Council meeting of May 12, 2022 were presented for approval.

**Mr. Bohannon moved for approval; seconded by Ms. Rouse. All members present voted Aye.**

**Mayor's Report:** The Mayor was pleased to announce that when Governor Beshear was visiting, we had several in attendance at both the old Briggs building and at City Hall. Our Council showed up and represented our City by attending both functions. One of the Governor's staff commented on how many Councilpersons attended. He stated this was not the case in the rest of the state. He also stated this shows unity within our Council. Mayor Rogers thanked all who came because it was a great day for Murray.

**Bonding Request for MCCH** Mr. Penner from The Murray Calloway County Hospital made a plea to Council to bond them. What this means to the City is that we will back them with their bond issue. We would support it with backing the bond with property. This would be a good time to do the bond because the hospital recently received an upgrade bond rating from Fitch to BBB stable, investment grade rating. This rating was given with expectation of issuing \$15 million in new debt, so rating would not decline due to additional borrowing. In order to maintain current bond rating and prepare for unforeseen events, the Hospital Board would like to maintain at least a 180 DCOH. Current interest rate borrowing environment is favorable for MCCH. MCCH can access a 25-year fixed rate at approximately 4.1% if they commit soon. These additional funds provide a "safety net" to address unforeseen needs and ensures MCCH remains an independent, community hospital.

**Mr. Bohannon made a motion to move forward with the bond; seconded by Mr. Bell. All members present voted Aye.**

**ABC Report** Mayor Rogers recognized Chief Liles to give the ABC Quarterly Report. Chief Liles stated for the quarter we had 52 establishments, which yielded \$126,038.38 in regulatory fees, \$400.00 in renewals and \$2500.00 in new licenses. We have 15 restaurants, 22 malt beverage, 5 taverns, 7 package stores, 1 caterer, 1 microbrewery and 1 golf course. For a total of \$128,938.38. This report covers January 1- March 31, 2022. There was a total of 28 DUI's this quarter that is up 6 from the same time last year.

**Wayfinding Sign Update** Ms. Carrico stated all signs are placed and the lighting is almost complete after years of planning. Ms. Carrico came with a PowerPoint that showed exact placement of the signs. The Council Members complimented Ms. Carrico on a job well done. Mr. Bell stated there were other signs in the original plans, he asked Ms. Carrico what other signs she would like to see placed that was taken out of the original plans due to funding. Ms. Carrico stated she would like to see the large brick signs, like the "Welcome to Murray" placed at the park entrances.

**Personnel and Finance Report** Chair Hudspeth was called upon to give a report on the meeting that took place prior to Council. Chair Hudspeth stated that the committee met with one item on the agenda, consideration of the FY2023 Annual Budget. The committee voted to bring this budget to Council as the recommendation for the FY2023 Budget.

**Ordinance 2022-1826** (first reading) an ordinance adopting the City of Murray, Kentucky Annual Budget for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, 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. (No Vote)

**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 close executive session.

**Mr. Bohannon made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:17 P.M.; seconded by Mr. Bolin. All members present voted aye.**

**Mr. Bolin made a motion to end Executive Session at 7:28 P.M.; seconded by Ms. Elder. 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 7:29 P.M.

  
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Bob Rogers, Mayor

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Kim Miles, City Clerk