

## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

August 12, 2021

6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday August 12, 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, Dr. Dan Miller, John Mark Roberts, Alice Rouse, Pat Seiber, Dr. Burton Young, Rose Elder and Jeremy Bell.

**Council Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jim Osborne, Dannetta Clayton, Kim Miles, Zach Warren, Rakov Aetherus, Jaimey Erwin and Bob Byczynski.

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

After a moment of reflection, Mr. McCuiston led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the Council meeting of July 22, 2021 were presented for approval. **Mr. Roberts moved for approval; seconded by Dr. Young. All members present voted Aye.**

### **Mayor's Report:**

The Mayor recognized Dannetta Clayton to give an update on our Wayfinding Signage Project. Ms. Clayton was happy to announce after a very long challenging project, the state signed a final approval on the contract August 9<sup>th</sup>. The contract was signed the same day by contractor and the Mayor. The performance bond was received on the 10<sup>th</sup> and we did a notice to proceed. They must start the project on before September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. They have 150 days to complete the project. The deadline to complete is January 31, 2022.

The Mayor announced that he and Mr. Osborne had been out to check on the paving and was pleased to report 9 of the 16 streets on Mr. Allbritten's paving schedule was complete. Council had requested the streets around Murray High School and Murray Elementary be completed before school began and the Street Department was able to get those streets completed.

A Murray Fire Fighter was injured while assisting the Calloway County Fire Rescue at Saratoga Farms. The fire fighter was inside when a piece of the ceiling fell, injuring him. The Mayor went to the hospital to check on the fire fighter however, he had already been released. He is presently at home recovering.

The Mayor stated that numbers in Calloway County are rising quickly due to Covid. He said currently there are around 400 cases and we have had another death. As of today, the City had guidelines stating if any employee had to be quarantined because of Covid, they must use their accrued vacation, sick, wellness or personal time. The Mayor wanted to encourage the employees to get vaccinated so he made the recommendation of giving 10 "Covid" days to use if an employee is diagnosed with Covid, only if the employee had previously been vaccinated. Please see attached letter for more information. The Mayor asked the Council to make it official.

**Mr. Hudspeth moved to accept; seconded by Ms. Cherry. All members present voted Aye.**

Dr. Young felt it was a good idea to make it a mandate for all city employees to receive the vaccination as a part of an employment condition. The idea was tabled until Mr. Warren Hopkins, attorney for the city, could be present for any legal aspects.

The Mayor recognized Dannetta Clayton to give the details on the 201 Cross Street Bid. Ms. Clayton stated only one bid was received in the amount of \$3500.00 from April Chaney. She is the owner of the property adjacent to the property. Ms. Chaney has maintained the property for several years.

**Mr. Hudspeth made a motion to accept; seconded by Mr. Bell. All members present voted Aye.**

The Mayor recognized Jaimey Erwin to present the bid details of the Vacuum Excavator Trailer. Mr. Erwin stated the vacuum excavator is used to locate buried utility lines so that we do not have to wait on the "call before you dig" in emergencies. The current one is out dated and has been repaired many times. The intention is to keep the old one to use as a spare. The bid came in just under budget at \$63,230.75, submitted by Ditch Witch Midstates. Mr. Erwin recommended we move forward with the bid.

**Mr. Bell moved to accept; seconded by Mr. Bolin. All members present voted Aye.**

We had two (2) Municipal Orders on the agenda for a voice vote. The Municipal Orders were presented together for approval.

**Municipal Order 2021-019** Reappointing Ms. Joy Waldrop to the Electric Plant Board for a term of four (4) years. Said term will expire August 10, 2025.

**Municipal Order 2021-020** Appointing Gerald Washington to the Senior Citizens Board for a term of one (1) year. Said term to expire August 12, 2022.

**Dr. Miller moved to accept both orders, seconded by Mr. Bolin. All members present voted Aye.**

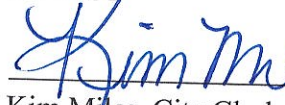
**Executive Session** pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (b) for the purpose of deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property.

At 6:53 p.m. **Mr. Bell moved to enter executive session, seconded by Dr. Miller. All members present voted Aye.** At 7:48 p.m. **Mr. Bohannon moved to adjourn executive session, seconded by Mr. Bolin. All members present voted Aye.**

With no other business before the Council, **Mr. Bell moved to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Cherry. All members present voted Aye.** The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
Bob Rogers, Mayor

ATTEST

  
Kim Miles, City Clerk

Bob Rogers  
Mayor



# City of Murray



August 10, 2021

## Covid Update:

Since Covid vaccinations were offered to City Employees back in March, we have encouraged our employees to get vaccinated. As of now, not all have done so. Our Masking Policy at this time is:

- 1) If an employee is fully vaccinated, wearing a mask is optional.
- 2) If an employee is not fully vaccinated, that employee must wear a mask when within six (6) feet of another person inside the building.

Quarantine for those who have been exposed to a case of Covid-19:

- Stay home for 14 days after your last contact with a person who has Covid-19.
- Watch for fever (100.4 F), cough, shortness of breath, or other Covid symptoms.
- If possible, stay away from people you live with, especially those who are at higher risk for getting sick from Covid.

For those who are fully vaccinated, meaning it has been at least two weeks since completion of two doses of Moderna or Pfizer or at least two weeks since one dose of Johnson and Johnson: Do not need to quarantine after contact with someone who has Covid, unless they have symptoms. However, fully vaccinated people should get tested 3-5 days after their exposure, even if they don't have symptoms and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative.

- If you have been diagnosed with COVID you should stay in isolation for 10 days after your symptoms first appeared and it has been at least 24 hours with no fever, without the use of fever reducing medications and other symptoms of Covid are improving.

From July 9<sup>th</sup>- August 10<sup>th</sup> there have been 368 cases in Calloway County. Approximately 86% of those were unvaccinated.

At the present time, there are no "Covid" days which allow those who test positive to be absent with pay.

Currently, if an employee test positive they are required to take sick or vacation days if absent from work.

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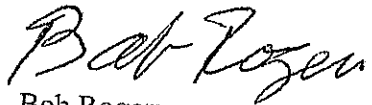
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Thursday night I will make these recommendations to encourage getting vaccinated:

- If a fully vaccinated employee test positive, they may receive their regular salary for up to the equivalent of ten (10) days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Rogers".

Bob Rogers  
Mayor  
City of Murray