MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

August 24, 2023 6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Bob Rogers presiding.

Council Members Present: Mr. Bell, Mr. Bohannon, Mr. Bolin, Mr. Darnall, Dr. Higginson, Mr. Hudspeth, Mr. McCuiston, Ms. Ross, Ms. Rouse, and Dr. Strieter.

Council Members Absent: Ms. Cherry and Mr. Roberts

Staff Present: Jim Osborne, Warren Hopkins, Kim Wyatt, Rakov Aetherus, Andrew Wiggins, and Kim Miles.

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

After a moment of reflection, Mr. Hudspeth led the pledge.

The minutes of the Council meeting of August 10, 2023 and August 14, 2023, were presented for approval.

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

<u>Mayor's Report</u> Mayor Rogers assigned Council Members to Issue Study Groups. Mayor Rogers would like recommendations to be made by the fourth Thursday of September, if possible.

- a) Should we peruse to merge the 911 with the county? Mr. Hudspeth; Chair, Mr. Bell, Mr. Bohannon, Mr. Bolin, Mr. Darnall, and Ms. Ross.
- b) Possibility of adjusting Council meetings? Dr. Strieter; Chair, Ms. Cherry, Dr. Higginson, Mr. McCuiston, Ms. Ross, and Ms. Rouse.

<u>Personnel and Finance Committee Report</u> Mr. Hudspeth stated the committee met prior to Council to discuss the recommended property tax rate. The committee recommended to keep the current tax rate of \$0.3111.

Mr. Hudspeth made a motion to put the recommendation in form of an ordinance; seconded by Mr. Bohannon. All members voted Aye.

Ordinance 2023-1854 (First Reading) An Ordinance amending chapter 96: taxation, specifically chapter 96.03 AD Valorem Tax for the purpose of adopting the Annual County Assessment for property situated within the city as a basis for AD Valorem Tax Levies. (No Vote)

<u>Public Hearing</u> The City of Murray intends to apply for Community Development Block Grant assistance funds to save the building located at 208 Main Street from becoming a danger to the public. The purpose of this hearing is to review proposed activities, review the proposed application, and provide a forum for discussion.

Mr. Darnall made a motion to open the Public Hearing; seconded by Dr. Strieter. All members present voted Aye.

No citizen requested to speak nor was there any written documentation to be recorded.

Mr. Bell made a motion to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Mr. Bohannon. All members present voted Aye.

With no other business before the Council, Mr. Bell moved to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Ross. All members present voted Aye. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 P.M.

Bob Rogers, Mayor

ATTEST,

Kim Miles, City Clerk