

## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

August 26, 2021

6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday August 26, 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, Kim Wyatt, Kim Miles, Zach Warren, Rakov Aetherus and Bob Byczynski.

Mayor Rogers called the meeting to order and welcomed Council members, staff, and guests. Mayor Rogers introduced Mr. Levi Brandenburg, journalist for Murray Ledger and Times.

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

The minutes of the Council meeting of August 12, 2021 were presented for approval. **Mr. Roberts moved for approval; seconded by Ms. Rouse. All members present voted Aye.**

**Mayor's Report:** The Mayor stated he did not have a report tonight and recognized Mr. Hudspeth, Chair for the Personnel and Finance Committee to give a report from the meeting that took place prior to Council.

Mr. Hudspeth stated the Personnel and Finance Committee had one item on their agenda tonight and that was to evaluate and discuss property tax rates from year 2021-2022. He stated a motion was made to keep the tax rates the same. The current rate is 31.54 cents for all three categories. The vote was 3-2.

**Mr. Hudspeth made a motion to have Mr. Hopkins draw up an ordinance to that effect; seconded by Mr. Bohannon. All members present voted Aye.**

**Resolution 2021-007** A Resolution authorizing the filing of a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant application for an amount not to exceed \$2,752,209.00 to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for sidewalk/walkability projects; authorizing and directing the Mayor for the City of Murray to execute any documents which are deemed necessary to carry out this project including grant agreement execution; and authorizing the Mayor to act as the authorized correspondent for this project.

The Mayor recognized Mr. Osborne to give details on the TAP Grant. Mr. Osborne stated he was certain that they get calls just as much as City Hall does regarding the sidewalk situation on South 16<sup>th</sup> Street, to Sycamore Street on out to Wisewell Road. The City was made aware of this TAP grant opening up and wants to apply for funding. The application has to be completed and turned in by the end of September. Strand and Associates drew up some plans. We are going to apply as one project but there will be two phases. The first phase will get approximately \$1.8 million dollars, our match on that would be approximately \$339,000.00. The second phase would be the amount in difference. The first phase will go from Sycamore Street to Glendale Road on to South 16<sup>th</sup> Street. The second phase would go from Glendale Road around the curb. The sidewalks will go on the west side, due to easements. We do not anticipate the funding announcement until the first of the year but we do know our part will be roughly \$500,000.00. We will have to put this out to bid because the job is too big for our crew.

**Motion was made by Ms. Seiber; seconded by Ms. Elder. All members present voted Aye.**

**Surplus Property** The Mayor recommended we declare 407 Poplar St (Old Police Department) as surplus property. It has been unused by the city for about 4 years now. The current tenants have informed us they have found another location, we are not displacing anyone.

**Mr. Bell made a motion to declare property as surplus; seconded by Mr. Roberts. 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 6:39 p.m. **Mr. Bell moved to enter executive session; seconded by Ms. Elder. All members present voted Aye.** At 7:00 p.m. **Mr. Bohannon moved to adjourn executive session, seconded by Mr. Bolin. All members present voted Aye.**

**Action Item** Approve that our attorney Mr. Hopkins, to negotiate with the County's Authorized Representative, a final draft agreement regarding the park situation.

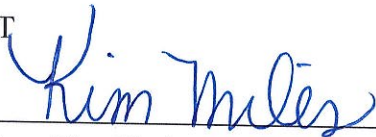
**Mr. Bell made a motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Miller. There were 11 Ayes, 1 Nay.**

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 7:12 p.m.



Bob Rogers, Mayor

ATTEST



Kim Miles, City Clerk