

## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

September 22, 2022

6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday September 22, 2022 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. Hudspeth, Dr. Miller, Ms. Rouse, Ms. Seiber Dr. Young. Mr. Bolin, Ms. Cherry, Ms. Elder, Mr. McCuiston and Mr. Roberts.

**Council Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jim Osborne, Rakov Aetherus, Chief Jeff Liles, Warren Hopkins, Shane Knight, Chief Pologruto, Kim Wyatt and Kim Miles.

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

After a moment of reflection, Ms. Cherry led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the Council meeting of September 8, 2022 were presented for approval.

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

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Rogers stated he had nothing to report.

**Staff Update:** Chief Pologruto was recognized by Mayor Rogers to give an update on the Fire Department. Chief Pologruto stated there are three major areas of emergency calls. The Fire Department responds to all calls. The breakdown of emergency calls are as follows:

- Fire (structure fires, fire alarms, vehicle accidents, hazardous conditions) 46% of all calls
- EMS (advanced life support medical emergencies, significant trauma events) 41% of all calls
- Other (service calls, hazardous materials, technical rescue) 14% of all calls

Chief Pologruto stated that the crew is utilized in some way on every call. The Murray Fire Department is usually the first to arrive to 911 calls. Responding to all calls serves many purposes however; the top two would be the danger of a fire and entrapment in a vehicle. They will sometimes assist by driving the ambulance to the hospital so that both paramedics are in the back assisting the injured. They administer first aid to those in need before the paramedics arrive.

Training is necessary for firefighters who serve Murray. The training consist of firefighting, pump operator, EMS, vehicle extrication, hazardous material and technical rescue team.

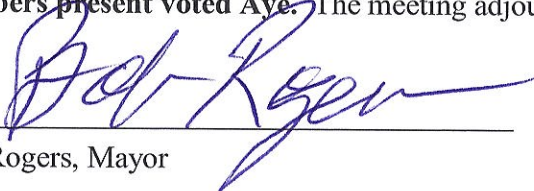
**Surplus Property:** Mr. Osborne stated that PVA Parcel 015-0-0091-A located on Rayburn Road was acquired by the City when the City acquired Water District Number 3 several years ago. This land is .63 acres located in the Lynn Grove area and the City has no use for this land. It will continue to cost to maintain the land for as long as the City owns it. Mr. Osborne said we are asking that Council surplus the property.


**Dr. Miller made a motion to surplus the property located on Rayburn Road; seconded by Mr. Bohannon. The motion passed with a voice vote. All members present voted Aye.**

Mayor Rogers recognized Chair Hudspeth to give the details of the Personnel and Finance Committee meeting that was held prior to Council. Mr. Hudspeth stated that there was one item on the agenda to look at, the proposed Tax Rate. Mr. Hudspeth stated due to the high reassessments for this year that the recommendation is to lower the property tax rate. Mr. Hudspeth stated we are able to lower the rate from 0.3154 to 0.3111. The Motor Vehicle Tax Rate is currently at 0.3154 the Committee voted to raise that to 0.38. This was voted on by the Committee and passed unanimously. The Committee would like Council to consider this.

**Ordinance 2022-1832** (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)

With no other business before the Council, **Mr. Bell moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Bohannon. All members present voted Aye.** The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

  
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Bob Rogers, Mayor

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Kim Miles, City Clerk