

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

September 23, 2021

6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday September 23, 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, Pat Seiber, Dr. Burton Young, Rose Elder and Jeremy Bell.

Council Members Absent: Alice Rouse and John Mark Roberts

Staff Present: Jim Osborne, Dannelta Clayton, Kim Wyatt, Kim Miles, Rakov Aetherus, Warren Hopkins, Chief Jeff Liles and Bob Byczynski.

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

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

The minutes of the Council meeting of September 9, 2021 were presented for approval. **Mr. Bohannon moved for approval; seconded by Mr. McCuiston. All members present voted Aye.**

Mayor's Report: Mayor Rogers had planned on giving updates on Halloween because residents are beginning to ask what the hours are. The Health Department does not have all the guidelines yet. Mayor Rogers does know the Park will be passing out candy on October 29th. The hours will begin at 5:00 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. Hopefully by our next meeting we will have the guideline from the Health Department on Trick-or-Treating.

The Mayor recognized Ms. Wyatt to inform the Council about the amendments for Ordinance 2021-1815. Ms. Wyatt said this amendment is to recognize and allocate funds that we will be receiving for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). These funds of \$171,466.00 are to be used to provide assistance to utility customers that are past due because of Covid-19. Dannelta Clayton worked on this project and was available to answer any questions the Council may have on this.

Ms. Clayton stated the grant application had to be in by October 8. She stated this money will be made available for delinquent customers by applying through West Kentucky Allied. The customer must be behind and cannot exceed 6 consecutive months. They will be allowed up \$250.00 per month. If they receive assistance and it is still not enough to cover the past due amount, they will be required to set up a payment plan. This will halt an interruption of services for 90 days. The grant money will be given in increments. This money goes towards City residents.

Ordinance Number 2021-1815 (First Reading) An Ordinance amending Ordinance Number 2021-1812, as Ordinance which adopted the 2021-2022 City of Murray, Kentucky Annual Budget by restating certain revenues and expenditures for the City of Murray Operations Budget. (No Vote).

The Mayor entertained a motion to open a Public Hearing.

Public Hearing for the purpose of obtaining written or oral comments regarding the proposed AD Valorem Tax for 2021. (Voice vote to open hearing and voice vote to close hearing)

Dr. Miller made a motion to enter into the Public Hearing; seconded by Mr. Bohannon. All members present voted Aye.

The Public Hearing was opened to the public for comments for or to oppose the proposed AD Tax Valorem for 2021. There was no one in attendance who wished to speak for or against the ordinance.

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

Ordinance Number 2021-1814 (Second 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. (Roll Vote)
As the recommendation of the Committee and first reading this ordinance states the tax rates will remain the same as the year before.

Mr. Bohannon moved to approve the ordinance; seconded by Mr. McCuiston. There was a roll call vote.

**Mr. Bell-Yes
Mr. Bohannon-Yes
Mr. Bolin-Yes
Ms. Cherry-Yes
Ms. Elder-Yes
Mr. Hudspeth-Yes**

**Mr. McCuiston-Yes
Dr. Miller-Yes
Mr. Roberts-Absent
Ms. Rouse-Absent
Ms. Seiber-Yes
Dr. Young-Yes**

Mr. Hopkins was recognized to give details on the Park Resolution. Mr. Hopkins stated that basically this will help transfer the ownership of the Murray-Calloway County Parks System, which we reached an agreement on with the Calloway County Fiscal Court. The City will then be in control of and manage the park. This also gives the Mayor the authority to appoint a board to help manage the park.

Resolution 2021-008 A Resolution accepting the transfer of all ownership interest of the Calloway County Fiscal Court in and to the Park System and assuming full control of the Park System and terminating the Murray-Calloway County Park Board and authorizing the Mayor to establish a new committee or department manage, operate, and control the Park System under the ownership of the City. (Voice Vote)

Mr. Bell moved for approval; seconded by Ms. Elder. All members present voted Aye.

Appointment of Temporary Park Board The Mayor said they have spent a lot of time discussing and thinking about the park issues. As of now the park will continue running as it was before with the current staff however, he was appointing this temporary board to oversee that. At this time he announced the members as Ms. Elder, Ms. Cherry, Mr. Bell, Mr. McCuiston and Mr. Bohannon. He asked Mr. Bohannon to Chair that Board and use his experience from his past career to oversee the writing of specs for bids because the Mayor anticipates that we will be issuing some bids for projects.

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 p.m.



Bob Rogers, Mayor

ATTEST



Kim Miles, City Clerk