

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

September 8, 2022

6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday September 8, 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 and Dr. Young.

Council Members Absent: Mr. Bolin, Ms. Cherry, Ms. Elder, Mr. McCuiston and Mr. Roberts.

Staff Present: Jim Osborne, Rakov Aetherus, Chief Jeff Liles, Warren Hopkins, Shane Knight, Paul Wood and Kim Miles.

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

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

The minutes of the Council meeting of August 25, 2022 were presented for approval.

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

Mayor's Report: Mayor Rogers stated on Tuesday, September 14, 2022, Governor Beshear would make an appearance at the Annex Building to present a check to the City of Murray and a check for Calloway County. He will arrive at approximately 4:45 PM.

Update from City Water Department The Mayor stated that during recent situations cities have depleted water sources such as Marion, Kentucky and Jackson, Mississippi. He also stated that during natural disasters like the tornado that hit Mayfield, Kentucky and flooding in Eastern Kentucky, many have lost water. The City of Murray provides water to 97% of Calloway County. Are we prepared if our community is struck by a natural disaster? How can we become more prepared? Mayor Rogers recognized Mr. Paul Wood, supervisor over the Water Treatment Plant to give us an update on our water department and answer any questions we have concerning the water. Mr. Wood stated that when comparing Murray to Jackson, Mississippi we have redundant high service pumps and a newly installed stand-by generator. Jackson, Mississippi's pumps failed to fill the water tower and pressurize the system. They were not prepared for a crisis. Their plant treats water from the river making it prone to flooding. Historic rainfall contributed to the water crisis in Jackson. Murray has redundant raw water wells and is undergoing an electrical upgrade thus allowing installation of stand-by generators at every well. Mr. Wood stated in Jackson in 2021 they were under a boil water alert for over 200 days. During the 6 years, Mr. Wood has been at the Water Treatment Plant there have been many upgrades to the plant. The Clearwell and Pump Station Project and now an electrical project is taking to the rights steps to guard against a crisis. Mr. Wood stated Murray is provided water through McNairy aquifer. Murray pumps approximately 3.6 million gallons a day and sometimes in the summer, it is up to 5 million a day. Mr. Wood answered several questions from the Council.

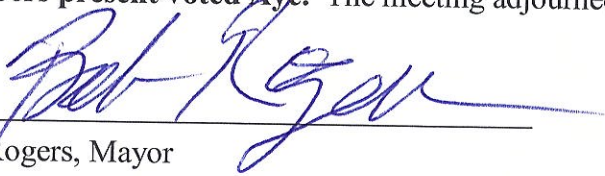
Ordinance 2022-1831(Second Reading) An ordinance repealing sections 111.01-111.20 of the Murray Code of Ordinances relating to cable television and repealing and replacing sections 119.01-119.84 of the Murray Code of Ordinances relating to Communication Services (Roll Call Vote)

Mr. Bohannon made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-1831; seconded by Mr. Bell. The motion carried with a 7-0 Roll Call Vote.

Mr. Bell-Yes
Mr. Bohannon-Yes
Mr. Bolin-ABSENT
Ms. Cherry-ABSENT
Ms. Elder-ABSENT
Mr. Hudspeth-Yes
Mr. McCuiston-ABSENT
Dr. Miller-Yes
Mr. Roberts-ABSENT
Ms. Rouse-Yes
Ms. Seiber-Yes
Dr. Young-Yes

Mr. Osborne stated this ordinance has been in the works for a couple of years. The last ordinance is approximately 20 years old. Attorney, Linda Ain has been working with the Cable Commission on this ordinance. The old ordinance was a cable ordinance this one will be called a communications ordinance. The state or the city could collect the money on franchise fees, Ms. Ain has advised to allow the state to continue collecting the fees. Once you begin collecting yourself, you cannot go back to the state to collect for you. New applicants that want to apply to the City would be subject to a Franchise Fee of \$5,000.00. Franchise term would not exceed ten (10) years. If the Franchise is transferred, there will be a \$2,500.00 to transfer it to a different company. There will be a \$25,000.00 dollar bond placed and a minimum liability amount of 3 million dollars.

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.



Bob Rogers, Mayor

ATTEST



Kim Miles, City Clerk