

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL AMENDED

April 9, 2015

6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Jack Rose presiding.

**Council Members Present:** Jeremy Bell, Robert Billington, Johnny Bohannon, Linda Cherry, Danny Hudspeth, Dan Miller, Jason Pittman, Pat Scott, Butch Seargent, Jane Shoemaker, Greg Taylor, Burton Young

**Council Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Matt Mattingly, Chaz Robinson, Cathy Morris, Candace Dowdy, Ernie O'Bryan, Chief Liles, City Attorney Warren Hopkins

After a moment of silence, Mayor Rose led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Rose welcomed members and guests and called the meeting to order.

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of March 26, 2015 were presented for approval. **Mr. Bohannon moved; seconded by Mr. Taylor** to accept the minutes as presented. All members voted aye.

Mayor Rose presented the Mayor's Report as outlined below:

- a. N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street Project
- b. Paving/street repair
- c. Water System and Natural Gas Department Pay Progression Plan
- d. KLC Planning Retreat documents and diskette
- e. Park---pool assessment---\$1,355.00
- f. Eleven day city sticker sales summary
- g. Fire Department Automatic Aid Agreement with Murray Calloway County EMS—Alarm and Expense Information

Mayor Rose recognized Neal Oplinger for public comment. Mr. Oplinger proposed the City implement a micro business license with a fee of \$25 for owners of very small businesses (gross receipts under \$12,000 annually) for which the current \$150.00 license fee may present a hardship.

City Council /MSU Committee Chair, Jane Shoemaker, stated the City Council/MSU Committee met prior to Council to meet Jordan Smith, Murray State University Director of Government Relations, to discuss the role and initiatives of the Committee. No action was taken. Ms. Shoemaker said the Committee will meet again on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, to prioritize and discuss issues to be addressed.

Personnel and Finance Committee Chair, Danny Hudspeth, stated the Personnel and Finance Committee met prior to Council to discuss the Water System and Natural Gas Department Pay Progression Plan. Mr. Hudspeth said the new plan would condense the current 25 job descriptions of the two departments into 7, eliminate merit pay, assign value to certification, and increase efficiency by cross training and certifying employees in both water and gas. No action was taken. He invited members to the next Personnel and Finance Committee meeting to address the FY 2016 Budget, scheduled for Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m.

Transportation Committee Chair, Dan Miller, stated the Public Works Committee and Transportation Committee met in joint session prior to Council to discuss the FY 2015 and FY 2016 Street Paving Program and possible solutions for problematic intersections in the city. The committees voted to insert four intersection projects into the south 16<sup>th</sup> Street RFP.

**Ordinance Number 2015-1661** (first reading) an ordinance amending the City of Murray Code of Ordinances, Chapter 71 Licensing, §71.08 Late Fee to increase the city sticker late fee to \$100.00 was presented for approval. **Mr. Pittman moved; seconded by Mr. Billington.**

Ayes: Robert Billington, Linda Cherry, Danny Hudspeth, Dan Miller, Jason Pittman, Butch Seargent, Jane Shoemaker, Greg Taylor

Nays: Jeremy Bell, Johnny Bohannon, Pat Scott, Burton Young

A recommendation from the Planning Commission to authorize the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to set the zoning as B-2 (Highway commercial) for a 21.123 acre tract of land located at the intersection of US Hwy. 641 North, North 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Robert O. Miller Road which includes all of the David Taylor property as well as the Bogard Cemetery and a portion of US Hwy. 641 North which is owned by the Commonwealth of Kentucky was presented for approval. **Mr. Bohannon moved; seconded by Dr. Miller.** Mr. Bell and Mr. Taylor abstained (family ties); all other members voted aye.

A recommendation from the Planning Commission to authorize the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to annex a 7.24 acre tract of land located at 126 Robertson Road North and owned by Murray Independent and Calloway County School Systems was presented for approval. **Mr. Bell moved; seconded by Mr. Billington.** All members voted aye.

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With no other business before the Council, **Mr. Billington made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Bohannon.** All members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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Jack Rose, Mayor

ATTEST:

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June Batts, City Clerk