

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

April 26, 2018

6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session Thursday, April 26, 2018, 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, Wesley Bolin, Linda Cherry, Danny Hudspeth, Jason Pittman, John Mark Roberts, Pat Scott, Jane Shoemaker

Council Member Absent: Dan Miller, Burton Young

Staff Present: Robert Byczynski, Dannetta Clayton, City Attorney Warren Hopkins, Tom Kutcher, Police Chief Jeff Liles, Bennett Moore, Cathy Morris, Jim Osborne, Butch Seargent, Kim Wyatt

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

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

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of April 12, 2018, were presented for approval. **Mr. Bohannon moved; seconded by Ms. Shoemaker. All present voted Aye.**

Mayor's Report Mayor recognized Jim Fain, Chairman of the Murray-Calloway County Airport Board. Mr. Fain recognized Johnny Parker for his years of service at the Airport. Mayor Rose presented Mr. Parker with a key to the City.

Public Comment Mayor Rose recognized Orville Herndon. Mr. Herndon stated he is concerned with lowering the property tax rate. He stated out of town corporations will be seeing a reduction on their property tax, and those corporations are not subject to a net profit tax.

Mayor Rose recognized Health Insurance Committee Chairman Robert Billington. Chairman Billington reported the Committee had a meeting prior to the Council meeting with two items on the agenda; both unanimously passed. He stated the health insurance rates will stay the same, and the broker contract will be continued with McConnell Insurance and MedBen for one year. Chairman Billington stated that \$20,500 will be transferred from the health insurance trust to the wellness fund.

Mayor Rose recognized Long Range Planning Committee Chairman Jason Pittman. Chairman Pittman reported the Committee had a meeting prior to the Council meeting with one item on the agenda; Ordinance Number 2018-1756. He stated this Ordinance is a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding signs. Chairman Pittman stated the Ordinance will allow churches in residential zones to have electronic reader boards with the approval of a conditional use permit by the Board of Zoning Adjustments.

Ordinance Number 2018-1756 (first reading) an ordinance amending the City of Murray Zoning Ordinance to create a new paragraph § 156.050 Signs (B) (9) in order to allow electronic reader boards within residential zones for churches. **Mr. Pittman moved for approval; seconded by Ms. Shoemaker.**

Mayor Rose called for a roll call vote.

Ayes: Mr. Bell, Mr. Billington, Mr. Bohannon, Mr. Bolin, Ms. Cherry, Mr. Hudspeth, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Scott, Ms. Shoemaker

Nays: None

Mayor Rose recognized Public Safety Committee Chairman Robert Billington. Chairman Billington reported the Committee had a meeting prior to the Council meeting with one item on the agenda; discussion of a Smoke-Free Ordinance. **Mr. Billington moved to have the City Attorney draft a Smoke-Free Ordinance; seconded by Ms. Cherry. All present voted Aye.**

Mayor Rose recognized Personnel & Finance Committee Chairman Johnny Bohannon. Chairman Bohannon reported the Committee had a meeting prior to the Council meeting with one item on the agenda; discussion of the FY 2019 budget. Chairman Bohannon asked that anyone with questions or comments regarding the budget to please call or visit Ms. Wyatt, Mr. Osborne or Mayor Rose. **Mr. Bohannon moved to have the City Attorney draft the FY 2019 Annual Budget; seconded by Mr. Roberts.** Mr. Billington stated he does not agree with everything in the budget, but he will support drafting an ordinance. Mr. Hudspeth stated he would like to know what all the questions were, and to discuss those at the next meeting. Mr. Bohannon asked Ms. Wyatt to have a list of all questions at the next Council meeting. **All present voted Aye.**

Ordinance Number 2018-1754 (second reading) an ordinance amending Chapter 96: Taxation, specifically Chapter §96.03 Ad Valorem Tax for the purpose of adopting the 2018 annual county assessment for property situated within the City as a basis for ad valorem tax levies. **Mr. Bohannon moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Billington.** Mr. Hudspeth stated some businesses are not seeing an increase, but are getting a tax break. He stated it could be time to review the business license tax. He suggested bringing those business owners in to sit down and come to an agreement on what they could do to help the situation.

Mayor Rose called for a roll call vote.

Ayes: Mr. Bell, Mr. Billington, Mr. Bohannon, Mr. Bolin, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Scott, Ms. Shoemaker

Nays: Ms. Cherry, Mr. Hudspeth

Ordinance Number 2018-1755 (second reading) an ordinance amending Ordinance Number 2017-1738, an Ordinance which adopted the FY 2018 City of Murray, Kentucky Annual Budget by restating certain revenues and expenditures for the City of Murray Operations Budget. **Mr. Roberts moved for approval; seconded by Mr. Billington.**

Mayor Rose called for a roll call vote.

Ayes: Mr. Bell, Mr. Billington, Mr. Bohannon, Mr. Bolin, Ms. Cherry, Mr. Hudspeth, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Scott, Ms. Shoemaker

Nays: None

With no other business before the Council, **Mr. Billington moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Bohannon. All present voted Aye.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Jack Rose, Mayor

ATTEST

Dannetta Clayton, City Clerk