

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2007
6:30 P.M.**

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday, November 8, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, with Mayor Rushing presiding.

Council Members Present: Danny Hudspeth, Jeremy Bell, Dan Miller, Butch Seargent, Jason Pittman, Pete Lancaster, Linda Cherry, Robert Billington, David Ramey, Jane Brandon, Butch Seargent, Pat Scott, and Bill Wells.

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Ken Claud, Michael Skinner, J. L. Barnett, David Roberts, Candace Dowdy, Thomas Clendenen, Dennis Thompson, Philip Morris, Carol Roberts, Matt Mattingly, Gail Mullins, Harla McClure, and Warren Hopkins.

Minutes of the council meeting held October 25, 2007, were presented for approval. **Mr. Hudspeth moved, seconded by Mr. Wells,** to approve the minutes as written. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for a voice vote, which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mayor Rushing recognized David Richardson from Murray Electric System and Cameron Miller from NewWave Communications. They were present to provide the council and the public with information regarding FCC regulation changes. Mr. Richardson stated that the FCC is doing away with the analog spectrum in order to free up more spectrum for things like public radio. He stated that the federal government will be offering vouchers for a \$40 credit toward a box that will allow conversion of the analog spectrum.

Mayor Rushing recognized Bill Wells, Chairman of the Finance/Personnel Committee, and requested that he provide a report. Mr. Wells stated the committee met to discuss bids for a security fence at Andrus Drive. Mr. Wells requested that J. L. Barnett, Director of Public Works, provide additional information. Mr. Barnett stated that the security fence will be a 770 lineal foot chain link fence with an electric security gate. The total recommended budget amendment is \$12,960.

Mr. Wells stated the next item discussed was the Chamber of Commerce lease with Land Capital. Mr. Wells stated the committee discussed several options on how to split the revenue that would be generated from the 20 year lease that the Chamber and City have entered into with Land Capital. **Mr. Wells moved, seconded by Mr. Lancaster** to share the revenue generated from the lease with Land Capital as follows: years 1-10 the split would be 85/15; and years 11-20 the split would be 80/20. Several council members voiced their concern and believed that this was too generous since the City has issues that are coming up in the near future: fire department, retirement, and other issues. Mr. Hudspeth stated those funds could assist us in dealing with these issues. Dr. Miller also believed that the split needed to benefit the City more because ultimately it is the citizens who the Council is responsible to, not the Chamber of Commerce.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Jeremy Bell, Butch Seargent, Pete Lancaster, Jason Pittman, Jane Brandon, Linda Cherry, Robert Billington, David Ramey, Pat Scott, and Bill Wells.

NAYS: Danny Hudspeth and Dan Miller.

Mayor Rushing declared the recommendation regarding how to share the revenue approved by a vote of 10 to 2.

Ordinance Number 2007-1454 (first reading) an ordinance amending Ordinance Number 2007-1442 which adopted the annual budget for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 was presented to the council on a first reading. Said amendment is to increase the Public Works Capital Expenditure for a security fence on Andrus Drive. **Mr. Wells moved, seconded by Mr. Billington** to approve said ordinance. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Dan Miller, Jeremy Bell, Butch Seargent, Pete Lancaster, Jason Pittman, Jane Brandon, Linda Cherry, Robert Billington, David Ramey, Pat Scott, and Bill Wells.

NAYS: None.

Mayor Rushing declared Ordinance Number 2007-1454 approved on a first reading.

Ordinance Number 2007-1451 (second reading) an ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Murray, Kentucky was presented to the council on a second reading. **Mr. Pittman moved, seconded by Mr. Billington** to adopt said ordinance. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote, which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Dan Miller, Jeremy Bell, Butch Seargent, Pete Lancaster, Jason Pittman, Jane Brandon, Linda Cherry, Robert Billington, David Ramey, Pat Scott, and Bill Wells.

NAYS: None.

Mayor Rushing declared Ordinance Number 2007-1451 adopted on a second reading and recorded in Ordinance Book Number 7, Page _____.

Municipal Order 2007-021 appointment of Greg Mayes to the Board of Zoning Adjustments for a four (4) year term which will expire October 27, 2011 was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Hudspeth moved, seconded by Dr. Miller** to approve said recommendation. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Municipal Order 2007-022 reappointment of Kevin Lamb to the Murray Calloway County Park Board for a four (4) year term which will expire November 1, 2011. **Mr. Billington moved, seconded by Mr. Bell** to approve said recommendation. With no discussion

Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mayor Rushing informed the council that he is forming an ad hoc committee with the following council members to serve: Jason Pittman, Chairman; Linda Cherry; Danny Hudspeth; Pete Lancaster; David Ramey; and Butch Seargent. The committee's purpose is to create an overlay district within the City. An overlay district needs to be defined in order to continue to receive funding for the Murray Main Street Program.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

H. Thomas Rushing, Mayor

Attest:

Harla McClure, City Clerk