

**CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE**

June 5, 2014 – 5:00 pm

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on June 5, 2014, 5:00 pm at East Ridge City Hall for the purpose of:

- Consideration of Ordinance No. 971 – budget ordinance
- Consideration of Resolution No. 2388 – agreement with Southeast Tennessee Development and Tennessee Career Center for seasonal workers for Camp Jordan
- Consideration of Resolution for development on Camp Jordan Parkway

Mayor Lambert called the meeting and all councilmembers were given notice of the call. Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order. Councilmember Manning gave the invocation and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Present were: Mayor Lambert, Vice Mayor Bethune, Councilmember Gravitt, Councilmember Manning, Councilmember Sewell, City Manager Hyatt, and City Attorney North.

ORDINANCE NO. 971 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015 AND APPROPRIATING THE SAME TO THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT; FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY; THE TIME TAXES ARE DUE; HOW THEY SHOULD BE PAID; WHEN THEY WILL BECOME DELINQUENT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE INTEREST AND PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND PRIVILEGES (1st reading) – City Attorney North read on caption. Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to approve Ordinance No. 971 on second and final reading. City Treasurer Jablonski stated that he made minor changes based on Council’s instructions in the last budget workshop as follows:

- Pay increase of \$.50 per hour for each full time employee, which will also increase FICA, health insurance, etc. There is also a \$300 one-time bonus for part-time employees.
- Increase in TML insurance due to increased claims.
- Special Projects – Increased East Ridge Revitalization to \$15,000 and decreased Libertyfest to \$10,000.
- Grant amount for this year was amended
- Removed Christmas bonus

Mr. Jablonski is preparing a capital improvement plan for next week’s meeting. Mr. Bethune asked what the difference would be in the amount of raises versus Christmas bonuses. Mr. Hyatt stated there is not much difference in the amounts of raises versus bonuses.

Councilmember Gravitt asked if this would be first reading on the budget tonight. The Mayor stated that yes it is. Mr. Gravitt stated there was no change budgeted for the judge’s salary. Mr. Jablonski stated this is on the agenda for next week’s meeting. It will be addressed before the budget is voted on, plus changes can be made before second reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2388 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED WORK EXPERIENCE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHEAST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, TO PROVIDE SEASONAL WORKERS FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT - City Attorney North read on caption. Director Martin stated that these workers are provided to the park through Southeast Tennessee Development District and the Tennessee Career Center, at no cost to the City. There will be two young men who will work at the park and one young lady, who will work at the Community Center. Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Gravitt, to approve Resolution No. 2388. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

At this time, Mayor Lambert recessed the meeting for an undetermined period of time in order for Council to discuss legal issues.

When Council returned to the meeting, Mayor Lambert recognized Mr. John Healey with MPL Development. He stated they have been working over the last four years on the development on Camp Jordan Parkway. He appreciates all the support from Council.

The Mayor asked the City Attorney to read a resolution regarding this development. It was assigned Resolution No. 2389.

RESOLUTION NO. 2389 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, IN SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PROPOSED BY EXIT ONE, LLC, INDICATING ITS INTENT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND INCENTIVES FOR PURPOSES CONSISTENT WITH THE BORDER REGION RETAIL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ACT T.C.A. 7-40-101 ET SEQ. (THE “ACT”) AND TO DELEGATE AND ALLOCATE TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE CERTAIN INCREMENTAL SALES TAX REVENUES TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE PURSUANT TO THE ACT - Mr. North read the resolution in its entirety. Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to approve Resolution No. 2389. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Bethune – yes; Councilmember Gravitt disclosed that both Woods brothers and Mr. Healey have contributed to his campaign, that being said Mr. Gravitt voted yes; Councilmember Manning – yes; Councilmember Sewell – yes; Mayor Lambert - yes. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned.

**WORK SESSION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE
June 12, 2014 – 5:00 p.m.**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on June 12, 2014, 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of setting the agenda for the June 26, 2014 Council Meeting and other items. Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order.

Present were: Mayor Lambert, Vice Mayor Bethune, Councilmember Gravitt, Councilmember Manning, City Manager Hyatt, City Attorney North, and Deputy City Recorder Qualls. Councilmember Sewell was not present.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 971 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015 AND APPROPRIATING THE SAME TO THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT; FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY; THE TIME TAXES ARE DUE; HOW THEY SHOULD BE PAID; WHEN THEY WILL BECOME DELINQUENT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE INTEREST AND PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND PRIVILEGES. (2nd and final reading) City Manager Hyatt stated that this will be second and final reading on the FY 2015 budget that was approved on first reading at the June 5th Special Called Meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 972 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, PROHIBITING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES IN CITY-OWNED OR LEASED BUILDINGS (2nd and final reading)

City Manager Hyatt stated this would be first reading tonight if taken off the table tonight for first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 973 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 956 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2014 APPROPRIATING THE SAME TO THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT...” BY CHANGING THE REVENUES FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND BY CHANGING THE EXPENDITURES FOR THE GENERAL FUND. (2nd and final reading) - City Treasurer Jablonski explained that this would be the final amendment of the FY 2014 Budget.

New Business Discussion:

Discussion of Ordinance No. 971 - City Manager Hyatt stated that this would actually take place under old business on tonight’s Council agenda.

Discussion of City Attorney Compensation - Councilmember Manning asked that this item be placed on the agenda tonight for discussion; the amount he would like to see is \$5,000.00 increase per month. He would like to move it to tonight for consideration. Mayor Lambert added as item M.

RESOLUTION 2398 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT A VEHICLE DONATION ON BEHALF OF THE EAST RIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM AN ANONYMOUS DONOR. – Chief Williams explained that this donation would allow the Fire Department to surplus a 1995 ambulance as they have been donated a 2002 ambulance. Vice Mayor Bethune asked if this could be moved up to tonight for consideration. Mayor Lambert added as item N.

RESOLUTION 2399 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT A VEHICLE DONATION ON BEHALF OF THE EAST RIDE ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FROM VOLKERT INCORPORATED. – Chief Reed explained that this donation would allow animal services to surplus a 1990 model and replace it with a 2008 GMC that is in good shape with a few miles on it. Chief Reed asked if this could be moved up to tonight for consideration. Mayor Lambert added as item O.

RESOLUTION # - A RESOLUTION TO NAME THOMPSON ENGINEERING AS THE ENGINEER FOR THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN RESURFACING PROJECT. – Ms. Miller explained that this is for the TIP resurfacing project that is coming up on McBrien. There is no cost for this as it is covered by the grant but we must accept as part of the project.

Other:

There being no further items to discuss.

Meeting adjourned.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE**

June 12, 2014 at 6:30 pm

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on June 12, 2014 at the East Ridge City Hall. Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order.

Rev. Ron Perry, South Seminole Baptist Church gave the invocation. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present were: Mayor Lambert, Vice Mayor Bethune, Councilmember Gravitt, Councilmember Manning, City Manager Hyatt, City Attorney North, and Deputy City Recorder Qualls. Councilmember Sewell was not present.

Mayor Lambert moved the Police Officer's Oath of Office till after communication from City Manager and Staff.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes May 15, 2014 Called Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes May 22, 2014 Agenda Work Session
- C. Approval of Minutes May 22, 2014 Council Meeting
- D. Declaration of Surplus Property

Councilmember Gravitt made the motion, second Councilmember Manning to approve the consent agenda as submitted. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Communication from Citizens:

Rick Carpenter, 3119 Chickalilly, read a statement regarding fraud and WWTA.

Frances Pope, 1913 Close Road, wanted clarification that WWTA is in no way affiliated with the City of East Ridge; City Attorney conjured that is correct.

Communication from Council Members:

Councilmember Manning – nothing at this time.

Vice Mayor Bethune – nothing at this time.

Councilmember Gravitt – nothing at this time.

Mayor Lambert – wanted to remind everyone about both JFest and Liberty Fest that will be coming up in the next 2 weeks.

Communication from City Manager/Staff:

City Manager Hyatt explained that due to the length of tonight's agenda, Staff reports will be moved to the June 26th meeting.

Police Officers Oath of Honor – Mayor Lambert administered the Police Officer's Oath of Honor to new officers Lauren Whittenburg, Zachery Fults, Suzanne Booth and Scott Darwin.

Mayor Lambert added the following items to the agenda for tonight:

Item M – Compensation for City Attorney

Item N – Resolution No. 2398

Item O – Resolution No. 2399

Old Business:

RESOLUTION NO. 2385 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE APPROVING BIDS FOR THE CLOSURE OF THE UNDERGROUND FUEL TANKS AT THE CITY GARAGE (tabled 5/22/14) – City Attorney read on caption. Ms. Miller explained that Resolution 2385 was tabled at the last meeting due to having to rebid the project. The process has been completed and staff would like this item removed from the table and recommends Estes Equipment Company be awarded the bid. Councilmember Gravitt made the motion to remove Resolution 2385 from the table, second Councilmember Manning. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Councilmember Gravitt then made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2385 per staff's recommendation, second Councilmember Manning. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Discussion of Ordinance – Amending City Code, Title 9, Chapter 2, Peddler/Solicitors, ETC., Peddlers Going Door to Door be Required to Wear Identification Lanyard and Have Magnetic ID on Vehicle – Councilmember Gravitt stated that he had asked City Attorney North to supply him with information from various cities regarding this issue and that he would like to table this item to study and compare those ordinances with the City's Ordinance. Councilmember Gravitt made the motion to table this discussion until the next council meeting, second Vice Mayor Bethune. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Discussion/Take action on Term Limits for Industrial Development Board – City Treasurer Jablonski explained that during the process of reinstating the Industrial Development Board the terms of office for the members was not addressed and also for those members to serve in an advisory capacity in place of the former Economic Advisory Board. Vice Mayor Bethune made the motion to accept Resolution 2397, second Councilmember Gravitt. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 972 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE PROHIBITING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES IN CITY OWNED OR LEASED BUILDINGS. (1st reading) – City Attorney read on caption. Vice Mayor Bethune made the motion to remove Ordinance No. 972 from the table, second Councilmember Gravitt. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Councilmember Gravitt made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 972, second Vice Mayor Bethune (for discussion purposes). City Attorney North stated when asked that this Ordinance

only applies to city owned/leased buildings and nothing else. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 973 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO 956 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE TENNESSEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2014 APPROPRIATING THE SAME TO THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT...” BY CHANGING THE REVENUES FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND BY CHANGING THE EXPENDITURES FOR THE GENERAL FUND. (1st Reading) – City Attorney read on caption. City Treasurer Jablonski explained that this is a housekeeping item only. Vice Mayor Bethune made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 973, second Councilmember Gravitt. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2390 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE APPROVING ANNUAL BIDS FOR STREET DEPARTMENT MATERIALS FOR FY 14/15. – City Attorney read on caption. Councilmember Manning made the motion to approve Resolution 2390 per staff recommendation, second Vice Mayor Bethune. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2391 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR FLOOD MITIGATION/DISASTER FUNDING – City Attorney read on caption. Councilmember Gravitt made the motion to approve Resolution 2391, second Vice Mayor Bethune. Ms. Miller explained that the City would use force labor (in kind) and there would be no other costs. Councilmember Manning said the he would have to abstain since he lives in the flood zone. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bethune – yes, Councilmember Gravitt – yes, Councilmember Manning – abstain, Mayor Lambert – yes. Councilmember Sewell was absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2392 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE APPROVING PHOTOGRAPHY BIDS FOR THE 2014 – 2015 SPORTS SEASON – City Attorney read on caption. Councilmember Gravitt made the motion to table this item until such time as further information could be presented, second Vice Mayor Bethune. Director Martin then explained the bids. There were two bids submitted both for the same amount 30%, one requested pre payment but the other did not. Staff recommends Color Craft due to not requiring prepayments. Councilmember Gravitt withdrew his motion; Vice Mayor Bethune withdrew his second. Councilmember Gravitt then made the motion to approve Resolution 2392 per staff recommendation, second Vice Mayor Bethune. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2393 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE APPROVING BIDS FOR THE OPERATION OF FOOD AND REFRESHMENT CONCESSION IN CAMP JORDAN PARK AND ARENA AND IN THE EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER – City Attorney read caption. Councilmember Gravitt made the motion to approve Resolution 2393 per staff recommendation, second Councilmember Manning. Councilmember Gravitt then withdrew his motion, Vice Mayor Bethune his second. Councilmember Gravitt then disclosed that the owner of the winning bid had made a contribution to his state representative campaign. Vice Mayor Bethune made

the motion to approve Resolution 2393 per staff recommendation, second Councilmember Manning. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2394 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF NO PARKING SIGNS ON THE STREET CONTAINED HEREIN – City Attorney read on caption. Councilmember Manning made the motion to approve Resolution 2394 per staff recommendation, second Councilmember Gravitt. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2395 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE TO PROVIDE MOWING SERVICES AT THE I-75, EXIT 1 INTERCHANGE, FOR FY 14/15, ON REIMBURSEMENT BASIS – City Attorney read on caption. Councilmember Manning made the motion to approve Resolution 2395, second Councilmember Gravitt. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2396 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A PETITION SEEKING A REFERENDUM TO APPROVE THE SALE OF WINE IN RETAIL FOOD STORES IN THE CITY – City Attorney read on caption. He then explained that passing Resolution 2396 would start the process to allow wine sales in East Ridge. Staff will then make the petitions available to the citizens. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Bethune – Yes, Councilmember Gravitt – Yes, Councilmember Manning – No, Mayor Lambert – Yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2397 – A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE NEWLY REINSTITUTED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE AND AUTHORIZE THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO SERVE IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY THEREBY REPLACING THE FORMER ECONOMIC ADVISORY BOARD. See minutes under Old Business.

Discussion to increase the salary of the Judge – City Manager Hyatt explained that if the council wished to increase the salary of the City Judge it must be done before the election in August per state law. Councilmember Gravitt made a motion to increase the salary to \$ 24,000 for the City Judge, second Councilmember Manning. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Discussion of FY Capital Improvement Plan – City Treasurer Jablonski presented the Capital Improvement Plan for 2015, 2016 and 2017. It includes vehicles and equipment for various departments and upgrades within departments in regards to software and new equipment. Do better work with more effective equipment. The city would also like to implement GPS in vehicles and biometric time clocks which will have some start up costs. This will insure that tax payer money is being used wisely. Councilmember Gravitt commended the staff on putting this 3 year plan together

Discussion of City Attorney Salary Compensation – Councilmember Manning made the motion to table this discussion till a later date, second Vice Mayor Bethune. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2398 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT A VEHICLE DONATION ON BEHALF OF THE EAST RIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM AN ANONYMOUS DONOR – City Attorney read on caption. Vice Mayor Bethune made the motion to approve Resolution 2398, second Councilmember Gravitt. Chief Williams explained that this would be a support vehicle for the Fire Department. There will be no costs to the city except for maintenance. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2399 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT A VEHICLE DONATION ON BEHALF OF THE EAST RIDGE ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FROM VOLKERT INCORPORATED – City Attorney read on caption. Chief Reed explained that it was a 2008 GMC Sierra that would only have to have the carrier box put on it. Councilmember Manning made the motion to approve Resolution 2399, second Vice Mayor Bethune. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

AGENDA WORK SESSION
June 26, 2014 – 5:00 pm

To Set the Agenda For The
July 10, 2014 Council Meeting

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on June 26, 2014, 5:00 pm at East Ridge City Hall to set the agenda for the July 10, 2014 Council Meeting and other items. Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order.

Present were: Mayor Lambert, Vice Mayor Bethune, Councilmember Manning, Councilmember Gravitt, Councilmember Sewell, City Manager Hyatt, City Attorney North, and City Recorder Middleton.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 970 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, ESTABLISHING A FEE SCALE FOR INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO TAKE BULK TRASH ITEMS TO THE SANITATION DUMPSTER STATION IN THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE. (2nd and final reading) - City Manager Hyatt stated that this ordinance was unintentionally omitted in the last meeting. Mayor Lambert added this to tonight's meeting as Item E under Old Business.

ORDINANCE NO. 974 – AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT IN REFERENDUM TO THE PEOPLE OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, THE QUESTION OF AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XI, SECTION 9 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE (2nd and final reading) – Mayor Lambert stated that first reading will be at tonight's regular council meeting. Mr. Hyatt stated these are the recommended changes from the Charter Study Committee. Mayor Lambert asked if these would be voted on individually or all together. City Attorney North stated they will be on the ballot to be voted on individually. Council will also vote on them and can make any recommendations or changes.

New Business Discussion:

Discussion of Employee Health Insurance – John Davis – Mayor Lambert introduced Mr. Davis to discuss the health insurance. Mr. Davis handed out a comparison sheet and explained the plan we have now. Mr. Davis stated that the City in the past bought a \$2,000 deductible with the employee paying only \$250. The City saved almost half a million dollars on the premium by doing this. If we renew the same plan it will be an 8.83% increase. He explained options for other plans. Mr. Gravitt asked what happens if our policy expires next week. Mr. Davis stated Blue Cross would automatically renew. Mr. Gravitt asked Ms. Perry why this had not been done earlier, but she stated she has not been involved. Mr. Jablonski stated that he has been working on this, but stated he has been working with another broker and Mr. Davis to get the increase as low as possible. Mr. Gravitt asked what staff recommendation is. Mr. Jablonski stated that his recommendation is to renew with the same policy. Ms. Perry stated that if this is voted on tonight, the employee insurance meetings could take place by the first of July.

ORDINANCE NO. 975 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE TO AMEND THE ZONING REGULATIONS AND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE TO REZONE THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 511 AND 517 FRAWLEY ROAD FROM A-1 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT AND R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO RZ-1 ZERO LOT LINE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (1st reading) – Mayor Lambert stated this item as well as Ordinances 976 and 977 were approved in the Planning Commission meeting this week.

ORDINANCE NO. 976 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE TO AMEND THE ZONING REGULATIONS AND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE TO REZONE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1516 TOMBRAS AVENUE FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-3 RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT DISTRICT (1st reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 977 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE TO AMEND THE ZONING REGULATIONS AND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE TO REZONE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1511 MAXWELL ROAD FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO O-1 OFFICE DISTRICT (1st reading)

RESOLUTION NO. 2402 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ELECTRIC POWER BOARD TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LIGHTING AT THE PIONEER FRONTIER PARK – City Manager Hyatt stated this will make the park safer. He stated he would also like to put up cameras in the park. Mayor Lambert added this to tonight's meeting as Item E under New Business.

The councilmembers had no other business to discuss.

Mr. North stated the council needs to meet in executive session before the council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

**PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE
FOR THE FY 2014 – 2015 BUDGET**

June 26, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on June 24, 2014, 6:00 pm at East Ridge City Hall for the purpose of holding a public hearing for the FY 2014 – 2015 budget. Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order.

Present were: Mayor Lambert, Vice Mayor Bethune, Councilmember Gravitt, Councilmember Manning, Councilmember Sewell, City Manager Hyatt, City Attorney North, and City Recorder Middleton.

Comments from City Manager/City Treasurer:

City Manager Hyatt asked City Treasurer Jablonski to discuss the budget. Mr. Jablonski stated that since the first reading a 3-year capital improvement plan was added. The capital improvement fund was started with \$1.5 million. He also stated that a community development grant was added to improve store fronts on Ringgold Road. Welcome signs were also added with the possibility of Bass Pro Shop coming to East Ridge. Mr. Jablonski also stated that \$50,000 was added in Finance and Administration for software, timeclocks, and GPS's for vehicles.

Comments from Mayor and Council:

Councilmember Sewell asked about salary for part-time employees. The salary has been discussed at \$10.00 per hour and Mr. Sewell asked if part-time employees making more than that would be dropped to \$10.00. Mr. Hyatt stated that is a starting salary for part-time employees and employees making more than that would not be decreased.

Mr. Hyatt stated that one of the library part-time employees retired but this position would remain in the budget for now.

Comments from Citizens:

There were no comments or questions from citizens.

The meeting was adjourned.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE**

June 26, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on June 26, 2014, 6:30 pm at East Ridge City Hall. Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order.

Rev. Ron Perry, South Seminole Baptist Church, gave the invocation. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present were: Mayor Lambert, Vice Mayor Bethune, Councilmember Gravitt, Councilmember Manning, Councilmember Sewell, City Manager Hyatt, City Attorney North, and City Recorder Middleton.

Mayor Lambert added the following to tonight's agenda:

- Item E under Old Business - Ordinance 970
- Item E under New Business - Resolution 2402

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes June 12, 2014 Agenda Work Session
- B. Approval of Minutes June 12, 2014 Council Meeting
- C. Approval of May 2014 Financial Statement

Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Bethune, to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Bethune – yes; Councilmember Gravitt – yes; Councilmember Manning – yes; Councilmember Sewell – abstain; Mayor Lambert – yes. Motion approved

Communication from Citizens:

Lila Wingo, 49 Shirley Drive in Ringgold, stated she is a business owner at the Direct Connection mall just over the state line in Georgia. She stated she had someone holding a sign on Ringgold Road advertising her business, but the East Ridge Police told her this was illegal. She stated that since that time, her's and other businesses at the mall have been down about 40%. She wants permission to have someone stand out on Ringgold Road with a sign advertising the businesses at the mall. She stated this also helps business in East Ridge. Chief Williams stated this is a restriction in the sign ordinance. Mayor Lambert stated there has been discussions about changing the sign ordinance, and believes that parts of it are too restrictive for small businesses. The Mayor stated we will check with other cities to see how they handle this situation.

Rick Carpenter, Chickalilly Drive, discussed a lawsuit brought against him with WWTA. City Attorney North stated this involved court litigation which does not involve the City of East Ridge. There is nothing the City can do since they are not involved in the lawsuit.

Mimi Lowrey, 819 Mt. Belvoir Drive, stated that the community garden is doing well. She also stated that the Friends of the Playground group met to discuss the repairs and changes for the Playground. They will meet again on July 26th at 10 am at the Community Center. They will also have a table at Liberty Fest for people to sign up to help. Ms. Lowrey also announced that Liberty Fest will be this Saturday at Camp Jordan with a karaoke contest, entertainment, and fireworks.

Frances Pope, 1913 Close Road, was at the playground meeting and there was a conversation about cameras because of some activity going on. She stated that on May 9, 2013, Council discussed installing cameras in various departments of the City. Staff was to look into this matter, but nothing has been done. Mr. Hyatt has discussed with Chief Reed about installing cameras. He also stated there is a resolution on tonight's agenda to add more lighting at the playground which should help, plus lighting from the new Speedway will help.

Mayor Lambert recognized former Mayor Don Huskey and former School Board Member Kenny Smith.

Communication from Councilmembers:

Vice Mayor Bethune announced that former Mayor Tom Shaver has been found cancer free. He also asked everyone to keep the Curtis Adams family in their prayers during the illness of Dot Adams.

Councilmember Sewell thanked everyone that called about his mother. She is home and doing well. Mr. Sewell would also like to look at closing Camp Jordan gates at night if Fire Station 2 has to be moved. He believes this would keep thefts and vandalism down.

Councilmember Gravitt would like for staff to look into putting cameras in the Council chambers and record the meetings to be broadcast on television for people who cannot make it to meetings. Mr. Hyatt will check into this.

Mayor Lambert also asked prayers for the Adams family. The Mayor stated that former Senator Howard Baker passed away. He also reminded everyone that Liberty Fest is this weekend.

City Manager Hyatt stated the digital sign is going up in front of City Hall. Mr. Hyatt also stated that sometimes the government is running 15 or 16 hours a day. He commended the great staff and Council and thanked the volunteers for their service to the City.

Chief Williams discussed fireworks since the 4th of July is approaching. He stated that last year the Fire Department responded to three or four house fires because of fireworks. He wants to remind everybody that setting off fireworks in the city limits is illegal and this ordinance will be enforced. The fireworks will be confiscated and destroyed after the first warning.

Staff Reports: (All reports are on file at City Hall)

Amanda Miller gave the staff reports for Traffic Control, Sanitation and Streets.

Director Martin gave the staff reports for Parks and Recreation. Mr. Martin also stated he would like to name three of the ballfields at Camp Jordan after Freida Wheeler, Bill Owens and Wayne Thompson, who all worked at the park for years. Ms. Wheeler and Mr. Thompson have retired. Councilmember Manning asked if this could be added to the agenda tonight. Mayor Lambert added this as Item F under New Business.

Chief Williams gave the staff reports for the Fire Department. Mayor Lambert commended Chief Williams and Deputy Chief Flynn for their work with the ISO inspector. He expects the reports will be good news.

Chief Reed gave the reports for the Police Department. He also stated they will be policing the Pioneer Frontier more heavily to keep certain activities down. Councilmember Gravitt discussed new camera systems for the cars and asked if they had been ordered. Chief Reed stated that the new cars have been ordered with the cameras already installed. Mr. Gravitt asked about the possibility of using the body camera rather than in-car cameras. He believes this would be a better option. Chief Reed stated they are good but it could be broken if there is physical contact.

Mayor Lambert would like to move Item B under New business, Resolution No. 2401 to this point in the agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 2401 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF TENNESSEE FOR HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE - City Attorney North read on caption. Mayor Lambert introduced Mr. John Davis from JMD Group to discuss the insurance program. Mr. Davis discussed options with Blue Cross and a plan from Cigna that was almost identical to the Blue Cross plan. Mr. Davis stated the Cigna plan could have potential savings but depending on claims could cost the City more. Mr. Gravitt asked Mr. Jablonski what his recommendation is for this. Mr. Jablonski recommends that the City stays with Blue Cross and the same plan we have currently. Councilmember Sewell stated he believes employees had rather stay with Blue Cross. Dental and vision will also go to Blue Cross for ease of administration. Councilmember Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Bethune, to approve Resolution No. 2401. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved. Mayor Lambert commended Mr. Davis for the work he has done for the City.

Mayor Lambert moved Item D – Donation of Vehicle to Animal Services.

Mayor Lambert introduced Jim Floyd, Assistant Vice President of Volkert and Associates. Mr. Floyd stated that Volkert wants to donate a GMC Sierra 2008 pick-up truck to Animal Control. Mayor Lambert thanked Mr. Floyd for this donation. Vice Mayor Bethune made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to accept the donation. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Old Business:

Discussion of Ordinance - Amending City Code, Title 9, Chapter 2, Peddlers/Solicitors, Etc. - Peddlers Going Door to Door be Required to Wear Identification Lanyard and Have

Magnetic ID on Vehicle (tabled 6/12) – Councilmember Gravitt brought this up because he has people coming to his home trying to sell things without a permit. This is not directed towards properly run businesses, this is a deterrent to prevent crime. He would like to propose changing the permit fee from \$20.00 to \$25.00. Peddlers would have to get a permit with a photo, and display the permit on a lanyard to be worn around their neck. He also stated that magnetic signs on the peddler’s car doors are an option council could look at. Mr. Gravitt stated that peddlers’ setting up on sidewalks is a major problem at the flea market. Mayor Lambert stated that under exemptions, unless someone objects, he would like to strike the exemption for persons selling agricultural products that they actually grew themselves. We would have no way of knowing if they actually grew the products themselves. Mr. North stated that this ordinance could also apply to gun shows. Mr. Gravitt would like for the City Attorney to rewrite this ordinance and bring it back for first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 971 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015 AND APPROPRIATING THE SAME TO THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT; FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY; THE TIME TAXES ARE DUE; HOW THEY SHOULD BE PAID; WHEN THEY WILL BECOME DELINQUENT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE INTEREST AND PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND PRIVILEGES. (2nd and final reading) - City Attorney North read on caption. Councilmember Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Bethune, to approve Ordinance No. 971 on second and final reading. Mr. Jablonski stated that significant changes have been made in the budget in order to be more accountable. He will also be giving regular reports to department heads and council.

Councilmember Sewell stated that since Bill Owens with the Parks and Recreation Department was promoted he would like to see him get an additional \$100 per week for his extra duties. Mr. Sewell made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Bethune, to amend the budget to give Mr. Owens an additional \$100 per week over and above the \$.50 that all employees are getting. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved. The vote was unanimous on the original motion to approve Ordinance No. 971 as amended. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 972 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, PROHIBITING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES IN CITY-OWNED OR LEASED BUILDINGS (2nd and final reading) - City Attorney North read on caption. Councilmember Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to approve Ordinance No. 972 on second and final reading. Mr. North stated this does not include a fine or penalty; people would be asked to stop the use of the cigarettes and if they do not, they would be escorted from the building. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Bethune – yes; Councilmember Gravitt – yes; Councilmember Manning – no; Councilmember Sewell – yes; Mayor Lambert – yes. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 973 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 956 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2014 APPROPRIATING THE SAME TO THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF THE

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT...” BY CHANGING THE REVENUES FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND BY CHANGING THE EXPENDITURES FOR THE GENERAL FUND (2nd and final reading) - City Attorney North read on caption. Mr. Jablonski stated this was done as a housekeeping item for the end of the fiscal year. This is moving money that is already in the budget between lines items. Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Bethune, to approve Ordinance No. 973 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 970 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, ESTABLISHING A FEE SCALE FOR INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO TAKE BULK TRASH ITEMS TO THE SANITATION DUMPSTER STATION IN THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE. (2nd and final reading) - City Attorney North read on caption. Vice Mayor Bethune made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to approve Ordinance No. 970 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

New Business:

RESOLUTION NO. 2400 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THOMPSON ENGINEERING AS THE ENGINEER FOR THE TIP RESURFACING PROJECT - City Attorney North read on caption. Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Gravitt, to approve Resolution No. 2400. Ms. Miller stated this was put out as a request for qualifications, with Thompson Engineering and Smith Seckman Reid Inc. responding. She stated that Thompson Engineering is a local company and this would cut down on mileage paid to them. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 974 – AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT IN REFERENDUM TO THE PEOPLE OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, THE QUESTION OF AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XI, SECTION 9 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. (1st reading) - City Attorney North read on caption. Mr. North commended the Charter Study Committee for the work they did on the charter changes. This ordinance is to vote on their recommended changes which will go forward to a referendum. Robert Stahl, Chairman of the committee, thanked Mr. Hyatt and Mr. North for their input and expertise in helping the committee. Mr. North read a synopsis of the changes. Mr. Gravitt asked if there is language in the amendments outlining ouster procedures. Mr. North stated these amendments provide for ousters and recalls.

Mr. Gravitt also asked if there was anything in the charter that deals with the absence of the judge and what the guidelines are for replacement. Mr. North stated that the current charter does not deal with this situation; the charter amendments do but refer to Tennessee State law. In case of resignation, ouster or death, council would appoint someone to finish out the term of the judge until the next regularly scheduled election.

Mr. Sewell stated that he does not see a problem with the judge living in Hamilton County. Mr. Gravitt asked what the City would do for the long-term if the judge was not able to serve. Mayor Lambert recommended that in an emergency situation and if Council could not find

anyone eligible to serve as judge, it would make sense to expand the search to Hamilton County. Mr. North suggested leaving it as is; it has worked well. If there is a vacancy that can't be filled then refer to the State Supreme Court for a ruling. Mr. Gravitt asked, for the record, what the definition of a super majority is. Mr. North stated that with a five-member council, a super majority vote would be 4 – 1.

Mr. Sewell asked Mr. North to explain the amendment for the special school district. Mr. North stated that by law, a municipality can establish a special school district, but it has to be in the charter. If the charter is amended, it would not commit the city to establishing a school district but it means that they could without changing the charter again in the future.

Mayor Lambert stated that the committee had 17 charter amendments that were condensed into four proposals.

Vice Mayor Bethune made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to accept the proposed changes from the committee to be placed on the referendum. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Councilmember Manning asked if the raise for the judge was included in the budget. Mayor Lambert stated that it was discussed then tabled, but did not come back for a vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2402 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ELECTRIC POWER BOARD TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LIGHTING AT THE PIONEER FRONTIER PARK – City Attorney North read on caption. Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to approve Resolution No. 2402. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Naming of Ballfields at Camp Jordan Park – Director Martin stated he would like to name Field 9 after Freida Wheeler, Field 11 after Wayne Thompson and Field 12 after Bill Owens, all long-time employees of the park. He would like to leave Field 10 open for corporate possibilities. Vice Mayor Bethune made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to approve naming the fields. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned.