

MINUTES OF THE AGENDA WORK SESSION
August 13, 2015 – 6:00 pm

To Set the Agenda For The
August 27, 2015 Council Meeting

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on August 13, 2015 at East Ridge City Hall to set the agenda for the August 27, 2015 Council Meeting and other items.

Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order.

Present were: Mayor Lambert, Vice Mayor Gravitt, Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Manning, Councilmember Sewell, Interim City Manager Williams, City Attorney North, and Deputy City Recorder Qualls.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 994 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 989 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2016 APPROPRIATING THE SAME TO THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT . . .” BY CHANGING THE REVENUE OF THE GENERAL FUND AND DESIGNATING A PORTION OF THE FUND BALANCE OF THE STATE STREET AID FUND AND BY CHANGING THE EXPENDITURES OF THE GENERAL FUND AND STATE STREET AID FUND (2nd and final reading) – Mayor Lambert stated this is for the agreement with Hamilton County regarding funding the Exit 1 project.

New Business Discussion:

Discussion of a Planning/Advisory Committee for Camp Jordan – Mayor Lambert suggested that this committee be created as part of a long range plan for Camp Jordan. It would be an advisory board only; decisions would still be approved by the City Council. The committee could consist of ten members, plus Director Martin. Mr. Martin would recommend who the members would be and then bring to Council for approval. He would like to include people who are involved in sports in the area.

RESOLUTION 2503 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, MODIFYING AND AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2497, REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE AND HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, CONCERNING THE CONSTRUCTION AND RECONFIGURATION OF EXIT ONE OF INTERSTATE 75 AND CAMP JORDAN PARKWAY – Mayor Lambert stated this item is time sensitive because the County Commission will be voting on it next week. The City must cover any amount over the \$500,000 that the County commits too, if they

approve. Without objection, Mayor Lambert moved this item to tonight's regular council meeting.

Discussion of Request for Qualifications for an Architect for Fire Station #2 – Interim City Manager Williams asked that this be placed on the agenda because we are ready to proceed. City Services has been getting the site ready for construction. Chief Williams stated that in order to save money, he would like to use whatever material we can from the old Station #2, which is being stored at Camp Jordan. He also stated we have the plans from the original Station #2, but they would have to be modified to fit this site. Councilmember Cagle suggested rezoning the property so it can go from property line to property line. Councilmember Manning suggested building a 2-story building in order to have a training room.

Councilmember Cagle stated the Optimist Club has requested to use the Community Center gym for their annual First Responder dinner on September 14, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned.

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

**August 13, 2015
6:30 p.m.**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on August 13, 2015, 6:30 pm at East Ridge City Hall. Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order.

Councilmember Manning gave the invocation. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present were: Mayor Lambert, Vice Mayor Gravitt, Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Manning, Councilmember Sewell, Interim City Manager Williams, City Attorney North, and Deputy City Recorder Qualls.

At this time, Mayor Lambert administered the police oath to three officers, Paul Carrano, John Perry and William Johnson.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes July 23, 2015 Agenda Work Session
- B. Approval of Minutes July 23, 2015 Council Meeting
- C. Approval of Minutes July 30, 2015 Called Meeting
- D. Declaration of Surplus Property
- E. Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer Jablonski (via Skype) stated that the treasurer's report is not ready and will be provided at the next meeting. We are still in the process of closing out the fiscal year. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to approve Items A – D on the Consent agenda. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Communication from Citizens:

Larry Clark, 906 Mt. Belvoir Drive, spoke on behalf of the Tennessee River Rescue which will take place on October 3, 2015. They will be cleaning areas in Spring Creek and West Chickamauga Creek. He is requesting that the City provide the same amount of support they have given in the past, which is to provide roll-off dumpsters, disposal of collected trash, use of the maintenance area on Yale Street, and fire and police support. Last year more than 60 volunteers removed 70 tires and 1,700 lbs. of bagged trash. In the past ten years, they have removed 343 tires, 50 shopping carts and almost 20,000 lbs. of trash from Spring Creek. Mayor Lambert stated the City will be supportive of the efforts of the River Rescue group as they have in the past. He appreciates the efforts of the group.

Charleston A. Wilson, 1320 Saint Thomas Street, is concerned about a pot hole on his street. Chief Williams will get with Street Supervisor, Norman Branum and have the street checked.

Councilmember Cagle stated there is a pot hole near McDonald Road and Ringgold Road on the right of way that needs to be addressed.

Communication from Councilmembers:

Councilmember Manning asked everyone to remember former Police Chief Bill Muse in their prayers in his recent illness.

Councilmember Sewell stated there are some streets that have sewer lines caved in. He will get with the Interim City Manager about these.

Councilmember Cagle had nothing at this time.

Vice Mayor Gravitt commended the Staff for supporting the funeral processions of Staff Sgt. David Wyatt and SFC Randall Smith. Mayor Lambert also thanked the Fire and Police for their support of the funeral processions.

Mayor Lambert stated he has met with the publisher of the Hometown News about doing a holiday issue of the magazine. The Mayor thinks this would be a great way to inform citizens about what all is going on during the holidays and also include a shopper's guide. Funds have been budgeted in economic development that could be used for this. He recommended leaving it up to staff to decide what the costs would be.

Communication from City Manager – Interim City Manager Williams gave an update on an employee that had a medical issue at work last week. He stated the employee is doing much better.

Old Business:

Discussion of Street Paving Bids – Chief Williams stated that this project could run approximately \$300,000 for materials and possibly labor. Mr. Jablonski stated this would have to be bid out to get more firm numbers for materials and labor. He discussed bidding this out as Option A, one total amount for all streets, and Option B, cost per street. Mayor Lambert made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to obtain bids for paving the streets submitted to Council. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

New Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 994 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 989 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2016 APPROPRIATING THE SAME TO THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT . . .” BY CHANGING THE REVENUE OF THE

GENERAL FUND AND DESIGNATING A PORTION OF THE FUND BALANCE OF THE STATE STREET AID FUND AND BY CHANGING THE EXPENDITURES OF THE GENERAL FUND AND STATE STREET AID FUND (1st reading) - City Attorney North read on caption. Vice Mayor Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to approve Ordinance No. 994 on first reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Request for Variance for Walmart Neighborhood Market – Mayor Lambert stated that the Vice Mayor requested to move this item to this part of the agenda. Present from Walmart were Jeff Soble, Sr. Development Project Manager with the Hutton Company, developer of the Walmart Neighborhood Market; Matt Phillips, Vice President of Real Estate with the Hutton Company; Kate Sims, Project Coordinator; Frank Cowden, Regent Properties; Assistant Manager, Chaz Smith, Walmart Neighborhood Market; and Ben Berry, Berry Engineers. Mr. Soble stated they are here to request a variance to the distance requirements for selling beer in the store. Mr. Berry stated the ordinance requires a separation of 250 ft. from schools, churches and residences. The project does meet the distance requirements for schools and churches, but there are residences within the 250 feet. He stated they have provided buffering between the store and the surrounding residences, with trees and a wooden screen fence. Chaz Smith, the assistant store manager, stated Wal-Mart has extensive training of all associates before allowing them to cashier. Every register is set up to prompt for an ID. The register will stop until the ID information is entered. Grand opening will be October 28th and will employ 90 – 95 associates. Mr. Gravitt stated if this is not passed, it could put this project in jeopardy. Vice Mayor Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to approve the request for a variance. It will have a huge economic impact on the City. Mr. Gravitt stated that Walmart has not asked for any funds from the City. Mayor Lambert stated that the store could sell wine, for which there are no distance requirements. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Councilman Cagle suggested that the beer application needs to be updated to make sure that the distance issue for residences does not come up again. He requested that the City Attorney and Council review the beer ordinance in the near future.

RESOLUTION NO. 2498 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY 2016 TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT - City Attorney North read on caption. Mr. Gravitt stated the City would have a match of up to \$130,000 for a \$650,000 grant. The match would come out of State Street Aid. Vice Mayor Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to approve Resolution No. 2498. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2499 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE APPROVING ANNUAL BIDS FOR STREET DEPARTMENT MATERIALS FOR FY 15/16 - City Attorney North read on caption. Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Gravitt, to approve Resolution No. 2499. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2500 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING A BID FOR A ROAD MARKING

MACHINE (PAINT MACHINE) FOR THE CITY'S TRAFFIC CONTROL DEPARTMENT - City Attorney North read on caption. Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Gravitt, to approve Resolution No. 2500. This will come out of the Capital Projects Fund and came in \$18,000 less than the budgeted amount. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2501 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SOUTHEAST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SETDD) TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TDOT) MULTIMODAL ACCESS GRANT - City Attorney North read on caption. Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Gravitt, to approve Resolution No. 2501. Mr. Gravitt commended Mr. Jablonski and Amanda Miller for obtaining this grant. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2502 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, SELECTING AN ENGINEERING AND DESIGN FIRM, AND AUTHORIZING THE SOUTHEAST TENNESSEE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SETDD) TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RAGAN-SMITH ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TENNESSEE LOCAL PARKS AND RECREATION FUND (LPRF) GRANT PROJECT - City Attorney North read on caption. Vice Mayor Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to approve Resolution No. 2502. Terry Reynolds, with Ragan Smith Associates, stated they have just been chosen for the project and the next step will be to develop a scope of services for the project in order to determine a cost. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Discussion of Leave Buy Back Program – Mayor Lambert wants to address the resolution regarding revising the language of this policy. He stated that when the program was done away with for new employees, it was not the intention for employees to lose their hours when they leave or retire from the City. He would like the language amended to allow employees leaving the City to be paid for their accumulated time. Councilmember Manning made a motion to approve this, but later withdrew. Councilmember Cagle suggested putting a cap on vacation time that can be accrued. Councilmember Sewell suggested having a workshop to discuss this issue and possibly discuss the employee handbook. Mr. Sewell would also like to discuss the wrecker ordinance.

Discussion of the City's 95th Birthday Celebration – Mayor Lambert requested that we plan this event in the spring to tie in with the opening of Bass Pro. The Mayor requested that Director Martin oversee this project. Vice Mayor Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to have Director Martin oversee this event. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2503 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, MODIFYING AND AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2497, REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AND HAMILTON

COUNTY, TENNESSEE, CONCERNING THE CONSTRUCTION AND RECONFIGURATION OF EXIT ONE OF INTERSTATE 75 AND CAMP JORDAN PARKWAY - City Attorney North read on caption. This item was moved forward from the agenda work session. Mayor Lambert stated the changes the county asked for were limiting their contribution to \$1,000,000. They do not want to split any overage that could occur. The County Commission will be voting on this item at the next meeting. Mr. Sewell thanked the Mayor and Vice Mayor for helping work this out with the county. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE AGENDA WORK SESSION
August 27, 2015 – 6:00 pm

To Set the Agenda For The
September 10, 2015 Council Meeting

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on August 27, 2015 at East Ridge City Hall to set the agenda for the September 10, 2015 Council Meeting and other items.

Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order.

Present were: Mayor Lambert, Vice Mayor Gravitt, Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Manning, Councilmember Sewell, Interim City Manager Williams, Alex McVeagh for City Attorney North, and City Recorder Middleton.

New Business Discussion:

RESOLUTION NO. _____ TO APPROVE BIDS FOR A POLE TENT FOR THE NEEDY CHILD FUND – Interim City Manager Williams stated that this is for the Christmas Nights of Lights Santa’s Village at Camp Jordan. He stated the City bought one tent last year and wants to add a second, since the village was so successful. This will be purchased from the Needy Child Fund with nothing coming from the General Fund.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING AND DESIGN PROPONENT FOR THE MULTIMODAL GRANT PROJECT – RINGGOLD ROAD STREET IMPROVEMENTS – Chief Williams stated that City Treasurer Jablonski is not present tonight. Mr. Jablonski has been handling this item so the Chief would like to discuss this when Mr. Jablonski is here.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR STREET PAVING PROJECT- Chief Williams stated that bids were received for this project but the total amount needs to be clarified. The Chief will have Mr. Jablonski verify the bid amount before this is presented at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ APPROVAL FOR SOUTHEAST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SETDD) TO ADMINISTER GRANT FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS GRANT– EAST RIDGE ELEMENTARY – Chief Williams stated this is a grant for sidewalks at the elementary schools in East Ridge. It is routine to have SETDD administer them.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - APPROVAL FOR SOUTHEAST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO ADMINISTER GRANT FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS GRANT – SPRING CREEK ELEMENTARY – This item is also for sidewalks for the elementary schools.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT “FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION GRANT” – Chief Williams stated if we receive this grant, it will allow the City to purchase additional equipment for the Fire and Police Departments.

Approval of Request from Jones Memorial United Methodist Church for City to Hang Banner Over Ringgold Road for Their 35th Annual Barbecue – Chief Williams stated we have provided this service for many years. The church is also requesting the use of a garbage truck. Without objection, Mayor Lambert moved this item to tonight’s regular meeting agenda as Item K under New Business.

The meeting was adjourned.

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

**August 27, 2015
6:30 p.m.**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on August 27, 2015, 6:30 pm at East Ridge City Hall. Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order.

Mayor Lambert gave the invocation. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present were: Mayor Lambert, Vice Mayor Gravitt, Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Manning, Councilmember Sewell, Interim City Manager Williams, Alex McVeagh for City Attorney North, and City Recorder Middleton.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes August 13, 2015 Agenda Work Session
- B. Approval of Minutes August 13, 2015 Council Meeting
- C. Approval of July 2015 Treasurer's Report
- D. Declaration of Surplus Property

Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to approve the Consent Agenda. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Communication from Citizens:

Archie Currence, 3235 Ardian Trail, stated there is a problem with people littering on Blackhawk Trail. He is requesting that the City put up a banner on Ringgold Road as a promotion not to litter and a "No Littering" sign on Blackhawk. He also stated that EPB cut down a tree and Asplundh Tree Service cleaned up the cuttings but left the biggest part of the tree. Interim City Manager Williams will have someone look at this tomorrow morning. Vice Mayor Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Council Manning, to put up "No Littering" banners on Ringgold Road. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Communication from Councilmembers:

Councilmember Manning had nothing at this time.

Councilmember Sewell stated he is glad Mr. Manning is back after his recent illness. He also thanked him for the entertainment between meetings.

Vice Mayor Gravitt suggested moving up the Retail Strategies presentation so their representatives will not have to sit through the entire meeting. Without objection, Mayor

Lambert moved this item up before Old Business. Mr. Gravitt also suggested anytime we have a presentation to move it up on the agenda.

Councilmember Cagle had nothing at this time

Mayor Lambert had nothing at this time.

Communication from City Manager:

Interim City Manager Williams asked Police Chief Reed to come forward to make an announcement. Chief Reed stated that he received a letter from the Department of Justice informing him that the City has been awarded the 2015 Edward Byrne Grant in the amount of \$10,511 to be used for computer mounting kits. He also stated that he has ordered 14 new laptops and mounting kits for the police vehicles.

Chief Williams announced that the City has a police officer that will be retiring. Bruce Ross has been with the City almost 22 years and has never had any complaints on him from citizens.

Presentation from Retail Strategies - At this time, Mayor Lambert moved this item to this point of the agenda.

Lacy Beasley, with Retail Strategies went over the strategic plan for East Ridge. She discussed demographics for the City, such as median ages and income, what people do for entertainment, and drive times to other retail locations. She also discussed the Gap Analysis, which is spending outside the community. She stated the largest gap is in supermarkets. Ms. Beasley stated that restaurants are expanding nationwide and they must take this into consideration when they are recruiting.

Ms. Beasley stated that they have contacted other retail prospects on behalf of the City but cannot discuss this in a public meeting.

Ms. Beasley stated that Retail Strategies staff represented East Ridge at the RECON show in Las Vegas. She stated there were more than 32,000 people there. There is also another large show coming up in Atlanta on October 27th. They will also represent East Ridge at that show.

Mayor Lambert stated he would like to have maps of the businesses available at City Hall and Camp Jordan, plus put them on our website. Ms. Beasley will provide those maps and will also provide a Retail Strategies link to put on the City website.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 994 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 989 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2016 APPROPRIATING THE SAME TO THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT . . ." BY CHANGING THE REVENUE OF THE GENERAL FUND AND DESIGNATING A PORTION OF THE FUND BALANCE OF

THE STATE STREET AID FUND AND BY CHANGING THE EXPENDITURES OF THE GENERAL FUND, STATE STREET AID FUND AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (2nd and final reading) – Mr. McVeagh read on caption. Councilmember Cagle stated that the information in this ordinance is not what was approved on first reading. Mayor Lambert stated that an ordinance can be changed from first reading to second reading; that has been the case with the budget ordinance in the past. It is only legally approved after the second reading. Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to table Ordinance No. 994. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2503 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, MODIFYING AND AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2497, REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AND HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, CONCERNING THE CONSTRUCTION AND RECONFIGURATION OF EXIT ONE OF INTERSTATE 75 AND CAMP JORDAN PARKWAY (to confirm motion and second from August 13, 2015 meeting) - Mayor Lambert stated that the motion and second for this Resolution from the August 13, 2015 meeting was not audible. Vice Mayor Gravitt and Councilmember Manning confirmed that they did make the motion and second respectively for approval in that meeting.

Discussion of Leave Buyback – Mayor Lambert stated that scheduling a workshop for this and other items is on this agenda under New Business. He would like to wait to discuss this matter at that time. Mayor Lambert made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to table this item until a workshop is set up. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

New Business Discussion:

RESOLUTION NO. 2504 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING A BID FOR SCBA AIRPACKS FOR THE EAST RIDGE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT, TO BE PURCHASED FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND – Mr. McVeagh read on caption. Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to approve Resolution No. 2504. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2505 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE PORTABLE RADIOS AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE EAST RIDGE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES STATE-WIDE CONTRACT LISTING, PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED 12-3-1001 – Mr. McVeagh read on caption. Chief Williams stated the City received a FEMA grant for two Fire radios and three Police radios. We will get the same amount next year in a grant. The radios are budgeted in Capital Improvements. Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Gravitt, to approve Resolution No. 2505. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2506 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS

DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE PORTABLE RADIOS AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES STATE-WIDE CONTRACT LISTING, PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED 12-3-100 – Mr. McVeagh read on caption. Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to approve Resolution No. 2506. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Discussion of Bids for Camp Jordan Parkway Project – Mayor Lambert stated we received two bids for this project. He has asked the developers from Exit 1, LLC to help put specifications together and separate out each particular item. He stated we could get a bid on the roadway now and bid out items such as landscaping and lighting later. Vice Mayor Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to reject all bids and proceed with bidding the construction of the roadway now, with landscaping and lighting to be bid out at a later date. Mayor Lambert made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to amend the motion to state that all specifications be reviewed by Chief Williams and the Chief Building Official before it is bid out, plus the specifications will be sent to the Road Builders Association. The vote on the amendment was unanimous. Motion approved. The vote on the original motion was unanimous. Motion approved.

Discussion of Request for Qualifications for an Architect for Fire Station #2 – Chief Williams would like to start looking for an architect as soon as possible. He stated we have a new Building Official who has experience in building a fire station in Catoosa County. The Chief stated the lot may have to be rezoned for a zero lot line, but that would need to go before the Planning Commission first. Vice Mayor Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to have this item go before the Planning Commission as soon as possible. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Discussion of a Planning/Advisory Committee for Camp Jordan – Mayor Lambert stated that Camp Jordan needs a long-range plan. Director Martin was authorized in the last meeting to put together a planning/advisory committee for this purpose and to also do fundraising and marketing. Mr. Martin read the names of the proposed committee members as follows:

Chairperson Stump Martin	Jim Ledbetter
Todd Agne	Ron Littlefield
Cathy Broome	Glenn Meadows
Brenda Coe	Tim Morgan
Byron Coleman	Robert Stahl
Barry Courter	Patti Sanders
Bucky Deering	Efrin Stewart
Don Harris	John Tilley
Hunter Hughes	Fred Weichmann
Don Huskey	Dean Wilson
Bobby Hudgens	

Mayor Lambert stated some people are concerned that some of the committee members are not East Ridge residents. He stated that all the proposed members have ties to East Ridge and he is fine with the fact that not all of them live in East Ridge. The Committee will be called the Blue

Ribbon Sports Committee. Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to approve the committee members. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Vice Mayor Gravitt discussed the soccer lease with Chattanooga Football Club. He stated he is not in favor of doing a 20-year lease with the group.

Mr. Gravitt also discussed the fact the Exit 1 developers are using dirt from Camp Jordan to fill the pond across from the Bass Pro development. Mayor Lambert stated he has no problem with them using this dirt for that purpose. Mr. Gravitt would like for Chief Williams to ask the developers to give the City a date as to when they will stop hauling dirt out of Camp Jordan. Mayor Lambert stated that Council did not set a timetable as to when they needed to stop hauling dirt out of the park. Chief Williams stated he spoke to Matt Wood with Exit 1, LLC and was told they would be out of the park in two months and would have the pavilion completed by November 5, 2015.

Discussion of Scheduling a Work Session to Discuss Leave Buyback, the Wrecker Ordinance and the Employee Handbook – Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to schedule a called meeting on September 3, 2015 at 5:30 pm to discuss employee compensation and the employee handbook. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Approval to Waive Fees for Optimist Club to Use the Community Center for Their Annual 911 First Responder Luncheon – Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to waive the fees for this event. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Discussion of East Ridge Elementary School Request that the City Council Redesignate Art Funds Provided in FY15 to be used for a Leadership Program at the School – Account Specialist Qualls stated these are funds the City gave the school last year for art classes, but they no longer offer art classes. The school is asking that the Council reallocate those funds to the Leadership Program at the school. Mayor Lambert made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to reallocate the funds to the Leadership Program. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Gravitt - yes; Councilmember Cagle - yes; Councilmember Manning - abstain; Councilmember Sewell - yes; Mayor Lambert - yes. Motion approved.

Approval of Request from Jones Memorial United Methodist Church for City to Hang Banner Over Ringgold Road for Their 35th Annual Barbecue - Vice Mayor Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to approve the request. The vote was unanimous.

Vice Mayor Gravitt stated he would like to have a list of all employees that have take home vehicles for the called meeting on September 3, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned.