

**PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE
FOR THE FY 2016 – 2017 BUDGET**

August 11, 2016 – 5:45 p.m.

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on August 11, 2016, 5:45 pm at East Ridge City Hall for the purpose of holding a public hearing for the FY 2016 – 2017 budget. Mayor Lambert opened the Public Hearing

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

Comments from City Manager:

City Manager Miller had no comments.

Comments from Mayor and Council:

Mayor and Councilmembers had no comments or questions

Comments from Citizens:

There were no comments or questions from citizens.

Mayor Lambert closed the Public Hearing.

The meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE AGENDA WORK SESSION
August 11, 2016– 6:00 pm

To Set the Agenda For The
August 25, 2016 Council Meeting

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on August 11, 2016 at East Ridge City Hall to set the agenda for the August 25, 2016 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, City Manager Miller, City Attorney North, and City Recorder Middleton.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1015 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, PERMITTING TOWER ASSETS NEWCO IX, LLC (TOWER VENTURES) TO CONSTRUCT A CELLULAR COMMUNICATIONS TOWER AT 4320 BENNETT ROAD, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE 481, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 113 TITLED USES PERMITTED ON REVIEW (2nd and final reading) – Mayor Lambert stated this is regarding the cell tower at East Ridge High School. First reading will be in tonight’s regular Council meeting.

New Business Discussion:

RESOLUTION NO. _____ to Apply for and Accept the Maddie's Fund Grant for the Animal Shelter – Community Involvement Coordinator Miller stated this is a \$5,000 grant for heartworm tests and paying for medical care if the tests are positive. This is a 100% grant.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO APPOINT CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE EAST RIDGE HOUSING COMMISSION – City Attorney North prepared this resolution in order for the appointments to be memorialized by resolution. Their terms will also be in the resolution.

Request from Larry Clark with Tennessee River Rescue for the City to Provide Safety Officers and Collection/Hauling Equipment for the Annual Tennessee River Rescue on October 1, 2016 – Mayor Lambert stated we participate every year in this event. Community Involvement Coordinator Miller stated that Mr. Clark will be at the next meeting to make the request.

Discussion of Fence at Camp Jordan Park – City Manager Miller stated he has a concern about replacing the fencing along Camp Jordan Road with bollards to keep vehicles off the soccer field. Councilmember Cagle suggested that City crews install the fence. Street Supervisor Branum stated his street department employees could install the fence. Director Martin stated he could purchase the fencing wholesale, plus the City could sell the old fencing. Mayor Lambert would like to replace all the fencing along Camp Jordan Road. Mr. Martin will get estimates and bring back to Council.

Discussion of 2016 Street Resurfacing Program – Mr. Miller stated we could use approximately \$500,000 out of State Street Aid to do resurfacing. Mr. Cagle questioned having McDonald Road on the resurfacing list since WWTA will be doing sewer work for the new Life Care Center. Fire Marshal Custer will get information from WWTA on all their street cuts.

Mayor Lambert stated he received an email from someone who wants a mirror installed on Greenslake Road in order for them to see around a corner by her driveway. The City Attorney stated he is not sure we could install mirrors because of the liability.

Vice Mayor Gravitt stated he spoke to a citizen who had approached the Council about installing banners about not littering, and asked about the progress.

Mr. Gravitt stated the citizen also asked about the intersection at S. Seminole and Ringgold Road, stating that one side of the intersection does not have a turn signal. Chief Reed stated a traffic study was done, but because Old Ringgold Road is so close to Ringgold Road, it causes traffic problems. There is not enough room in the turn lane to accommodate very many cars turning left.

The meeting was adjourned.

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

**August 11, 2016
6:30 pm**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on August 11, 2016, 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, City Manager Miller, City Attorney North, and City Recorder Middleton.

Mayor Lambert recognized Mayor Jobe of the City of Ridgeside, for whom we provide fire and police services.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes July 21, 2016 Budget Work Session
- B. Approval of Minutes July 28, 2016 Agenda Work Session
- C. Approval of Minutes July 28, 2016 Council Meeting

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

Communication from Citizens:

None

Communication from Councilmembers:

Councilmember Manning had nothing at this time.

Councilmember Cagle thanked City Manager Miller and Finance Director Qualls for the hard work they did on the budget with no tax increase.

Vice Mayor Gravitt echoed Mr. Cagle's comments.

Mayor Lambert stated he appreciates all staff, saying they are the City's greatest asset. He stated this is a wonderful community with bright prospects.

Councilmember Sewell had nothing at this time.

Communication from City Manager:

City Manager Miller had nothing at this time.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1013 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017 (2nd and final reading) - City Attorney North read on caption. Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Gravitt, to approve Ordinance No. 1013 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO 1014 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE EAST RIDGE CITY CODE, TITLE 1, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ORGANIZATIONAL CHARTS) (2nd and final reading) - City Attorney North read on caption. Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to approve Ordinance No. 1014 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

New Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1015 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, PERMITTING TOWER ASSETS NEWCO IX, LLC (TOWER VENTURES) TO CONSTRUCT A CELLULAR COMMUNICATIONS TOWER AT 4320 BENNETT ROAD, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE 481, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 113 TITLED USES PERMITTED ON REVIEW (1st reading) - City Attorney North read on caption. Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to approve Ordinance No. 1015 on first reading. Luke Hasserman with Tower Assets was present to answer any questions that Council had, but there were none. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

GRANT CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. RESOLUTION NO. 2582 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE WALMART FOUNDATION COMMUNITY GRANT**
- 2. RESOLUTION NO. 2583 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE WALMART FOUNDATION COMMUNITY GRANT**

Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Gravitt, to approve the Grant Consent Agenda. Councilmember Cagle stated there was a memo in the agenda packet stating

the \$1,800 grant would be spent on EMS equipment, but in the budget, it is designated for the Needy Child Fund in the amount of \$1,500. City Manager Miller stated when they put the budget together, they were anticipating \$1,500 for the grant. Chief Williams stated he would like for the grant to be designated for the Needy Child Fund. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to amend Resolution No. 2582 to reflect that the grant would be used for the Needy Child Fund. Roll call on the amendment was unanimous. Motion approved. Mr. Manning commended the Fire Department for the work they do for the Needy Child Fund. Roll call on the Consent Agenda, with Resolution No. 2582 as amended, was unanimous. Motion approved.

Discussion of Wrecker Ordinance – City Manager Miller stated there are two versions of Ordinance No. 787 with the same approval dates. One of the versions has an added phrase in Section 9 and Council needs to determine which ordinance they want and adopt a new one. Vice Mayor Gravitt stated we need to start from this point and go forward with a new ordinance. City Attorney North agreed that we need to revoke all existing wrecker ordinances and start from scratch. Mr. Cagle stated there are other sections that do not read the same in the two versions of the ordinance. Mr. Miller stated he needs direction from Council and how the ordinance should be changed. Suggested changes were as follows:

- Delete all references of Public Safety Director and replace with inspector
- City Manager would sign off on inspections.
- Class C wreckers – delete requirements of 35 ton boom and replace with 25 ton boom.
- Rates should be the same and the state and county.
- Section 9-516 – delete requirement for chauffeur’s license and replace with CDL license – F Endorsement.
- License information should match the size of wrecker the company is operating.
- Require company to be in business in East Ridge at least one or two years before being added to the district wrecker list.

Mr. Cagle suggested using the version marked “original” and then make the suggested changes. The Mayor and other Councilmembers agreed. City Attorney North will incorporate all the suggested changes from Council into the ordinance. This item will be added to the next agenda.

Discussion of Hours of Operation for Construction Projects – Mayor Lambert stated there is information in the packet regarding what other local cities do about construction hours. He stated that Signal Mountain and Chattanooga vary from the East Ridge regulations, but other area municipalities are basically the same as ours. The Mayor stated as of now, construction can take place on any day of the week. He also stated that if we still allow construction on Sunday, it should start later in the day. Councilmember Sewell stated we could allow the City Manager to determine the construction times depending on the areas. Vice Mayor Gravitt stated we need to differentiate between inside and outside construction. Mayor Lambert stated we are pro business and pro development but it should be done responsibly. He also has problems with construction activity on Christmas and Thanksgiving. Building Official Custer will get with the City Attorney to work out details and bring it back before Council.

Discussion/Clarification on Political Signs – Mayor Lambert stated this was discussed in the last meeting and the consensus was that signs could be placed 60 days in advance of the date that early voting begins. Vice Mayor Gravitt would also like to do a lottery to determine where candidates can place their tents on City Hall property on election day. He also believes

candidates should not be allowed to put up their signs and tents on City Hall property more than 24 hours before the polls open. Mr. Miller suggested that no signs be allowed on City property, other than on City Hall property 24hours prior to the polls opening.

The meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE AGENDA WORK SESSION
August 25, 2016– 6:00 pm

To Set the Agenda For The
September 8, 2016 Council Meeting

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on August 25, 2016 at East Ridge City Hall to set the agenda for the September 8, 2016 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, City Manager Miller, City Attorney North, and City Recorder Middleton.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1015 – PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 1015 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, PERMITTING TOWER ASSETS NEWCO IX, LLC (TOWER VENTURES) TO CONSTRUCT A CELLULAR COMMUNICATIONS TOWER AT 4320 BENNETT ROAD, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE 481, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 113, TITLED USES PERMITTED ON REVIEW (2nd and final reading) – Mayor Lambert stated this has been approved on first reading and will have the public hearing and second reading on September 8, 2016.

ORDINANCE NO. 1016 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 867 AND AMENDING TITLE 20 RELATIVE TO THE TIMING AND PLACEMENT OF POLITICAL SIGNS ON CITY AND PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE (2nd and final reading) – Mayor Lambert stated first reading is in tonight’s regular meeting and there should be more discussion at that time. Councilmember Manning stated that some signs are already out and asked if that was illegal. Mayor Lambert stated it is not illegal; it is within the 60 day time frame.

Discussion of the Proposal From Adventure Guild for a Challenge Course and Zip Line at Camp Jordan Park – Director Martin introduced Don Stock and Philip Davis with Adventure Guild. Mr. Stock stating he is proposing leasing property at Camp Jordan to have a challenge course and zip line. He stated his company has been in business for over 20 years, and they operated a challenge course at Greenway Farms, but feel it is time to make a move. They also operate the aerial adventures at Ruby Falls and Fall Creek Falls. Mr. Stock is requesting a 10-year lease, with the City receiving 10% of the revenue. They will be fully insured and will add the City as an additional insured on their policy.

Mr. Manning asked how they would handle security. Mr. Stock stated he is working on that because there are always concerns about vandalism. He discussed installing lighting but that would mean running electricity to the site, which will be on the north side of the park, close to the creek. He stated they also have a partnership with the City of Chattanooga and will send City Attorney North as copy of that contract.

Discussion of the Wrecker and Towing Service – City Manager Miller stated the wrecker services affected were invited to this meeting to discuss the changes to the wrecker ordinance. He also stated on August 11th, Council chose the version marked “original” on which to make changes. Mayor Lambert stated that since it was almost time for the regular meeting, this item could be discussed further at that time.

New Business Discussion:

ORDINANCE NO. _____ - BUDGET AMENDMENT – Finance Director Qualls stated she will be amending the Grant Fund and the Drug Fund, depending on actions taken tonight in the regular meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - GRANT FOR DRIVER’S SAFETY – Community Involvement Coordinator Miller stated this is a TML grant for \$5,000, which can be used for driver’s license checks. There is no match from the City.

The Mayor and Councilmembers had no further discussion.

The meeting was adjourned.

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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, City Manager Miller, City Attorney North, and City Recorder Middleton.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes August 11, 2016 Public Hearing for FY 2016-2017 Budget
- B. Approval of Minutes August 11, 2016 Agenda Work Session
- C. Approval of Minutes August 11, 2016 Council Meeting

Vice Mayor Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to approve the consent agenda. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Oath of Honor for New Police Officers - At this time, Mayor Lambert administered the Oath of Honor to new police officers Adam Rose and Edward Snyder.

Communication from Citizens:

Tim Whitt, 1519 East Ridge Avenue, stated there are no recreation facilities for older kids on this end of town. He would like for Council to install a basketball court and a volleyball court on the vacant lot behind the old McBrien School. City Manager Miller stated the City is in the process of doing a comprehensive recreation plan and wants to wait until that comes back before they decide on what to build. Parks and Recreation Director Martin stated he has discussed a skate park with the City Manager and basketball is available at the Community Center Monday – Friday.

Communication from Councilmembers:

Councilmembers Manning, Sewell and Cagle had nothing at this time.

Vice Mayor Gravitt stated that Mr. Larry Clark is present to discuss the River Rescue, and he would like to move this item up on the agenda.

Mayor Lambert stated he appreciates everyone who helped with the birthday celebration. The Mayor believes the event was a success and believes that approximately 2,000 people came through during the five-hour event.

The Mayor also thanked City Manager Miller and staff members for getting the old Kingwood Pharmacy sign off the building, to be donated to the East Ridge History Center.

Communication from City Manager:

City Manager Miller had nothing at this time.

At this time, Mayor Lambert moved Item G under New Business to this part of the agenda.

Discuss/Take Action on Request from Larry Clark with Tennessee River Rescue for the City to Provide Safety Officers and Collection/Hauling Equipment for the Annual Tennessee River Rescue on October 1, 2016 – Vice Mayor Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to approve the request. Mr. Clark stated he could not do this event without the city’s help. He also stated that last year 60 volunteers removed 70 tires and over 2,060 lbs. of trash from Spring Creek. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Old Business:

RESOLUTION NO. 2581 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AWARDING ANNUAL BIDS FOR STREET DEPARTMENT MATERIALS FOR FY 2016 – 2017 (tabled on July 28, 2016) - City Attorney North read on caption. Vice Mayor Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to approve the bids as follows:

Crushed Stone	Vulcan Materials
Top Soil	Park Equipment
Asphalt and other street repairs materials	Hiawasse Paving
Various types of Drainage Pipe	Bradley Tank and Pipe, LLC

Mr. Gravitt added to his motion that Bradley Tank and Pipe, LLC will provide the Iran Divestment Act Certification as required by the State on all bids by close of business on Friday, September 2, 2016, and if not received, award the bid to the second lowest bidder. Mayor Lambert realized this item had not been taken off the table. Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to remove this item from the table. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved. Vice Mayor Gravitt restated his motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to award the bids as stated above, and to require Bradley Tank and Pipe to provide the Iran Divestment Act certification by close of business on Friday, September 2, 2016. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Discussion of Hours of Operation for Construction Projects – Vice Mayor Gravitt stated he asked staff previously to bring their recommendations. Mr. Miller has provided those separately. He suggested the following amended language:

- Allow outside construction between the hours 7 am and 6 pm on weekdays and Saturdays.
- Allow outdoor construction between the hours of 9 am and 6 pm on Sundays.

- No outside work on July 4th, Labor Day, Memorial Day, Easter Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.
- He would also suggest that the Building Official could grant permission to the part to work outside of these hours.

Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to accept the recommendations of the City Manager. First reading of the ordinance will be on September 8, 2016. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Discussion of the Wrecker Ordinance – Mayor Lambert stated Council needs to provide direction to the City Manager regarding the wrecker ordinance. Mr. North stated there is a Supreme Court opinion that Federal law preempts State law, and there is a Federal law regarding wrecking and towing. In Tennessee, cities may regulate wrecker services but must be responsive to public safety issues. If the ordinance is not regulated to safety issues, we are preempting Federal law. Mr. North suggested the City adopt the State of Tennessee towing regulations. The main difference in State law and the City ordinance is the number of wrecker companies that can be on the district rotation list. The City limits the number of wrecker services on the rotation list to three. The State law does not have a specific number that can be on the rotation list. Councilmember Manning made a motion to leave the number of district wrecker operators at three. Mayor Lambert stated if a new company comes in to the City, they should go through the certification/permitting process. Mr. North believes we will have trouble in the future if we put a limit on the number of businesses that can be on the district rotation list. Councilmember Sewell stated he does not want to see new businesses come in and run the businesses that have been in the community for a long time out of business. Vice Mayor Gravitt would like to see the ordinance drafted with all the recommendations before Council votes on it. City Manager Miller reviewed all the recommended changes as follows:

- Changes all references of Public Safety Director to Police Chief
- Change all references of City Treasurer to Finance Officer.
- Page 3, Section 9-503 – Change from four (4) classes of wreckers to three (3) classes.
- Page 5 under Wrecker – Change Item B – Boom Capacity from 35 ton to 25 ton.
- Page 14, Section 20 – Change Chauffeurs License to CDL.

Councilmember Cagle asked the two wrecker operators that were present, Broom's and Cannons, to come forward to give their opinion. They stated they do not have a copy with all the changes. There was a discussion of fees that can be charged. We are currently charging the same as the State. Councilmember Sewell stated Council should vote next meeting on first reading and then give copies to the wrecker operators. Mayor Lambert asked that Council receive an email letting them know that the wrecker operators have seen this ordinance with the changes. Councilmember Manning withdrew his motion, in order for the City Manager and the City Attorney to make the suggested changes. The Mayor stated the issue to resolve before second reading is the number of district wrecker companies on the rotation list; it is currently limited to three. This will come before Council for first reading on September 8, 2016.

New Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1016 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 867 AND

AMENDING TITLE 20 RELATIVE TO THE TIMING AND PLACEMENT OF POLITICAL SIGNS ON CITY AND PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE (1st reading) - City Attorney North read on caption. Mr. North stated Council discussed having a lottery for the tent spaces around City Hall on Election Day. There was discussion about the size of the tent spaces being 12' x 12', holding the lottery at noon seven days prior to the actual Election Day, and having the City Recorder conduct the lottery. Mayor Lambert suggested adding to the ordinance that tent spaces will be determined by lottery, and decide the specifics before the second reading. Vice Mayor Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to approve Ordinance No. 1016 on first reading with the added language that tent spaces will be determined by lottery and decide the specifics before second reading. Specifics will be provided to Council prior to the second reading. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Gravitt - yes; Councilmember Cagle - yes; Councilmember Manning - no; Councilmember Sewell - yes; Mayor Lambert - yes. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2584 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO APPOINT CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE EAST RIDGE HOUSING COMMISSION - City Attorney North read on caption. Mr. North stated he felt this was necessary so there would be no question about the appointments. Vice Mayor Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to approve Resolution No. 2584. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Mr. Manning stated he would have a Library appointment at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2585 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MADDIE’S FUND INNOVATION GRANTS PROGRAM - City Attorney North read on caption. Vice Mayor Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to approve Resolution No. 2585. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2586 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE FIVE (5) NEW DODGE POLICE VEHICLES THROUGH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES STATE-WIDE CONTRACT LISTING, PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED 12-3-100 - City Attorney North read on caption. Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Gravitt to approve Resolution No. 2586. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Councilmember Sewell stated that some police departments are going to the small Ford SUVs. Chief Reed stated those cost a little more, but do have all wheel drive. He also stated the officers are happy with the Dodge's.

RESOLUTION NO. 2587 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE FIVE (5) VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES STATE-WIDE CONTRACT LISTING, PURSUANT TO

TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED 12-3-100 - City Attorney North read on caption. Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Gravitt, to approve Resolution No. 2587. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2588 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING A BID FOR NEW CARPET FOR THE INDOOR SOCCER COURTS AT CAMP JORDAN ARENA - City Attorney North read on caption. Director Martin stated the specifications that were sent out with the bid announcement were incorrect as far as the linear density. This carpet would not be as thick and could cause more injuries. Mr. Martin recommended that Council reject the bids and rebid this item with different specifications. Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to deny Resolution No. 2588 and re-bid the soccer carpet. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Discuss/Take Action on Fence at Camp Jordan Park – Director Martin stated it would cost \$7,493 for black six-foot high fencing. They must also have bigger posts which would cost an additional \$200. He stated that city employees could install the fence. Vice Mayor Gravitt asked if our City employees have the equipment to install the fencing, or if it would serve a better purpose to let them work on their own jobs and have the fence professionally installed. Councilmember Cagle stated the City could rent a fence stretcher, if necessary. Vice Mayor Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to table this item until the next meeting, in order for the City Manager to meet with everyone involved. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Discuss/Take Action on Request from Dick Cook with East Ridge News Online to hold Candidates Forum in the City Council Chambers (date to be determined) – Mayor Lambert asked Dick Cook to come forward to discuss his request to use the Council Chambers for a candidates forum. He stated the Council Chambers would be more comfortable for citizens and has a better public address system. He would like to hold the forum sometime before early voting begins on October 19th. Mr. Cook intends to video the forum but will not allow the candidates to use any part of the video for advertisement. Mayor Lambert suggested we get the Fire Marshal's input in case there is an overflow crowd. Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Gravitt, to approve the request to hold the Candidates Forum in the City Council chambers. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Gravitt - yes; Councilmember Cagle - yes; Councilmember Manning - abstain; Councilmember Sewell - yes; Mayor Lambert - yes. Motion approved.

Discuss/Take Action on Purchasing 16 New Tasers for the Police Department – Vice Mayor Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to approve the purchase. City Manager Miller stated these would be taken out of the drug fund. Vice Mayor Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to approve the purchase of tasers from the Drug Fund. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned.