

## MINUTES OF THE AGENDA WORK SESSION

February 18, 2016 – 6:00 pm

### To Set the Agenda For The February 25, 2016 Council Meeting

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on February 18, 2016 at East Ridge City Hall to set the agenda for the February 25, 2016 Council Meeting and other items.

Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order.

**Present were:** Mayor Lambert, Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Manning, Councilmember Sewell, Interim City Manager/Chief Williams, Alex McVeagh present for City Attorney North, and City Recorder Middleton. Vice Mayor Gravitt was not present.

**Discussion of Board Appointments** – Mayor Lambert stated it is time to reappoint board members. He has already started the process of talking to his appointees. There was a discussion of the staggered terms for the Industrial Development Board. Account Specialist Qualls will check into these terms. There is also one resignation on the Beer Board. Mayor Lambert will also bring a name forward for his WWTA appointee.

**Discussion of Creating a Community Volunteer Program** – Community Development Coordinator Miller stated that she is meeting with Debbie Colburn and the pastor of Frawley Road Baptist Church about a volunteer program. Mayor Lambert stated the pastor has also offered the use of the fellowship hall at the church in case the City needs it for any events. Ms. Miller stated that some grants require use of volunteers. This will have to be formalized by Council.

Councilmembers Manning, Sewell and Mayor Lambert had nothing at this time.

Councilmember Cagle stated there was previous discussion about disbanding the Personnel Board since they have never had a meeting. Mr. Cagle stated employees have told him they will not use it because they are afraid of retaliation. Mayor Lambert stated it would be up to Council to either keep the board or disband it.

The meeting was adjourned.

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

**February 18, 2016  
6:30 pm**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on February 18, 2016, 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, Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Manning, Councilmember Sewell, Interim City Manager Williams, Alex McVeagh for City Attorney North, and City Recorder Middleton. Vice Mayor Gravitt was not present for roll call, but came in later in the meeting.

At this time, Mayor Lambert administered the Police Officer's Oath to Officer Julian Chambers.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes January 28, 2015 Agenda Work Session
- B. Approval of Minutes January 28, 2015 Council Meeting
- C. 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:**

Harry Mackey, 410 S. St. Marks Avenue, representing the Optimist Club, thanked Council for their support of Optimist events. He is requesting Council approval to use the Camp Jordan Arena and pond for the Optimist Fishing Rodeo on June 4, 2016 and the Arena for a car show on June 18, 2016, both at no charge. Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to approve the request. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Matthew DeGlopper, 706 Pyron Lane, stated the City's website is not user friendly. Mayor Lambert stated that Google had a deadline for doing a mobile website. Had we not, the City would have been at the bottom of any search on Google. Mr. DeGlopper also discussed the voting structure of the WWTA and stated it needs to be changed.

Vice Mayor Gravitt came in at this time.

Mr. Gravitt discussed legislation he has been working on since last summer with the realtors association regarding WWTA and Tennessee American billing.

Jim Bethune, 710 Haven Hill Drive, asked Chief Williams for an update on the new fire station. Chief Williams stated he has met with an architect and gone over several plans. He stated we will be able to use just about all of the old building that was taken down. The property will have to be raised 8 to 9 feet, with a site preparation cost of \$200,000 to \$250,000. He is trying to cut down on that cost. He also stated our ISO rating will not be affected as long as we are moving forward with a plan. The Chief also stated we have received the new fire engine but we are waiting on additional items to be delivered.

#### **Communication from Councilmembers:**

Councilmember Manning asked the Chief if the new station would be one story or two. Chief Williams stated it would be one story.

Councilmember Sewell stated he would like to have the station done by the end of the year.

Councilmember Cagle stated there were problem with the concrete when the other fire station was built. The apron was not poured thick enough.

Vice Mayor Gravitt apologized for being late. He was attending a community forum.

Mayor Lambert stated that he received an email from Honna Rogers with the Municipal Technical Advisory Service offering MTAS assistance with the City Manager search. They can review the resumes, check to see if applicants meet the criteria and rank the applicants. This would take about a week to 10 days. Councilmember Cagle and Vice Mayor Gravitt stated they would be in favor of MTAS doing this for the City. Without objection, the Mayor will tell Ms. Rogers to proceed.

**Communication from City Manager:** Chief Williams had nothing at this time.

**Discussion of IT Issues** – Captain Mullinax discussed the IT issues that the City is having. He stated the problems could be solved in a 3-phase plan. Phase 1 is a cabling issue; some of the cabling is over 20 years old. Phase 2 is the connection with Hamilton County; a firewall would need to be installed. Phase 3 would be new network service. Bo Laughlin, Account Executive with eBryit, our IT consultants and Marc Turcot, Network Engineer with eBryit discussed the issues. Captain Mullinax stated we have been their customers for about 17 years and it has worked out well. They stated the total cost of all three phases would be \$40,000. Vice Mayor Gravitt stated this is not a budgeted item and would like to wait until the new budget. Account Specialist Qualls stated we are having problems now; we cannot connect with the state for revenue issues and it is causing problems with the bank for payroll issues. It is also causing problems with posting to the website. Mr. Sewell stated it sounds like we cannot wait until budget time and if we do this we should do all phases at one time. Mr. Gravitt stated he was not aware of these problems. Captain Mullinax stated the Police Department has wiring issues now and they will be worse when we link to Chattanooga and Hamilton County. We will also be adding all the in-car computers. Mayor Lambert would like to have this on the agenda for the meeting on February 28th.

#### **Old Business:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1005 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, PROHIBITING THE PARKING OF PERSONAL RECREATIONAL VEHICLES IN COMMERCIAL PARKING LOTS FOR MORE THAN THREE CONSECUTIVE DAYS (2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading)** – Mr. McVeagh read on caption. Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to approve Ordinance No. 1005 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**Discussion of Positions in Administration and Building/Codes Departments** - Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Gravitt, to leave this item on the table until they get copies of job descriptions and get a number for the positions requested. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Gravitt – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Manning – no; Councilmember Sewell – no; Mayor Lambert – yes. Motion approved. Councilmember Sewell would like to have information at the next meeting. Chief Williams stated that an employee was moved from Codes to Administration, so Council would need to create the position in Administration. This would open up the position in Codes. Chief Williams stated as Interim City Manager, he can move employees around anywhere in the City. Mayor Lambert stated that by creating one position in Administration, it would free up a position in Codes. Vice Mayor Gravitt asked the status of hiring a City Treasurer. Chief Williams stated Council has not instructed him to advertise for a City Treasurer. Councilmember Sewell stated that in a meeting with the auditor, they suggested that the City hire a city planner, not a City Treasurer. Vice Mayor Gravitt stated he didn't have a problem hiring someone in Codes, but we do not need anyone in Administration. Mayor Lambert stated we need to have a workshop to determine what positions are needed overall in the City. Fire Marshal Custer stated that all city employees are overworked. Chief Williams stated that he made the comment two years ago that Codes would have to be staffed double, and that Fire and Police and other services are also understaffed. Vice Mayor Gravitt stated he has always emphasized that we hire qualified people. Chief Williams stated he has not hired anyone that was not qualified for a position. Chief Williams will get figures on how much a Codes person would cost.

**New Business:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1006 - 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 DESIGNATING A PORTION OF THE FUND BALANCES OF THE GENERAL FUND AND DOJ FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUND AND BY CHANGING THE REVENUE OF THE GRANT FUND AND BY CHANGING THE EXPENDITURES OF THE GENERAL FUND, GRANT FUND AND DOJ FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUND (1<sup>st</sup> reading)** – Mr. McVeagh read on caption. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Gravitt, to approve Ordinance No. 1006 on first reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2544 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED CHANGE ORDER FROM RAGAN SMITH IN REGARDS**

**TO THE LPRF GRANT** – Mr. McVeagh read on caption. Community Involvement Coordinator Miller stated the survey costs was left off the original contract. The cost is our responsibility and is not reimbursable. Mr. Cagle asked if the basketball court would be a half court or a full court. Director Martin stated his recommendation is to keep the half court and not spend any more money. He is also recommending we just keep the one tennis court and not do fencing at this time. Terry Reynolds, with Ragan Smith Engineers stated that there are 2 primary issues on the topography survey. One is drainage and the other is wheelchair accessibility. The half court of full court would have no impact on this. The restroom would have to be relocated because it would have to be raised too high next to the pavilion. Director Martin stated the two things we need are the dog track and the restroom. He also stated we do not need a basketball court, but we have to include it. Vice Mayor Gravitt asked if we are making all these changes, how would it affect us getting the grant. Mr. Martin stated we already have the grant. Ms. Miller stated everything will probably have to stay the same, except for the restroom. Mr. Gravitt stated the survey expense should come out of Parks and Recreation. Mayor Lambert stated this survey has to be done or the grant does not happen. Ms. Qualls will include this amount in the budget amendment to be considered on second reading at the first meeting in March. Mayor Lambert stated this grant could create more problems than it would solve. The Mayor asked if we consider giving back the grant, would it mean the state would not consider us for grants in the future. Ms. Miller will check with the state. Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to table Resolution No. 2544. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2545 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL COMPONENTS AND COSTS WITH CERTAIN REGARD TO THE LPRF GRANT** – This item was removed from the agenda.

**Discussion of the County's Donation of Benches and Signs** – Mayor Lambert stated the County received a grant for the Mayor's Smoke Free Community which comes from tobacco money. They want to donate benches and signage to the City that say Mayor's Smoke Free Community on them. Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to accept the donation from Hamilton County. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**Discussion of the City Zip Code** – Mayor Lambert asked that this be on the agenda. He stated that 40 years ago when zip codes were designated, a mistake was made in the East Ridge zip code. The Mayor stated that the default city for 37412 was designated as Chattanooga with East Ridge as the acceptable alternative. He stated that real estate listings for 37412 are listed for Chattanooga and the City actually lost money from the Rave theater taxes because it was designated as Chattanooga. Some of those funds were recovered, but not all. The Mayor is asking Council to approve that he explore this issue and try to get it corrected. Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to have the Mayor explore how to get this changed so that the designated city for 37412 will be East Ridge with the acceptable alternative to be listed as Chattanooga. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned.

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**February 25, 2016 – 6:00 pm**

**To Set the Agenda For The  
March 10, 2016 Council Meeting**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on February 25, 2016 at East Ridge City Hall to set the agenda for the March 10, 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, Interim City Manager/Chief Williams, City Attorney North, and City Recorder Middleton.

**Old Business:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1006 – 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 DESIGNATING A PORTION OF THE FUND BALANCES OF THE GENERAL FUND AND DOJ FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUND AND BY CHANGING THE REVENUE OF THE GRANT FUND AND BY CHANGING THE EXPENDITURES OF THE GENERAL FUND, GRANT FUND AND DOJ FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUND (2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading)** – Mayor Lambert stated this will be second and final reading. It is not on the agenda for tonight’s regular meeting because it has not been 13 days since first reading due to the meeting change.

**New Business Discussion:**

**Discussion of Board Appointments** – Councilmember Cagle asked if Council wanted to keep the Personnel Advisory Board or if they wanted to disband it. The Board has never met. The Mayor stated, in his opinion, that the Board could be disbanded or give it some other function. This will be a separate agenda item under New Business for the next Council meeting.

Councilmembers Manning and Sewell had nothing at this time.

Councilmember Cagle discussed the Ridgeside contract. He also wants someone to reach out to the Mayor of Ridgeside to discuss the matter.

Mr. Cagle stated the City is not bringing in as much in property taxes as normal, plus we are understaffed. He stated he has not been provided the numbers on Ridgeside. Chief Williams stated we have the numbers and Chief Reed can present them to Council tonight.

While Council was waiting for Chief Reed to go get the reports showing the Ridgeside numbers, Vice Mayor Gravitt stated he had nothing at this time. When the Chief returned, he presented the numbers to Council.

Mayor Lambert stated the call volume to Ridgeside increased in both 2014 and 2015. He is recommending a 2.5% increase from \$98,311 to \$100,768.77.

Chief Williams stated we went up on the last agreement to incorporate Code Enforcement. Mayor Lambert stated the issue with Code Enforcement is with jurisdiction; the cases could not be heard in East Ridge, they would have to go before Hamilton County General Sessions Court.

Mr. North stated that the calculation is based on population and can be increased for excessive costs. It cannot be increased because we are understaffed. He stated we have three options, to cancel the contract, to recalculate the amount, or to renegotiate the contract.

Mr. Cagle stated he would like to increase the contract by \$50,000 per year with a three-year contract.

The Mayor suggested having a workshop with the Ridgeside mayor. Chief Williams will contact Mayor Jobe from Ridgeside.

The meeting was adjourned.

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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/Chief Williams, City Attorney North, and City Recorder Middleton.

At this time, Mayor Lambert administered the Police Officer's Oath to Officer Julian Chambers.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes February 18, 2015 Agenda Work Session
- B. Approval of Minutes February 18, 2015 Council Meeting
- C. Approval of January 2016 Financial Statement
- D. Letter from Comptroller's Office for Retroactive Approval for Issuance of Notes

Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Cagle asked Chief Williams to have Account Specialist Qualls to explain the letter under Item D. Ms. Qualls stated it relates to a 2010 loan for \$775,000, which was never approved by the Comptroller's office. The letter constitutes retroactive approval. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**Communication from Citizens:**

Matthew DeGlopper, 706 Pyron Lane, discussed the LPRF grant. He stated the grant was never intended for Camp Jordan. He believes we should turn down this grant and apply for another.

**Communication from Councilmembers:**

Councilmember Cagle had nothing at this time.

Vice Mayor Gravitt stated he was contacted by the State for the City to be prepared to spray for mosquitoes. Councilmember Cagle stated he used to do the spraying for the City. Now we would have to have a certified pest controller to spray. He also stated equipment costs could be around \$35,000, plus the cost of the chemicals, which must be safe for the environment.

Vice Mayor Gravitt asked if a citizen that just came in could speak. The Mayor stated that he could speak under Communications from Citizens.

Jim Winters, 3414 Ten Oaks Drive, stated he is not satisfied with the lack of leadership in the Police Department. He stated his house was broken into six times. He stated that a police officer came and was there less than three minutes. He also stated he was told by an officer that the police do not do fingerprints anymore and they solve all their cases using computer software. Mayor Lambert allowed Chief Reed the opportunity to discuss Mr. Winters' complaints. The Chief stated we recently acquired Leads Online as a tool to help solve crimes, but we do not rely on software to solve all crimes. Chief Reed stated that things have progressed since Mr. Winters was on the police force. Chief Reed stated we are at a good staffing level. He has hired 13 employees since January 2014 and we have five detectives now. Mr. Winters asked to speak again, but the Mayor told him we would not get into a debate in the Council meeting. Mayor Lambert recommended that Mr. Winters get with Chief Reed to discuss this matter. Mr. Winters stated he would speak even if the Mayor said he could not. The Mayor stated again that Mr. Winters could not speak; he had already berated the Police Chief and the Police Department. Mayor Lambert gaveled down Mr. Winters and told him to be respectful of the venue. The Mayor apologized to the citizens. He stated he should have stopped Mr. Winters sooner.

Councilmember Sewell had nothing at this time.

Councilmember Manning had nothing at this time.

Mayor Lambert stated he has been in office for six years and this is only the second time he has had to gavel someone down for not being respectful of the venue. He is very disappointed.

Mayor Lambert stated that he and Chief Williams met with Honna Rogers from MTAS. Ms. Rogers has the applications for the City Manager position and is ranking them. He stated she even looks for things such as grammatical errors and presentation. This is a useful tool but will not be a deciding factor. Chief Williams stated Ms. Rogers would try to have those back to the Council by the next meeting. Mr. Cagle wants a list of how they are prioritized.

**Communication from City Manager:** None

**Old Business:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2544 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED CHANGE ORDER FROM RAGAN SMITH IN REGARDS TO THE LPRF GRANT (tabled 2/18/16) –** City Attorney North read on caption. Mayor Lambert stated there is a variety of possibilities moving forward with this grant. The Mayor stated regardless of what is done with the grant, we will pay for the work done by Ragan Smith. He asked Director Martin to come forward to discuss the grant. Mr. Martin also asked for Amanda Miller to come forward. The Mayor stated we need to decide what direction we want to take as far as moving forward with the grant or turning the grant in. Ms. Miller stated that if we move forward with the grant we will have to pay Ragan Smith for a survey, but at this time the survey has not been done. Mr. Martin stated he has spoken with April Johnson with the

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and she stated the City would not be penalized for future grants by turning this one back in. She stated we would have to send a letter to TDEC signed by the Mayor stating we are turning down the grant. Councilmember Sewell would like to turn in the grant and apply for tennis courts and fencing in the next grant. Mayor Lambert stated we should consider tennis courts at McBrien School. Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to remove Resolution No. 2544 from the table. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Gravitt, to reject Resolution No. 2544. Mr. Sewell asked if we could still put the dog park at Camp Jordan. Mayor Lambert stated we could do that separately from the grant. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Mr. Martin asked to have a meeting regarding the grant with the Mayor, City Manager, Shawwna Skiles, Bill Owens and Amanda Miller.

**Discuss/Take Action on Positions in Administration and Building/Codes Departments (tabled 1/28/16)** – Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to remove this from the table, but then both withdrew their motion and second. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to remove this item from the table. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Councilmember Cagle stated he thought we wanted someone to be certified. He stated that is not listed in the job description. Chief Williams stated the employee has a certain time frame to get the necessary certifications. If they do not, disciplinary action could be taken against that employee. The employee signs an agreement that they have to obtain those certifications. Chief Williams stated he wants to create the position of Accounting Clerk, not the Cahier/Customer Service Clerk position at the front desk. He stated the duties are different for these positions. Mr. Gravitt asked if we are short in Codes, why did we move someone out of Codes into Administration. Chief Williams stated it was a disciplinary action due to this employee not getting all the required certifications.

Chief Williams stated the Accounting Clerk position pay range is \$25,000 - \$36,893. The Cashier/Customer Service Clerk position pay range is approximately \$25,000 - \$38,000, but you have to take into consideration how long this employee has been with the City. The Code Enforcement inspector position pay range is \$25,000 - \$37,000 based on experience and certifications.

Vice Mayor Gravitt asked Ms. Qualls how many people are currently paid out of Administration. She stated that currently it is four. She also stated that Administration is short because we had one employee retire and two others that were transferred.

Chief Williams explained why the person that was moved out of Codes makes the salary that they currently make. This employee currently makes approximately \$39,000 per year. The Chief stated this employee was given a reduction in pay. He also stated this employee had an agreement with a previous city manager that when this person received a certification, this employee's pay would increase. Half of the pay was give to this employee and when another City Manager came in, this employee was given the other half of the promised raise. This was prior to Chief Williams being in this position.

Chief Williams stated he has addressed all this with the City Attorney and the City Attorney was in agreement with everything that was done. Chief Williams stated this employee did receive a deduction in pay. Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Gravitt, to table this item again. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Gravitt - yes; Councilmember Cagle - yes; Councilmember Manning - yes; Councilmember Sewell - no; Mayor Lambert - yes. Motion approved.

Mayor Lambert stated that Council and staff know the particular issues of this situation. He stated we need to come to a solution because he does not want Code Enforcement to suffer because Council cannot figure out a way to move forward.

**Discussion/Take Action on IT Issues** – Mayor Lambert stated that we have many issues and problems with our computer system. Vice Mayor Gravitt stated he would like to bid this out. Ms. Qualls stated we do not have to bid this out because we are already in a contract with this company and this is an upgrade. Captain Mullinax stated the contract with this vendor is all inclusive. Ms. Qualls stated we are having trouble even functioning because of all the problems we are having with the equipment. Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Gravitt, to put this item out to bid. If we cannot get this ready to present to Council at the next meeting, then the Mayor would be willing to have a called meeting to consider this issue. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned.