

MINUTES OF THE AGENDA WORK SESSION

October 6, 2016 – 6:00 pm

**To Set the Agenda For The
October 27, 2016 Council Meeting**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on October 6, 2016 at East Ridge City Hall to set the agenda for the October 27, 2016, 2016 Council Meeting and other items.

Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order.

Present were: Mayor Lambert, Vice Mayor Gravitt, Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Sewell, City Manager Miller, Alex McVeagh present for City Attorney North, and City Recorder Middleton. Councilmember Manning and City Attorney North were not present.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1020 - REZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1016 GREENSLAKE ROAD FROM C-2 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO R-3 RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT DISTRICT (2nd and final reading) – Mayor Lambert stated this item was tabled at the last meeting and is on tonight’s regular meeting agenda.

New Business Discussion:

ORDINANCE NO. ____ – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 922, WHICH PREVIOUSLY AMENDED THE EAST RIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE, SPECIFICALLY WITH REGARD TO SECTIONS 115.3, MINIMUM HOTEL AND EXTENDED STAY HOTEL REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS, SUBSECTIONS (e) AND (j); SECTION 115.4 MINIMUM MOTEL REQUIREMENTS, SUBSECTION (h), AND BY ADDING ADDITIONAL SECTION 115.5 (1st reading) – City Manager Miller stated he and Alex McVeagh from Mr. North’s office have been working with the Tennessee Hospitality Association and he has finally received approval from them. He stated this ordinance will go back to first reading for the next meeting because of the substantial changes.

ORDINANCE NO. _____ - BUDGET AMENDMENT – Finance Director Qualls stated this amendment would be to finance the equipment for the Street Department if approved.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - TML LOAN FOR EQUIPMENT – City Manager Miller stated this loan would be for the replacement of a backhoe and trackloader for the Street Department. If the resolution is adopted in the next meeting, it must go back to the TML Bond Fund.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - RESURFACING BIDS – Bid Opening Tuesday, October 25, 2016, 2:00 pm – City Manager Miller stated the bids would be opened on October 25th and we will have a resolution for the next meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - BIDS FOR SOCCER UNIFORMS (tshirts) - Bid Opening Wednesday, October 12, 2016, 2:30 pm - City Manager Miller stated this is an annual bid for the indoor soccer program and they will be opened on October 12th.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - BIDS FOR FIRE STATION – Bid Opening Thursday, October 20, 2016 - 2:00 pm – City Manager Miller stated there was a pre-bid meeting today at City Hall, with seven general contractors and some sub-contractors. If the bids are awarded on October 27th, he believes we have time to get the foundation in before cold weather.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - DONATION OF \$1,000 FROM ELKS LODGE FOR BULLETPROOF VEST FOR CANINE – City Manager Miller stated this will be used for a vest for the canine, Axel. Representative from the Lodge will be in attendance to present the check.

Discussion of Financial Incentive for Property Located at 6408 Ringgold Road (former Long John Silver’s Property) - City Manager Miller stated that Tracy Hopkins Tindall wants to acquire this property, demolish the existing building and construct a 5,500 square foot building which will house three retail businesses – a Dunkin Donuts, possibly a Firehouse Subs, and one unnamed business. She also wants the financial incentive provided in the Border Region Act. This was approved by the Industrial Development Board (IDB) on October 4, 2016. If approved by Council, it goes back to the IDB to negotiate a development agreement. The businesses would have to generate \$1,445 million a year. If not, the incentives will go down proportionately. He also stated the first obligation the City has to pay is to the Wood Brothers for the Bass Pro Development. Ms. Tindall would not be entitled to the incentive money until September 2018. The IDB would also have to approve the third business or if one business goes out of business, the IDB would have to approve any new business coming in. The Mayor stated demolition would begin next week and Ms. Tindall has a signed lease with Dunkin Donuts.

Discussion of City Taking Over Sport Facilities at East Ridge High School – City Manager Miller stated the facilities would include the tennis courts, stadium, two ball fields, soccer field and track. We could apply for grants if we own the property; if we lease it we could not. Vice Mayor Gravitt asked if anyone has run the numbers on how much it will cost the city to take over the sports facilities. Mr. Miller stated not yet, but if this is put on the agenda for the 27th meeting he will. Councilmember Cagle asked if this included the football stadium. Mr. Miller stated that it does include the stadium although he had reservations about taking over the stadium; however Director Martin told him everything is relatively new and we already help with the field maintenance.

Mr. Gravitt asked how this would impact the City’s insurance and liability. Mr. Miller stated the City would be responsible for all insurance and liability at these sports facilities because the property would be deeded over to the City.

Councilmember Sewell asked if the ticket money would go to the City or to the school. Mr. Miller stated that could be negotiated in the agreement.

Vice Mayor Gravitt stated the restrooms and the concession stands are in bad condition. Mr. Sewell stated the Alumni Association has promised to donate \$50,000 for the restrooms and concessions if the City takes over the facilities.

Mr. Cagle stated he thought the City was only taking over the tennis courts; we already have fields and soccer at Camp Jordan that have to be maintained. Mr. Miller stated the facilities at the high school would take half a person or one person to handle the maintenance. He also stated this would bring recreation to this part of the City and others can use the facilities.

Mr. Miller stated the County Commission and the School Board would have to approve the agreement. He has also been told there is nothing in the county budget for anything but the bleachers.

Councilmembers Sewell and Cagle and Vice Mayor Gravitt had nothing further at this time.

Mayor Lambert stated that Councilmember Manning is not here because of medical issues and asked everyone to keep him in their prayers.

He also stated he was not at the last meeting because he and his family were celebrating his 40th birthday.

The meeting was adjourned.

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

**October 6, 2016
6:30 pm**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on October 6, 2016, 6:30 pm at East Ridge City Hall. Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order.

Mayor Lambert stated that Mr. Manning was not here because of health issues. He asked everyone to remember Mr. Manning in their prayers.

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 Sewell, City Manager Miller, Alex McVeagh present for Hal North, and City Recorder Middleton. Councilmember Manning and City Attorney North were not present.

Mayor Lambert stated the meetings were changed this month to the 1st and 4th Thursdays.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes September 22, 2016 Agenda Work Session
- B. Approval of Minutes September 22, 2016 Council Meeting
- C. Approval of July 2016 Financial Statement
- D. Approval of August 2016 Financial Statement

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

Communication from Citizens:

Frances Pope, 1913 Close Road, discussed the tent lottery. She stated in the 2014 election, some candidates put up their tent frames before the time allowed. She stated that some of the candidates do not have the ethics or maturity to follow the rules.

Communication from Councilmembers:

Councilmember Sewell had nothing at this time.

Councilmember Cagle stated he attended the presentation of automatic defibrillators from Firehouse Subs and thanked the Assistant Police Chief for following through with this grant. He stated it is over \$10,000 worth of equipment.

Vice Mayor Gravitt and Mayor Lambert had nothing at this time.

Communication from City Manager:

City Manager Miller had nothing at this time.

Mr. McVeagh had nothing at this time.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1020 - REZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1016 GREENSLAKE ROAD FROM C-2 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO R-3 RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT DISTRICT (1st reading – tabled on September 22, 2016) - Mr. McVeagh read on caption. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Gravitt, (for discussion purposes) to remove this item from the table. Mr. Gravitt asked Chief Building Official Custer if these apartments were a nuisance. Mr. Custer doesn't think they are. They have had 16 calls over the last year, some of those being medical. Richard Boyd, the owner, came forward and stated he bought the property 10 years ago and one of six units was commercial. Two years after the business moved out, Mr. Boyd turned the commercial unit into residential, but since the property is still zoned commercial, it does not conform to his insurance. Mr. Gravitt asked if there has been any opposition to the rezoning. Mr. Custer stated that some neighbors want to limit foot traffic to the commercial area. Mr. Boyd is working on a barrier. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Discuss/Take Action on Rules for Placement of Tents on City Property on Election Day (tie vote on September 22, 2016) – Vice Mayor Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to approve a lottery system for the placement of tents and approve the rules for the lottery. Councilmember Cagle asked if no city offices were involved in the election, such as the primary, should we conduct the lottery. Mr. Gravitt stated the Judge and Court Clerk run in August. Mr. Cagle asked if candidates in the City election have first priority in the lottery over the county or state offices. Mr. Gravitt stated it is sites 1 – 12, which will be open to all; we cannot give preferential treatment to City candidates over state or federal. City Manager Miller stated this issue is not clarified in the rules. Vice Mayor Gravitt believes if someone does not show up to put up a tent, then the tent site should be left empty. Mayor Lambert agreed.

Mayor Lambert stated he has no problem doing away with all campaign tents on City property. He stated they block traffic and all this “craziness” puts staff in an untenable position because staff has to tell the candidates that they are violating the ordinance, which can cause grudges. Vice Mayor Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to call for the question, but later withdrew the motion and second. Vice Mayor Gravitt made a motion to amend the rules by adding that there be only one space per candidate out of the 12 spaces, but then withdrew the motion. Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Gravitt, to do away with all tents on City property on Election Day. Mr. McVeagh stated any reference to the tent lottery would have to also be removed from the political sign ordinance.

At this time, Mayor Lambert took a 10-minute recess in order to clarify information.

After resuming the meeting, Mr. Sewell and Mr. Gravitt withdrew their motion and second to do away with all tents on City property. Vice Mayor Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to approve the rules of the lottery with the following amendments:

- There will be only one tent space per candidate out of the 12 spaces.
- If anyone is found to be in violation of the rules of the lottery, the Chief of Police is authorized to remove the tent structure from City property.

Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Gravitt - yes; Councilmember Cagle - abstain; Councilmember Sewell - yes; Mayor Lambert - yes. Motion approved.

New Business:

Grant Consent Agenda:

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2597** – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE TENNESSEE AMERICAN WATER FIREFIGHTING SUPPORT GRANT PROGRAM
2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2598** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE PETCO HOLIDAY WISHES GRANT CAMPAIGN PROGRAM
3. **RESOLUTION NO. 2599** – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR, AND ACCEPTANCE OF, THE 2016 COCA-COLA PUBLIC SPACE RECYCLING BIN GRANT PROGRAM

Mr. McVeagh read all the resolutions on caption. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Gravitt, to approve the Grant Consent Agenda. Mr. Cagle asked if the Petco grant could be used to build a new animal shelter. Community Involvement Coordinator Miller stated the grant is up to \$100,000. Adopters at the shelter can submit a story as to how the pet they adopted improve their lives. Anyone can go online and submit their story. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2600 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH _____ FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH REGARD TO THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM HIGHWAY 41 CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT PROJECT – Mr. McVeagh read on caption. Mr. Miller stated that the committee members all agree on ASA Engineering and Consulting for this project. Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to approve Resolution No 2600 with the recommendation of ASA Engineering and Consulting. Vice Mayor Gravitt disclosed that ASA Engineering has contributed to his campaign. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2601 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH _____ FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH REGARD TO THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT (EAST RIDGE ELEMENTARY) - Mr. McVeagh read on caption. City Manager

Miller is recommending Allen and Hoshall for this project. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to approve Resolution No. 2601 with the recommendation of Allen and Hoshall. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2602 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ASA ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES REGARDING A LANDSCAPING DESIGN FOR THE EXIT ONE, I-75 INTERCHANGE - Mr. McVeagh read on caption. Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to approve Resolution No. 2602. Councilmember Cagle asked if this would exceed \$9,500. City Manager Miller stated that it would not. _____ stated with the construction project starting in the spring, it would be an ideal time to do something with the aesthetics of the area, because it is the Gateway to Tennessee. The expense can also be reimbursed from the Border Region. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2603 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ACCEPT FITNESS EQUIPMENT FROM PLANET FITNESS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT – Mr. McVeagh read on caption. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Gravitt, to approve Resolution No. 2603. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO 2604 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY ENERGY RIGHT SOLUTIONS PROGRAM TO INSTALL MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING AT CAMP JORDAN ARENA – Mr. McVeagh read on caption. Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Gravitt, to approve Resolution No. 2604. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Discuss/Take Action on Liquor Privilege Tax – City Manager Miller asked City Recorder Middleton to explain this item. She stated that the State of Tennessee allows municipalities to collect a privilege tax on liquor by the drink, but there is no penalty clause in that law. An ordinance or resolution would have to be drafted in order for the City to collect any penalties. Ms. Middleton stated the City of Chattanooga collects 5% monthly penalty. She will draft an ordinance or resolution with a 5% penalty for Council’s consideration. Vice Mayor Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to have staff draft an ordinance or resolution with a 5% penalty for the privilege tax fee. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Lambert announced the Shrine Circus is at Camp Jordan this week.

The meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE AGENDA WORK SESSION

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To Set the Agenda For The November 10, 2016 Council Meeting

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on October 27, 2016 at East Ridge City Hall to set the agenda for the November 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, City Manager Miller, Alex McVeagh present for City Attorney North, and City Recorder Middleton. City Attorney North was not present.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1021 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 922, WHICH PREVIOUSLY AMENDED THE EAST RIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE, SPECIFICALLY WITH REGARD TO ARTICLE VI, SECTIONS 115.3, MINIMUM HOTEL AND EXTENDED STAY HOTEL REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS, SUBSECTIONS (e) AND (j); SECTION 115.4, MINIMUM MOTEL REQUIREMENTS, SUBSECTION (h); AND BY ADDING ADDITIONAL SECTION 115.5, PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH HOTEL, EXTENDED STAY HOTEL OR MOTEL REGULATIONS (2nd and final reading) – Mayor Lambert stated this will potentially be second reading. First reading is on tonight's regular meeting and there will be more discussion at that time.

ORDINANCE NO. 1022 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIVE PERCENT MONTHLY PENALTY FOR NON-PAYMENT OR LATE PAYMENT OF LIQUOR BY THE DRINK PRIVILEGE FEES (2nd and final reading) – Mayor Lambert stated this would be second and final reading if approved on first reading in tonight's regular council meeting.

New Business Discussion:

Discussion of Occupational Health and Safety Program – Human Resources Manager Trish Perry stated the City was notified that our Occupational Safety and Health Program is required to be updated every seven years. The ordinance will have to be amended for additional reporting for fatalities or accidents.

Discussion of streetscape plan (lighting, sidewalks and landscaping/irrigation) for Camp Jordan Parkway – City Manager Miller stated the Exit 1 reconfiguration project should be ready to go out for bid in the spring of 2017. Mr. Miller stated that MAP Engineering did a construction drawing for Camp Jordan Parkway in 2015 that includes curbs, sidewalks, lighting, and landscaping. Since this is in the Border Region, the City could do a bond issue over a 25 year period and be reimbursed from the Border Region. Mr. Miller needs authorization to proceed with MAP Engineering. Councilmember Cagle stated that the City does not own the Parkway; it is owned by the State. He believes we need to get ownership from the State before

we spend any more money. Community Involvement Coordinator Miller stated a sidewalk will have to be added back in because it is paid for from an ARRA Grant.

Discussion of State Salary Supplement for Firefighters and Police Officers – Finance Director Qualls stated that every year, the Council approves paying the supplements in November and then be reimbursed by the State the following spring.

Councilmember Manning stated the dedication for “Jo’s Garden”, dedicated to Jo Lawrence, took place the previous day and that it was a nice ceremony. Mayor Lambert stated the garden was very nice and there is also a Blue Star Marker in the garden.

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, City Manager Miller, Alex McVeagh present for City Attorney North, and City Recorder Middleton.

Mayor Lambert moved the following three items forward to follow Communications from Citizens:

- Item D – Resolution No. 2606 – Donation from Elks Lodge #91
- Item G – Resolution No. 2610 – Bids for Fire Station 2
- Item I – Discussion of Financial Incentive for Property Located at 6408 Ringgold Road

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes October 6, 2016 Agenda Work Session
- B. Approval of Minutes October 6, 2016 Council Meeting
- C. Approval of September 2016 Financial Statement

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

Communication from Citizens:

Laura Seneker, 725 Germantown Circle, stated that the amendments to the extended stay ordinance are unacceptable to citizens. Vice Mayor Gravitt stated there was some misinformation about the Council having “back room” meetings regarding this issue. He stated these are executive sessions to discuss legal issues. They make no decisions and they do not deliberate toward a decision. Vice Mayor Gravitt stated he also took offense to comments made about Councilmembers padding their pockets from special interest groups. Mr. Gravitt also stated that the City Manager, City Attorney and the Building Official met with representatives from the hotels to discuss these issues. The representatives stated they could lose their franchise if they did not have some extended stays.

Mr. McVeagh stated the email in the agenda packet from his office was taken out of context. He stated there were quite a few proposals about Marriott and Hilton and what East Ridge would like to have. He stated that was what was meant in the email, such as proposals, definitions, etc. could be done in a separate ordinance at a later time.

Matthew DeGlopper, 706 Pyron Lane, stated he did not make the comment that Council had a “back room” meeting, only that he would not participate in deliberations behind closed doors. He stated that has happened in the past. Mr. DeGlopper stated that he City needs to have exemptions in the ordinance for the better hotels.

Mayor Lambert stated if we eliminate extended stay at the Hilton and Marriott that the City could get sued. He stated it is a legitimate segment of their business; that we cannot equate all extended stay hotels with Superior Creek. The Mayor also stated that Bass Pro workers stayed in some of these hotels for months when they were building the store. Mr. McVeagh would not recommend exempting the better hotels, because that could cause a lawsuit. Mr. Manning stated he stayed at one of the hotels for an extended period when his house flooded.

Mayor Lambert stated he wanted to make it abundantly clear that this council is going to do what they think is best for citizens and business owners in East Ridge. Any insinuation that the Council has sold out is just rhetoric.

Richard Cook, 607 Marlboro Avenue, stated we need to have a civilized discussion about problems that plague our city, some of which bring in undesirable elements. We need to find a solution.

Frances Pope, 1913 Close Road, discussed an employee who is on the long-term disability policy. This employee has not been able to come back to work and was terminated, which removed this employee from the policy. Ms. Pope also discussed the leave buyback policy.

Pam Stone, 1557 Cora Drive, stated the landscaping on the East Ridge side of the tunnel is disgusting. Vice Mayor Gravitt stated the tunnel belongs to the State, so it is controlled by TDOT. She also discussed an accident where Life Force was called because no ambulance was available and doesn’t want that to happen again. Chief Williams stated it was in his best judgement to bring in Life Force, because there was entrapment involved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2606 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF \$1,000 FROM ELKS LODGE #91, TO BE USED TO PURCHASE CANINE BODY ARMOR FOR OFFICER AXEL - City Attorney North read on caption. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to approve Resolution No. 2606. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

At this time, Mayor Lambert asked the representatives from Elks Lodge #91 to come forward to make the presentation to the City. Matt Brownfield stated the Elk’s Lodge has been in Chattanooga for 125 years. He stated the Elk’s make an oath to their country and their government that they will support military veterans and first responders. At this time, Mr. Brownfield made the check presentation to Mayor Lambert. Officer Axel was in attendance for the presentation.

RESOLUTION NO. 2610 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING A BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FIRE STATION #2 AT 1410 ST. THOMAS STREET – Mr. McVeagh read on caption. City Manager Miller introduced Don Sells, with River Street Architecture, who is the engineer for this project. Mr. Sells stated this was bid out with the following five add alternates and one deduct amount:

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| Add Alternate #1 (crew canopy) |
| Add Alternate #2 (bay canopy) |
| Add Alternate #3 (3 rd bay) |
| Add Alternate #4 (lighting alternative) |
| Add Alternate #5 (foam insulation) |
| Deduct #1 (use existing frame) |

Mr. Sells recommended that Council approve the bid of J & J Contractors with a base bid of \$1,322,800 plus all five of the add alternates for a total of \$1,499,670.

Mr. Sells recommended J & J Contractors, with the base bid and alternates totaling \$1,499,670. Chief Williams came forward to discuss the need for three bays. He stated the old Station 2 had two bays and they were always full. The Chief stated the population is growing east of I-75, increasing the demand for services. He stated there are two large apartment complexes, churches, 800+ homes with 100 more being built. He stated that calls will increase, which means more equipment, more manpower and more room. The Chief is asking the Council to look and plan for the future, not at where we are now. He is asking the Council to consider having three bays, plus adding all the alternates. City Manager Miller stated that an aerial platform will take one bay. He also stated there will be more retail around Bass Pro, including hotels and restaurants. Mr. Miller stated we have one million budgeted for the fire station and the remainder will come from the fund balance. He stated the driveway approach has not been constructed to withstand heavy weight of trucks; it will have to be reconstructed. After further discussion of the insulation and lighting, Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to approve the base bid of J & J Contractors with add alternates one, two and three for a total of \$1,476,310. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Discuss/Take Action on Concept of Financial Incentive for Property Located at 6408 Ringgold Road (former Long John Silvers Property) – Tracy Hopkins Tindall, owner of the property, stated the site has been demolished and there are plans to build a 5,500 square foot building. It will house a Dunkin Donuts, possibly a Firehouse Subs, and one business to be determined. Ms. Hopkins-Tindall is requesting financial assistance in the amount of \$600,000 or \$30,000 per year. The money will come back to the City through the Border Region. Mr. Miller stated net proceeds to the City could be more than 1.5 million and possibly over 2 million with the third business. The City Manager would like to add to the motion that the owner must remain current on taxes and business licenses. Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Gravitt, to approve the financial incentive, with Mr. Miller’s recommendation that the owner remains current on taxes and business licenses. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Communications from Councilmembers:

Councilmember Cagle stated the Optimist Club is hosting a trunk or treat at the Community Center on Saturday, October 29th. Director Martin stated there would be a cruise in and trunk or treat at Camp Jordan on Friday night. He also stated that the NCAA Southern Conference Cross County Championship will be held on Saturday at Camp Jordan.

Vice Mayor Gravitt stated there has been some misinformation about the Exit 1 project with some people saying that the City should have done that project first. We have no control over I-

75; the Federal Highway Administration and TDOT do. City Manager Miller hopes to bid out this project in February and start construction in March or April.

Councilmember Sewell has spoken with the Walmart manager and he reminded Mr. Sewell that today is their one-year anniversary.

Communication from City Manager:

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1020 - 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 1016 GREENSLAKE ROAD FROM C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO R-3 RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT DISTRICT, TAX MAP 168E-N-016 (2nd and final reading) – Mr. McVeagh read on caption. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to approve Ordinance No. 1020 on second and final reading. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Gravitt - yes; Councilmember Cagle - yes; Councilmember Manning - yes; Councilmember Sewell - no; Mayor Lambert - yes. Motion approved.

New Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1021 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 922, WHICH PREVIOUSLY AMENDED THE EAST RIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE, SPECIFICALLY WITH REGARD TO ARTICLE VI, SECTIONS 115.3, MINIMUM HOTEL AND EXTENDED STAY HOTEL REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS, SUBSECTIONS (e) AND (j); SECTION 115.4, MINIMUM MOTEL REQUIREMENTS, SUBSECTION (h); AND BY ADDING ADDITIONAL SECTION 115.5, PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH HOTEL, EXTENDED STAY HOTEL OR MOTEL REGULATIONS (1st reading) – Mr. McVeagh read on caption. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to table Ordinance No. 1021. Mayor Lambert asked all Councilmembers to provide any questions they have to the City Attorney. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 1022 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIVE PERCENT MONTHLY PENALTY FOR NON-PAYMENT OR LATE PAYMENT OF LIQUOR BY THE DRINK PRIVILEGE TAXES (1st reading) – Mr. McVeagh read on caption. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to approve Ordinance No. 1022. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2605 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SOCCER UNIFORMS (T-SHIRTS) FOR THE 2016 - 2017 INDOOR SOCCER SEASON – Mr. McVeagh read on caption. Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to approve Resolution No. 2605. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2607 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, ADOPTING THE CURRENT SCHEDULE OF COURT COSTS FOR CITY COURT, CONSISTENT WITH THAT ASSESSED BY THE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, PURSUANT TO SECTION 6-C OF THE CITY CHARTER – Mr. McVeagh read on caption. Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Gravitt, to approve Resolution No. 2607. Court Clerk Cassidy stated that the Court is not raising any fees; they are just doing additional fees to be comparable with Hamilton County. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

GRANT CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2608 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR, AND ACCEPTANCE OF, THE TML PROPERTY CONSERVATION MATCHING GRANT**
2. **RESOLUTION NO 2609 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS 2016 GRANT**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2611 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING A BID FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS CONSISTING OF THE RESURFACING OF VARIOUS STREETS – Mr. McVeagh read on caption. City Manager Miller stated these projects would not be started until next April. Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell, to approve Resolution No. 2611. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Discuss/Take Action of City Taking Over Sport Facilities at East Ridge High School – City Manager Miller stated we have an opportunity to take ownership of the sports facilities at East Ridge High School. He stated if approved, we would have to have an agreement with the Board of Education. He also stated that he is concerned about taking over the stadium and then have heavy capital outlay. He stated that if we did take deed to the property, we could apply for grants because the county will spend no money, except for the bleachers, for the next five years. Vice Mayor Gravitt stated he is apprehensive about this issue because the schools belong to the County, not the City. It will also be a bigger liability and will increase our insurance premiums. Mr. Gravitt also stated that with everything else we have going on, we do not need to take on additional expense. Mr. Gravitt stated we need a new Animal Shelter and need to hire more Police and Fire personnel. He asked how the City would pay for this without a tax increase; he is not in favor of increasing taxes. Councilmember Cagle stated that citizens pay County taxes for this purpose, but if approved, this would come out of City taxes. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Gravitt, to reject this proposal. Mayor Lambert stated the County should handle this issue, but they will not. The City will have to provide; otherwise nothing is going to happen, which only hurts the kids in the community. Vice Mayor Gravitt and Councilmember Cagle withdrew their motion and second. Mr. Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to table this item. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Gravitt - yes; Councilmember Cagle - yes; Councilmember Manning - no; Councilmember Sewell - no; Mayor

Lambert - no. Motion denied. Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to have the City Manager further explore this possibility and negotiate an agreement with the School Board and bring it back before Council. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Vice Mayor Gravitt asked if someone from the Codes Department could inspect the street cuts on S. Smith St.

The meeting was adjourned.