

**PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE
FOR THE FY 2017 – 2018 BUDGET**

August 10, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on August 10, 2017, 5:30 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 Sewell, Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Helton, Councilmember Williams, City Manager Miller, and City Recorder Middleton. City Attorney Litchford was not present.

Comments from City Manager: City Manager Miller had no comments at this time.

Comments from Mayor and Council: Councilmember Cagle stated he feels that \$50,000 in engineering and architecture will not be enough, especially with some of the large projects going on. The City Manager stated this is for smaller projects; engineering for larger projects is already built in the cost for each project.

Councilmember Cagle stated the Fund balance is \$5,392,000. Mr. Miller stated this is the unaudited fund balance. Mr. Cagle asked what the \$150,000 that was added to the grant fund for excess expenditures would be used for. Mr. Miller stated this would be for the City's match for grants that we may receive in the future.

Mr. Cagle asked if the budget is approved in tonight's regular meeting, is Council approving the salary increase that was requested by the Court Clerk. Mr. Miller stated the salary for the court clerk and the council cannot be raised for this term; it would be for the next election cycle. He stated that we need to make the salary public before people begin to file for the election. Mayor Lambert stated the salary for Councilmembers is set by the Charter, which would have to be approved on a referendum.

Mr. Cagle also discussed the amount budgeted for state income tax. Finance Director Qualls stated that the Hall's income tax will eventually go away. Mr. Cagle also questioned the cable franchise fees. Mr. Miller stated that a lot of citizens are going to Netflix and satellite dishes rather than cable.

Mr. Miller stated he budgeted the property taxes and local option sales tax conservatively, but they came in substantially higher than usual. Mr. Miller stated he would like to be prepared just in case the economy goes down. He also stated that sales tax on groceries will go down by .01 cent which could cause a loss to the City of 20% on food tax.

Mayor Lambert stated the local option sales tax increased by \$450,000 from FY 16 to FY 17, which is a 19% increase.

Councilmember Cagle discussed the garbage truck that is in the budget. He stated he would like to go back to the rear loader trucks like were used in the past. He stated they have less maintenance and downtime, but we would have to hire more employees.

Comments/Questions from Citizens: No citizens came forward with comments or questions.

Mayor Lambert closed the public hearing.

MINUTES OF THE AGENDA WORK SESSION

August 10, 2017 – 6:00 pm

To Set the Agenda for The August 24, 2017 Council Meeting

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on August 10, 2017 at East Ridge City Hall to set the agenda for the August 24, 2017 Council Meeting and other items.

Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order.

Mayor Lambert stated that two of the Councilmembers will not be here on August 24, 2017. He would like for the Council to think about cancelling this meeting since there are very few agenda items.

Present were: Mayor Lambert, Vice Mayor Sewell, Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Helton, Councilmember Williams, City Manager Miller, City Attorney Litchford, and City Recorder Middleton.

Old Business:

RESOLUTION NO. 2677 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AWARDING BIDS FOR MOWING OF PRIVATE PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE – City Manager Miller stated we received no bids on the first round of bidding, but it has been rebid. We hope to have more people respond on this bid.

New Business Discussion:

Grant Consent Agenda:

1. **RESOLUTION NO. _____** – A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A RECYCLE GRANT –
2. **RESOLUTION NO. _____** – A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A BYRNE GRANT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Lambert asked if Council desired to cancel the next meeting since two Councilmembers will not be here. He suggested moving the grant items to tonight's regular meeting. Community Involvement Coordinator Miller stated there have been some changes to the recycling grant, but it could be approved. This grant is due October 2nd, but the Byrne grant is due on September 5th. Mr. Cagle asked if we would have enough for a quorum on August 24th. The Mayor stated we would, but he does not feel comfortable conducting business with the bare minimum number of members present. Mr. Cagle would like to go ahead and have the meeting if we have a quorum. Mr. Sewell stated he does not see having a meeting for two items, plus the Charter only requires one meeting a month. There will be several meetings in the next two months where some of the Councilmembers will not be attending.

Mayor and Council had nothing further at this time.

The meeting was adjourned.

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

**August 10, 2017
6:30 pm**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on August 10, 2017, 6:30 pm at East Ridge City Hall. Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order.

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

Present were: Mayor Lambert, Vice Mayor Sewell, Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Helton, Councilmember Williams, City Manager Miller, City Attorney Litchford, and City Recorder Middleton.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes July 27, 2017 Called Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes July 27, 2017 Agenda Work Session
- C. Approval of Minutes July 27, 2017 Regular Council Meeting
- D. Declaration of Surplus Property

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

Communication from Citizens

John Temple, 3938 S. Mission Oaks, stated that Jones Memorial Methodist Church will be celebrating its 42nd consecutive barbecue on September 9th from 10 am – 6 pm. He stated the church buys coats with the proceeds for elementary age children in need. Councilmember Cagle proposed the City purchase the same amount of tickets they did last year.

Charles McCullough, 165 Cecil Lane thanked the Council for not raising property taxes this year due to the reappraisals.

Gregg Shipley, 6116 Nottingham Drive, stated there will be car show at Camp Jordan Arena on Saturday to benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

Communication from Councilmembers:

Councilmember Cagle thanked the Street Department for the trimming work they did on Marlboro Avenue.

Vice Mayor Sewell also thanked the Street Department for trimming limbs that kept school buses from getting through in some areas

Councilmember Williams thanked the Parks and Recreation employees for all the help with the Corvette Club Car Show. He stated the proceeds go to the East Ridge Needy Child Fund and Chattanooga Hospice.

Mr. Williams also asked that everyone keep the Chuck Broyles family in their prayers after his passing and also Firefighter Jeff Duncan's family on the passing of his father.

Councilmember Helton thanked Lt. Clint Uselton for responding to her home when her alarm went off.

Mayor Lambert stated that the Corvette car show was excellent over the weekend. He also stated that the Bass Pro second annual barbecue competition was this past weekend.

Mayor Lambert thanked Peter Yakimovich for donating \$1,000 to the Pioneer Frontier Park. Mr. Yakimovich stated that he and his wife started an engineering company over 20 years ago that worked closely with the City of East Ridge on drainage and stormwater issues. He is very grateful to the City for that opportunity. He stated he spoke to Councilmember Helton about helping with a project that would help children and she suggested the splashpad at Pioneer Frontier. The Mayor again thanked Mr. Yakimovich.

Communication from City Manager:

City Manager Miller asked Parks and Recreation Director Martin to come forward for an announcement. Mr. Martin announced that the facilities at East Ridge High School would be named the Mack Franklin/Ed Woodham Athletic Park. It will be announced at the first football game of the season on September 8th.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1049 – 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 SO AS TO REZONE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 401 SOUTH HOWELL AVENUE, TAX MAP #169B N 010, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO O-1 OFFICE DISTRICT (2nd and final reading) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Sewell, to approve Ordinance No. 1049 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 1050 – 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 SO AS TO REZONE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5330 RINGGOLD ROAD, TAX MAP #169J A 031, FROM C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO M-3 WAREHOUSE AND WHOLESALE DISTRICT (2nd and final reading) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Williams, to approve Ordinance No. 1050 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 1051 – 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 SO AS TO REZONE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1521 BURNS AVENUE, TAX MAP #169N F 023, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (2nd and final reading) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Williams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Helton, to approve Ordinance No. 1051 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 1052 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1028, WHICH AMENDED THE EAST RIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 481), RELATIVE TO SIGNS, SECTION 110. OFF-PREMISE SIGNS, SUB-SECTION E. SPACING OF SIGNS (2nd and final reading) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Sewell, to approve Ordinance No. 1052 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 1053 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX RATE IN THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE FOR THE YEAR 2017 AT THE RATE OF \$1.3381 FOR EVERY ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF ASSESSED REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE (2nd and final reading) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Williams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Helton, to approve Ordinance No. 1053 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 1054 – 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, 2017 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018 (2nd reading) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. City Manager Miller stated there are several amendments since the first reading, as noted in the Agenda Memo from the Finance Director, regarding the General Fund, Grant Fund and Capital Improvement Fund. General Fund is now \$13,691,953. Mr. Miller stated the budget include some reclassifications and a 3% cost of living increase for all employees. He also stated he is replacing the Captain position in the Police Department with a Lieutenant position and is changing Kenny Custer's title from Building Official to Director. Mr. Cagle discussed the vehicles in the budget. He asked if police cars would come with computers, video cameras, striping, etc. Chief Reed stated these are extra. Mr. Cagle also asked the Chief if he has considered built-in computer screens where everything can be done from the steering wheel. The Chief stated that some of our security features are different from other agencies, so we would have to start from ground zero. Vice Mayor Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Helton to approve Ordinance No. 1054 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

New Business:

Mayor Lambert moved Item C, Resolution No. 2680 to this portion of the agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 2680 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH CHATTANOOGA AREA REGIONAL

TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (CARTA) TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Community Involvement Coordinator Miller discussed the contract. She stated the immediate need was for para transit service for seniors and disabled. She stated that CARTA will handle all of the registration, and forms will be available at City Hall and the Library. Riders must be pre-qualified. Service will start September 1st. A CARTA representative will ride with the citizens if they are uncomfortable. The cost to the consumer is \$5.00 round trip with an additional cost to the City of \$15.00 for a total of \$20.00 round trip. We have budgeted \$30,000 to cover these costs, and we are also applying for a CMAQ grant to help with costs. Councilmember Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Williams, to approve Resolution No. 2680. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2678 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AWARDED A BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE EXIT 1 INTERCHANGE (I-75 AND RINGGOLD ROAD) RECONFIGURATION PROJECT - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. City Attorney Litchford stated the City received four bids and the lowest responsive bid was from C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc. in the amount of \$5,753,565.04. Vaughn and Melton Consulting Engineers reviewed the bid and recommended to TDOT that C. W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc. be awarded the bid. Mr. Miller stated that we have also received confirmation from TDOT for C. W. Matthews to do the project.

Mr. Miller stated that he also needs approval from Council to proceed with a funding vehicle for this project. He stated that grants and appropriations total \$2.5 million. The total cost of the project is \$7,161,669 leaving a shortfall of \$4,661,669. He has the paperwork ready to submit to the Tennessee Department of Revenue for their approval, before we can bond this project. He is recommending that we borrow \$4.9 million with the extra being used as a contingency fund. If we have extra money at the end of this project, we could use it for the beautification project.

Councilmember Williams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Helton, to approve Resolution No. 2678. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved. Vice Mayor Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Helton, for the City Manager to start the process of borrowing \$4.9 million through the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund in order to fund the remainder of this project. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2679 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SOUTHEAST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SETDD) TO PROVIDE GRANT MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN REGARDS TO THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. City Manager Miller stated this is the second TAP grant which will cover an area from John Ross Road to Wimberly Lane/Kingwood Drive. He asked Community Involvement Coordinator Miller to address this grant. She stated we have been awarded \$998,711.25 for construction only; the City will be required to pay for the NEPA, Design and Right of Way phases. Since this area is in the Border Region, we can turn in our cost for reimbursement. Vice Mayor Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to approve Resolution No. 2679. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Authorization to Contract with a Planner/Architect to do a Master Plan for the McBrien School Site – City Manager Miller stated at the last agenda work session, he presented some ideas about establishing a town center in the McBrien school area. He discussed ideas about adding a multi-use pavilion for basketball, ice skating and a farmer’s market, but believes now there may not be enough room for everything that was planned. He stated if a new playground and splashpad are added it would take more parking than planned. Mr. Miller stated that McBrien building is possibly structurally sound and we could keep some portions of the building to be used for some of the City’s departments, such as the Animal Shelter. Councilmember Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Williams, to approve hiring a planner/architect to do a master plan for McBrien School Site. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Authorization to Seek Requests for Qualifications for Engineering Services for a Streetscape Project for West Ringgold Road (Wimberly Lane to South Seminole Dr.) – City Manager Miller stated this is approximately one mile. The project would include sidewalks, ADA ramps, relocation of utilities, street lights, drainage improvements, etc. Mr. Miller stated there are many empty businesses and this would help stimulate revitalization of the business corridor. This will be funded by border region dollars with no state or federal money involved. Vice Mayor Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to approve seeking Requests for Qualifications for Engineering Services for this streetscape project. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Approval of Change Order #3 for Fire Station 2 – Mr. Miller stated this change order is to bring electrical power to Fire Station 2. There are two options, 1) for EPB to install a pad-mounted transformer to bring power to the building and 2) for J&J Contractors to come to a pull box at the base of a pole that already has a transformer to bring power to the building. The cost of Option 2 is \$4,853. Mayor Lambert asked what the completion date of Fire Station #2 is. Mr. Miller stated around the end of September. Councilmember Cagle stated there are some discrepancies on the change order regarding labor. Mr. Miller stated he will check into this. Mayor Lambert suggested approving the change order in an amount not to exceed \$4,853. Councilmember Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Williams, to approve Change Order #3 for Fire Station #2 in an amount not to exceed \$4,853. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE AGENDA WORK SESSION

August 24, 2017 – 6:00 pm

To Set the Agenda for The September 14, 2017 Council Meeting

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on August 24, 2017 at East Ridge City Hall to set the agenda for the September 14, 2017 Council Meeting and other items.

Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order.

Present were: Mayor Lambert, Vice Mayor Sewell, Councilmember Cagle, City Manager Miller, City Attorney Litchford, and City Recorder Middleton. Councilmember Helton and Councilmember Williams were not present.

New Business Discussion:

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - Approval to Purchase Street Sweeper on Statewide Contract for Street Department – Street Supervisor Branum stated the street sweeper is an International truck with a John Deere engine and an Allison transmission. Vice Mayor Sewell stated that some of the school buses are International's and they have problems with them. He stated that Cummins trucks do not have as many problems. Mr. Branum will find out more information on the sweeper.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Approval to Purchase SUV on Statewide Contract for Building Inspection – City Manager Miller stated there will be a fire inspector added to this department, so there will be a need for another vehicle.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Approval to Purchase SUV on Statewide Contract for Fire Department – Mr. Miller stated this vehicle will replace a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria with 197,000 miles on it. The Mayor asked if these vehicles were budgeted. Mr. Miller stated that they are.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - Approval to Purchase Six (6) Dodge Chargers on Statewide Contract for the Police Department – Councilmember Cagle stated that he thought the police cars would be coming in with equipment already added. Assistant Chief Allen stated that the dealer will install the video cameras. The Police Department will install the radar units, the computers and computer mounts. He also stated that a sign graphics company will come here to install the sticker package.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Approval to Purchase 2017 Ford truck on Statewide contract for Building Maintenance (request to be moved to regular council meeting) – Mr. Miller stated staff would like to move this item to the regular meeting agenda because if we order by September 1st we can get the 2017 model at a lower price. There was no objection to moving this to tonight's regular meeting agenda. It will be added as Resolution No. 2693.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ – Approval of bids for Nine (9) Air packs/spare bottles for Fire Department – Mr. Cagle asked if we could get a grant for these. Mr. Miller stated there were no grants for these and that this is in the 2018 budget.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ – Approval to Purchase Radios for Fire Department Through a Sole Source Vendor – Chief Williams stated the Fire radios are more expensive than Police radios because they have hard cases and are waterproof. He is requesting to purchase nine (9) radios.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ – Approval to Purchase Radios for Police Department Through a Sole Source Vendor – Mayor Lambert stated this is a request for twelve radios. He also stated that this item plus Items I, J, K, an L and for the police department.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - Approval to Purchase In-Car Video Systems for Police Department Through a Sole Source Vendor – No discussion.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Approval to purchase radar units for Police Department from Sole Source Vendor – No discussion.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - Approval to Purchase In-Car Computers for Police Department – No discussion.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ – Approval to Purchase In-Car Computer Mounts for Police Department - No discussion.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW IMPROVEMENTS, RENOVATIONS, AND ENHANCEMENTS OF THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR CAMP JORDAN PARK TO INCREASE TOURISM IN THE AREA AND ACCOMPANY AND BENEFIT THE BORDER REGION RETAIL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT LOCATED IN THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE AND HAMILTON COUNTY, BY DESIGNATING THE CITY PROPERTY TAXES FROM THE LANDS WITHIN JORDAN CROSSING DEVELOPMENT FOR SUCH IMPROVEMENTS AND ENHANCEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT SAID DEVELOPMENT IMPROVEMENTS AND ENHANCEMENTS WHICH INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, DIRECT AND INDIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND ALL OTHER APPROPRIATE AND NECESSARY MATTERS BY THE CITY OR THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE – Mayor Lambert stated this regards the facility enhancements at Camp Jordan. There are no dollar figures tied to this resolution; it is only a concept. If council approves, it will endorse the idea of using property tax revenues for improvements in the park and asking the county to do the same. We would pay half and the county would pay half. The Mayor stated that improvements to Camp Jordan would bring more people to the City. He also stated there appears to be interest from the County. Councilmember Cagle stated he has a problem with this, because we could put more money into fire, police, sanitation and other areas of the City. City Manager Miller stated he has requested that Mark Mamantov, our bond counsel, get with the State Revenue Commissioner to do more research on this issue. Mr. Miller stated that when Jordan Crossing is built out we will need more fire and police, plus an aerial platform. He also stated there are several projects that Council has suggested

for west Ringgold Road, including turning the McBrien property into a town center, but he also stated the City could afford 3 – 4 million for Camp Jordan. The Mayor stated we need to take into account that the local option sales tax increased by \$450,000 or 19% from last year. Vice Mayor Sewell stated we are looking at free money from the County to improve restrooms and other facilities at the park.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Approval of Engineer for TAP Grant – Community Involvement Coordinator Miller stated this grant is for sidewalks from John Ross Road to Wimberly Lane/Kingwood Drive. She stated she will have another TAP grant in October. Ms. Miller also stated she has a Maddie’s Fund grant for the Animal Shelter that is due soon. She is requesting to add it to tonight’s regular meeting agenda. The item was moved to the agenda as Resolution No. 2692 under the Grant Consent Agenda.

Grant Consent Agenda:

1. **RESOLUTION NO. ____ - TDEC Recycling Rebate 2017** – Ms. Miller stated TDEC has changed what the City can and cannot use the rebate for. It is usually for cans, but now the cans must have a scanner to see who is recycling. If we get both this and the equipment grant we could use it for cans and education.
2. **RESOLUTION NO. ____ - TDEC Recycling Equipment Grant 2017**
3. **RESOLUTION NO. ____ - USTA Tennis Court Grant** – Ms. Miller stated we are waiting to make sure we have a clean deed on the property at the high school before applying for this grant; there is no deadline. Mr. Cagle stated we have \$25,000 budgeted for work on the tennis courts, and suggested we go ahead and start on them now. City Manager Miller stated we could go ahead and resurface them now. Ms. Miller stated that if the City does any work in advance of receiving the grant, it will not count toward our match. She suggested waiting until we actually receive notice that we were awarded the grant.
4. **RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Driver’s Safety Grant** – Ms. Miller stated that last year we used this grant for driver’s license checks for employees that drive city vehicles. She would like to use it this year for driver training.

The meeting was adjourned.

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

**August 24, 2017
6:30 pm**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on August 24, 2017, 6:30 pm at East Ridge City Hall. Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order.

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

Present were: Mayor Lambert, Vice Mayor Sewell, Councilmember Cagle, City Manager Miller, City Attorney Litchford, and City Recorder Middleton. Councilmember Helton and Councilmember Williams were not present.

Mayor Lambert moved two items from the Agenda Work Session forward to this meeting under New Business.

- Item F - Resolution No. 2692 – Maddie’s Fund Grant for the Animal Shelter. This item has a September 1st application date.
- Item G – Resolution No. 2693 – Purchase of a replacement truck for the Building Maintenance Department through the TN statewide contract. This truck is only available at the state contract price through September 1st.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes August 10, 2017 Public Hearing for the FY 2017-2018 Budget
- B. Approval of Minutes August 10, 2017 Agenda Work Session
- C. Approval of Minutes August 10, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

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

Communication from Citizens: None

Communication from Councilmembers:

Councilmember Cagle asked everyone to pray for the family of former employee Terry Boydston in the passing of his father.

Vice Mayor Sewell commended the Traffic Control Department for all the street striping they have done. He also stated that Hospice has been called in for his mother and asked for everyone’s prayers.

Mayor Lambert had nothing at this time.

Communication from City Manager: None

Old Business:

RESOLUTION NO. 2677 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AWARDED BIDS FOR MOWING OF PRIVATE PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Director Custer stated this item was rebid after receiving no bids the first time. The second time it was bid, we received one bid from Green Effects at .0015 per square foot. Vice Mayor Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to approve Resolution No. 2677, which approves the bid from Green Effects. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

New Business:

RESOLUTION NO. 2681 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED CHANGE ORDER FROM J&J CONTRACTORS, INC. WITH REGARD TO CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE STATION #2 (to memorialize vote on August 10, 2017) – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. He stated the revised amount of the change order is \$4,606.00. Vice Mayor Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to approve Resolution No. 2681. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2682 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH A 20-YEAR BOND ISSUE THROUGH THE TENNESSEE MUNICIPAL BOND FUND FOR THE FUNDING OF THE RECONFIGURATION PROJECT AT THE EXIT 1 INTERCHANGE (I-75 AND RINGGOLD ROAD) (to memorialize vote on August 10, 2017) – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mr. Miller stated the amount of the bond will be 4.9 million. He sent a letter to the Secretary of Revenue for approval but has not heard back at this time. When approved, the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund will handle the transaction.

Mr. Cagle asked the City Manager how the sewer repair work is progressing. Mr. Miller stated they have had one small problem and had to do an open cut. He also stated the City has had to use the \$28,000 contingency for this project, plus barely dip into another \$40,000 contingency. The work should be done within the next two weeks.

Mr. Miller stated the start date for construction of the Exit 1 project is September 5th, with 240 days for completion of the project. By Thanksgiving, the roadway connecting to Camp Jordan Parkway will have asphalt down but it will not be completed. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Sewell, to approve Resolution No. 2682. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2683 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AWARDED A BID FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON ST. THOMAS STREET ADJACENT TO THE NEW FIRE STATION #2 - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. City Manager Miller stated the City received two bids as follows:

- Integrated Properties, LLC \$ 89,810.00

- Adams Contracting, LLC - \$149,770.00

This project is to replace the asphalt in front of Fire Station #2 with eight inches of concrete in order to accommodate the heavy fire trucks. This cost will come from State Street Aid. Vice Mayor Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to approve Resolution No. 2683. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2684 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE MEDIATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT RELATIVE TO THE LAWSUIT FILED BY THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE AGAINST TINSLEY ASPHALT, LLC – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mr. Litchford stated that on August 16th, the City had litigation with Tinsley Asphalt, the company that resurfaced the walking track at Camp Jordan. The track was supposed to be ten feet wide with two inches of asphalt. He stated in 2010 cracks were discovered which were a result of the lack of depth not being two inches in all areas. The City hired Thompson Engineering to oversee the work done by Tinsley. Mr. Litchford stated in litigation, Tinsley argued that there was implied approval in the inspections done by Thompson Engineering. Tinsley Asphalt has agreed to seal the cracks, use tack coat and lay another two inches of asphalt on the track (depth after rolling.) The City will provide partial payment of \$87,500 and Tinsley will be responsible for the remaining amount. Tinsley has one year to do this work on the track. If not completed, the City could bring back this lawsuit since it has not been dismissed. Vice Mayor Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to approve Resolution No. 2684. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2685 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING CONTINUANCE OF TRIAL RELATIVE TO THE LAWSUIT FILED BY THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE AGAINST HALLORAN CORPORATION TO ALLOW CHUCK HALLORAN AND HALLORAN CORPORATION TO REPAY DEBT - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. He stated that Chuck Halloran acknowledged he received an overpayment for this work. The City paid him full price, and was under the impression that a subcontractor would provide a product. Halloran did not pay the subcontractor and City got billed \$13,500. Mr. Halloran also acknowledged that he did not pay the subcontractor. Mr. Halloran has also agreed to pay all attorneys' fees, court cost and repay the overage he received. The City agreed to pass the case, and if Halloran does not comply, we will go to trial. He has four to five months to pay the City \$13,500 plus attorneys' fees. Vice Mayor Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to approve Resolution No. 2685. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Grant Consent Agenda:

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2686 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR, AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY2017 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,086, TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT AND/OR PAY FOR TRAINING FOR THE EAST RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2687 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MADDIE’S FUND SUMMER 2017 DATA DRIVE SHELTER ANIMALS COUNT GRANTS PROGRAM**
3. **RESOLUTION NO. 2688 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MADDIE’S FUND AMERICAN PETS ALIVE INTENSIVE CONFERENCE GRANT AWARD PROGRAM**
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 2689 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE PETSMART CHARITIES SPAY & NEUTER GRANT PROGRAM**
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 2690 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE TARGET YOUTH SOCCER GRANT**
6. **RESOLUTION NO. 2691 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2017 CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM AND DEDICATING THE REQUIRED LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS (to memorialize vote on July 27, 2017)**
7. **RESOLUTION NO. 2692 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MADDIE’S FUND APPRENTICESHIP GRANT AWARD PROGRAM**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2693 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE A FORD F-250 XL TRUCK THROUGH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES STATE-WIDE CONTRACT LISTING, PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED 12-3-1201(b) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Vice Mayor Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to approve Resolution No. 2693. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned.