

MINUTES OF THE AGENDA WORK SESSION
January 10, 2019– 6:00 pm

To Set the Agenda for The
January 24, 2019 Council Meeting

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on January 10, 6:00 pm, at East Ridge City Hall to set the agenda for the January 24, 2019 Council Meeting and other items.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order.

Present were: Mayor Williams, Vice Mayor Helton, Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Chauncey, Councilmember Witt, Assistant City Manager Custer, City Attorney Litchford and City Recorder Middleton.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1080 – 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 1023 SOUTH SEMINOLE DRIVE AND 3118 RINGGOLD ROAD, TAX MAP #156N F 016, FROM C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, O-1 OFFICE DISTRICT, AND R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-3 RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT DISTRICT (1st reading – tabled 9/13/18) – Assistant City Manager Custer stated he received an email from Mr. Patel and he would like to postpone this item until the February 10th meeting. He has done the traffic study but still needs renderings. This will be put on the agenda work session for January 24th.

New Business Discussion:

ORDINANCE NO. ____ - TO AMEND THE DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS TO CHURCHES, SCHOOLS FOR BEER SALES – Mr. Custer stated the current distance for beer sales close to churches and schools is 250 feet. On November 5, 2018, the Beer Board voted to request that the Council change it to zero feet. Councilmember Cagle stated the purpose of the Beer Board is to enforce the rules, not make them. Earl Wilson with the Beer Board stated there are no applicants right now that this will affect. The Board also voted to require no beer sales on Wednesday and Sunday nights, and an 8-foot privacy fence and landscape barrier must be installed. Mr. Cagle suggested having these requests on a case by case basis. He would also like a copy of the minutes from when this was voted on by the Beer Board.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ - USE ON REVIEW FOR OFF-PREMISE SIGN AT BUDGETEL – Building Inspector Howell stated Budgetel wants to install a sign on the top portion of the East Ridge Residence sign at the corner of Ringgold Road and Mack Smith Road. Staff denied the original request because of the way the current ordinance is written, and they are appealing that decision.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - BORDER REGION – WATERPARK – Mr. Custer stated we are still working on the agreements with the Dynamic Group. He met this afternoon with a representative from the Group and there could possibly be an agreement presented to the Industrial Development Board at their next meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - PROPOSAL FROM HHM FOR AUDITING SERVICES – Finance Director Qualls stated we have established a good relationship with this auditing firm, plus they bring in new people every year to do the audit. She stated there will be a slight increase of \$1,400 for them to do the audit.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - AGREEMENT WITH CHATTANOOGA RED WOLVES AS IT RELATES TO SOCCER FIELDS – Assistant City Manager Custer stated this relates to the stadium field. City Attorney Litchford stated that the owner of the Red Wolves would like to invest \$1 – 1.2 million in Camp Jordan Park to develop a soccer training facility. The City would still own the facility. Mr. Litchford has researched the deeds and has found no restrictions and will research the land grants from when the park was acquired. He has also spoken with April Johnson, Recreational Services Coordinator with TDEC, and Mark Mamantov, the IDB counsel.

Mr. Litchford stated the Red Wolves cannot have exclusive use during peak hours at the park, but they want to use it mainly between 8:30 am and 1:00 pm, with occasional use on weekends for a pre-season tournament. The City will need to negotiate who is responsible for maintenance and clean up, lights, damage, repairs, etc. There will be an annual payment to the City from the Red Wolves. Councilmember Cagle asked Mr. Litchford to call the Osborne Foundation to check on the naming rights to the soccer stadium. Mr. Litchford stated that he would.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - EAST RIDGE RECREATION SOCCER AND CHATTANOOGA RED WOLVES PARTNERSHIP – Assistant City Manager Custer stated this issue went before the East Ridge Futbol Club for discussion. It also went to Readout, Catoosa County and other soccer organizations. The Red Wolves want to provide goal keeper training, etc. for the Recreation soccer program. Mr. Custer stated in 2018, we had 2,685 players. He stated this is an opportunity for better training and more experience at no cost to the City. The Red Wolves will pay the City \$1,200 a year and will do fund-raising for the program.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - APPROVAL OF PUBLIC/PRIVATE VENTURE WITH BATTLEFIELD OUTDOORS – Director Wilson stated this is outdoor recreational organization that has bike rentals, kayak rentals, disc golf rentals, etc. They have approached the City about using space at Camp Jordan Park for their rental business. They would like a five-year agreement. David Bridges, who is the owner/operator of the business stated he does this same kind of business in Ft. Oglethorpe. He offers shuttle service for kayak and bike rentals. He believes it will encourage people who are here for tournaments and other events to participate in these activities also. He will run his business from a canopy tent, not a building.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON TO THE BEER BOARD – Mayor Williams stated with the reappointment of members, he needs

to appoint a new chairperson. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to move this item forward to the 6:30 regular Council meeting. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE FOUNDATION GRASSROOTS PROGRAM – Community Involvement Coordinator Bowers stated this grant could be used for a field house for East Ridge High School, with the football club funds being the City’s match. Assistant City Manager Custer stated he met with Coach James from the high school and they have looked at several options such as incorporating some of the tennis courts, giving the area a public purpose. Mayor Williams asked if receiving donations would impact receiving the grant. Ms. Bowers stated it would not.

Other:

Mayor and Councilmember had nothing further at this time.

Being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

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

**January 10, 2019
6:30 pm**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on January 10, 2018, 6:30 pm at East Ridge City Hall.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order.

Pastor Natalie Smart with East Ridge United Methodist Church gave the invocation. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present were: Mayor Williams, Vice Mayor Helton, Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Chauncey, Councilmember Witt, Assistant City Manager Custer, City Attorney Litchford, and City Recorder Middleton.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes December 10, 2018 Inaugural and Organizational Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes December 13, 2018 Agenda Work Session
- C. Approval of Minutes December 13, 2018 Regular Council Meeting
- D. Approval of November 2018 Financial Report

Vice Mayor Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey, to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Cagle stated there was an error in the Capital Projects Fund on the Financial Statement and the budget amendment ordinance. Ms. Qualls stated she would check the numbers and correct them. Mr. Cagle also questioned the expenditure of \$725,000 for the communications tower. Ms. Qualls stated we had to show it as income and an expenditure. We will return funds that are not used to the bond fund. Ms. Helton and Mr. Chauncey rescinded their motion and second to approve. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve the Consent Agenda with the amendment to Item 4D. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Communication from Citizens:

Denny Manning, 910 Sunnyside Circle, thanked everyone for cards, flowers, and prayers during his recent illness.

Steve Paris, 1323 Orlando Avenue, stated he contacted City Hall about the subdivision of a plat on Orlando Avenue and was told he would be notified of the Planning Commission meeting, but was not. Assistant City Manager Custer stated that notification must be made within a certain distance for rezonings, but not for subdivision of plats. Councilmember Chauncey

would like to look at what other cities do as far as notifications. Mr. Custer stated this concerns property rights and this property met all the requirements to subdivide.

Steve Corder, 3649 Indian Trail, representing Jones Memorial United Methodist Church, reported on the annual barbecue. He stated the church purchased 143 coats for children at the elementary schools, totaling 2,978 over the last 30 years holding the barbecue. He thanked the Council and citizens for their support. Mayor Williams thanked the church for holding the barbecue and for everything they do in the community.

Greg Shipley, 6116 Nottingham Drive, thanked Jones Memorial for purchasing coats for student at the schools. He would also like for a group to be organized to help fix up the homes of elderly citizens.

Communication from Councilmembers:

Councilmember Cagle asked for an update on the microphones in the Council room. Assistant City Manager Custer stated the sound company came today to install new microphones, but Mr. Custer did not want to test them during a council meeting. He suggested doing that during one of the smaller board meeting.

Vice Mayor Helton stated the Mayor's meetings with citizens is a great idea.

Councilmembers Chauncey and Witt had nothing at this time.

Mayor Williams asked Mr. Custer to give Mr. Britt an update on the review of police department policy and to give an update on city manager applications. The Mayor congratulated Vice Mayor Helton on her inauguration as State Representative. The Mayor also discussed the monthly "Meet the Mayor" meetings he will hold with the public at various locations. Each month he will have a department head to speak and answer questions. Mr. Custer will be the first to speak and then Parks and Recreation Director Wilson. The first one will be held at the "Local Coffee" shop but locations may change.

Communication from City Manager:

- Rex Barton and Honna Rogers with MTAS will be working with the City to develop a strategic plan for the Police Department and possibly city-wide. Mr. Custer stated we need to have a vision and a mission.
- Council has been provided with nine city manager applications. Mr. Cagle would like to narrow the field to five by the next council meeting. Mr. Chauncey would like to make sure the five that each councilmember picks are still interested in the position. Mr. Custer stated staff could start with verifications tomorrow.
- There are 11 streets on the repaving list. Resurfacing will start as soon as we have good weather. We will focus on Basin 10 when WWTA finishes their project. Mr. Custer stated staff is researching an app call "Ready, Click, Fix" which can be downloaded by citizens to report potholes, etc. in the City.
- Staff is working on year end totals. He commended the Animal Control for adopting out 348 animals in 2018.

Acknowledgement from the TN Comptroller of the Treasury of Request from the City for Approval to Enter into a Loan Agreement with the Public Building Authority (“PBA”) of the City of Clarksville, TN – Assistant City Manager Custer stated this is notification that the City has received the funds that were approved for park upgrades and we are moving forward with that project.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1090 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1078 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019 APPROPRIATING THE SAME TO THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT . . .” BY DESIGNATING A PORTION OF THE UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND AND DRUG FUND AND BY CHANGING THE REVENUES OF THE GENERAL FUND AND BY CHANGING THE EXPENDITURES OF THE GENERAL FUND, DRUG FUND AND CAPITAL PROJECT FUND (2nd and final reading) – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to approve Ordinance No. 1090 with the amendment to change the Capital Project Fund from \$4,721,500 to \$4,671,500 because the figure is incorrect. Finance Director Qualls stated these figures are correct; she only puts in the ordinance the funds that are being amended.

Councilmember Cagle and Vice Mayor Helton withdrew their motion and second. Councilmember Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to approve Ordinance No. 1090, on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to rescind approval of the Consent Agenda with the amendment. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey, to approve the Consent Agenda. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

New Business:

RESOLUTION NO. 2883 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AWARDED BIDS FOR REPLACEMENT OF FENCING ON THIRTEEN (13) SOFTBALL/BASEBALL FIELDS WITHIN THE CAMP JORDAN ATHLETIC COMPLEX – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Director Wilson stated the City received four bids for fencing, with Premier Fence being the low bid. There were two options – Option 1 is \$628,017.00, to demolish and replace all existing fencing and Option 2, \$576,017.00 to demolish and replace all fencing except the five-foot outfield fences. These will be replaced with six-foot fencing. Staff recommends Option 1 for a more uniform look in the park. These options also include the demolition and replacement of the existing batting cages. Vice Mayor Helton suggested salvaging the fencing for use at the dog park. Mr. Custer also had a price for a new restroom discussed by Mr. Cagle. It would be \$126,000 plus 20,000 to run utilities. Vice Mayor Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey, to approve Resolution No. 2883 with Option 1 as recommended by staff. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2884 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2866 TO PURCHASE MOBILE AND PORTABLE RADIOS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Assistant City Manager Custer stated this relates to constructing a communications tower at the Police Department. He has met with Assistant Chief Allen, Motorola representatives, the radio shop, supervisors and patrol officers regarding communications dead spots in the City. This resolution would be to purchase mobile and portable radios and not construct a communications tower. Mr. Custer has spoken with other cities and their last resort was to construct a tower. He also stated the fire trucks have mobiles and have not had any problem. Vice Mayor Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 2884. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - Public/Private Venture (to be provided by the City Attorney) – City Attorney Litchford stated this is regarding the arrangement with the Chattanooga Red Wolves. He stated they would put \$1 million into facility to host training and have regional and national soccer tournaments. Mr. Litchford stated there is no resolution, just an update and will have further information at the next meeting.

Discussion of the Purchase of Property located at Oakdale Avenue and East End Avenue for the construction of a dog park/Animal Control facility. - Assistant City Manager Custer stated he would like direction from Council on how to proceed. He stated this property could accommodate an animal control facility or a dog park, but not both. Councilmember Chauncey stated that since the property is half in the flood plain and half in the flood way, it would stay too wet for a dog park. He suggested putting the dog park on the city's property on Springvale Road. Vice Mayor Helton suggested putting the dog park at Camp Jordan. Councilmember Witt asked if the materials from the old fire station #2 could be used. Mr. Custer stated they could. A resolution will be added to the next agenda for purchase of the property.

RESOLUTION NO. 2885 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO MEMORIALIZE THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CARNELL STORIE AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE BEER BOARD - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mayor Williams appointed Carnell Storie as Chairperson of the Beer Board. He is a long-time member of the Board. Mr. Storie thanked everyone for the calls during his recent illness. Vice Mayor Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey, to approve Resolution No. 2885 which memorializes the Mayor's appointment. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE AGENDA WORK SESSION
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To Set the Agenda for The
February 14, 2019 Council Meeting

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on January 24, 6:00 pm, at East Ridge City Hall to set the agenda for the February 14, 2019 Council Meeting and other items.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order.

Present were: Mayor Williams, Vice Mayor Helton, Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Chauncey, Councilmember Witt, Assistant City Manager Custer, City Attorney Litchford and City Recorder Middleton.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1080 – 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 1023 SOUTH SEMINOLE DRIVE AND 3118 RINGGOLD ROAD, TAX MAP #156N F 016, FROM C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, O-1 OFFICE DISTRICT, AND R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-3 RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT DISTRICT (1st reading – tabled 9/13/18) – Assistant City Manager Custer stated the Building Department will make sure of distances in order to do the extra mailouts that were requested.

ORDINANCE NO. 1091 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND THE EAST RIDGE CITY CODE, TITLE 8, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 8-212 TITLED “INTERFERENCE WITH PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND MORALS PROHIBITED” (2nd and final reading) – Mayor Williams stated this would be second and final reading if approved on first reading in tonight’s regular council meeting. This is to amend the beer ordinance as it relates to distance to churches and schools, and to add conditions for hours of outdoor sales on Wednesday and Sunday nights and to install fencing and landscape barriers.

ORDINANCE NO. 1092 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF AN OFF-PREMISE SIGN ON A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 1417 MACK SMITH ROAD IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE NO. 1028, TITLE 14, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 110 AND ORDINANCE 481, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 105 (2nd and final reading) – Mayor Williams stated on tonight regular meeting agenda for first reading. Assistant City Manager Custer stated it is for s sign variance for Budgetel, which staff denied. This is an appeal.

New Business Discussion:

ORDINANCES _____ - Adoption of building, fire and life safety codes – Assistant City Manager Custer stated the last code adoption was in 2014 when the 2012 codes were adopted. State law requires that codes be adopted within seven years.

RESOLUTION NO. 2891 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM VISION EAST RIDGE, LLC DBA HAMPTON INN EAST RIDGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500 FOR THE EAST RIDGE ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT – Assistant City Manager Custer stated the grand opening of the Hampton Inn will be January 31st and they would like to present the check at that time. The funds, if approved, will be used for kennel modifications.

RESOLUTION NO. 2892 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO WAIVE THE FEE FOR USE OF THE CAMP JORDAN AMPHITHEATRE AND TRACK BY OUR HOUSE STUDIOS, TRANS4ORMED EXTREME AND LOCAL JROTC PROGRAMS FOR A FUNDRAISER RACE TO HELP BENEFIT THE WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT – Antonio McMath stated this would benefit the Wounded Warriors project. Mr. McMath stated the event is February 23rd and representatives from the Army will be there.

RESOLUTION NO. 2893 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE SIXTEEN (16) ALUMINUM BLEACHERS FROM BSN SPORTS THROUGH THE NATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING ALLIANCE (“NIPA”) – Director Wilson stated replacement of the bleachers is part of the 2.3 million upgrades. The old concrete bleachers will be demolished and replaced with these.

Mayor Williams stated due to the timing of Resolutions 2891, 2892 and 2893, staff has asked to move these items forward to the regular council meeting tonight. Vice Mayor Helton, made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to move these items forward to the regular council meeting. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Contract for Nicole Watson– Government Affairs Counsel – Assistant City Manager Custer stated that Nicole Watson has been instrumental in helping the City with Border Region issues and other legislative items. This contract will be an increase of \$2,000.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Request from River City Corvette Club to Waive Fees for the Use of Camp Jordan Arena for a Car Show to Benefit the East Ridge Needy Child Fund – Mayor Williams stated this is an annual event. The Corvette Club splits their entire years’ donation between the East Ridge Needy Child fund and other charities.

Other:

Councilmember Witt asked the citizens to purchase tickets, if they are interested, to the Optimist Club hot dog dinner on March 12th.

The Mayor and Councilmembers had nothing further at this time.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Williams called the meeting to order.

Pastor Daniel Beard with Action Church gave the invocation. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present were: Mayor Williams, Vice Mayor Helton, Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Chauncey, Councilmember Witt, Assistant City Manager Custer, City Attorney Litchford, and City Recorder Middleton.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes January 10, 2019 Agenda Work Session
- B. Approval of Minutes January 10, 2019 Regular Council Meeting
- C. Approval of December 2018 Financial Report

Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Communication from Citizens:

Michael Hunter, owner of Colony Apartment, 1511 Rebecca Drive, stated he is against the proposal to put an animal shelter across from apartments he owns. He stated it is bad for his tenants because of smells and noise.

Gayla Dunfee, 1605 Maxwell Road, stated more signage is needed around the Exit 1 area. Assistant City Manager Custer stated the traffic engineers have addressed this, but he will check with the State. She also discussed the City's vision and mission statement. Mr. Custer stated he is working with the Municipal Technical Advisory Service on this. She also discussed the Animal Shelter and the amendments to Ordinance 1091. She stated people have a choice about drinking.

Daniel Beard, 3421 Myra Avenue, Pastor 707 S. Germantown, Action Church stated he is against the amendment for Ordinance 1091.

Philip Osborne, East Ridge Christian Church, is opposed to the amendment to Ordinance No. 1091.

Charles McCullough, 1214 Reeves Avenue, stated he supports the new location of the animal shelter. He stated he also supports Ordinance 1091 because it is the first step in getting nice restaurants.

Tamala McDuffey, 1313 Swope Drive., stated she would like for the animal shelter to be located on East End Avenue across from her home. She also thanked them for cleaning up the “tent city.”

Mimi Lowery, 819 Mt. Belvoir Drive, discussed the amendments to Ordinance 1091. She stated government cannot tell a business that they cannot open but five days a week. She is against fencing between the churches and businesses selling beer. She stated if you’re against selling alcohol you should not go to food stores, drug stores, etc. that sell alcohol. She also discussed the Animal Shelter and the projects the Needy Child Fund is working on.

Greg Shipley, 6116 Nottingham Drive, discussed fences and landscape barriers for businesses that sell alcohol. He also stated the beer ordinance amendment is a business decision.

Jim Culberson, 5345 Oakdale Avenue, stated people do not have to drive after drinking alcohol; they can use Uber, a taxi, or walk. He thinks this amendment will bring in nice restaurants, such as are in downtown Chattanooga.

Communication from Councilmembers:

Councilmembers Cagle, Chauncey and Witt, as well as Vice Mayor Helton, had nothing at this time.

Mayor Williams stated he had his “Meet the Mayor” event and was very pleased with the outcome. He will have another event on February 16th, 10 am at Local Coffee.

Communication from City Manager: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1091 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND THE EAST RIDGE CITY CODE, TITLE 8, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 8-212 TITLED “INTERFERENCE WITH PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND MORALS PROHIBITED” (1st reading) – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Vice Mayor Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey, to approve Ordinance No. 1091 on first reading, with the amendment to remove Requirements a. and b. for the hours of sale and the landscape barriers. Councilmember Cagle stated he is opposed to the zero-lot line and thinks we should do each application on a case by case basis as long as the church has no objection. Councilmember Chauncey is opposed to doing these on an individual basis, stating we would have the same argument with the churches each time. Mayor Williams stated he respects the pastors for their beliefs but does not believe having a restaurant serving beer in this City would entice someone to drink; people can go anywhere. For clarification, Ms. Helton and Mr. Chauncey withdrew their motion and second.

Vice Mayor Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey, to approve Ordinance No. 1091 on first reading without requirements a. and b. as proposed in the original ordinance. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Helton – yes; Councilmember Cagle – no; Councilmember Chauncey – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 1092 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF AN OFF-PREMISE SIGN ON A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 1417 MACK SMITH ROAD IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE NO. 1028, TITLE 14, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 110 AND ORDINANCE 481, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 105 (1st reading) – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Michael Howell, Building Official, stated that Budgetel wants to use top portion of the sign at Mack Smith Road; it is a legal non-conforming sign. Staff denied the original request because it conflicts with the sign ordinance. This is an appeal from Budgetel. Councilmember Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to deny Ordinance No. 1092. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2886 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE AUTHORIZING THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH HHM, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, FOR AUDITING SERVICES AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AND OTHER REGULATORY AGENCIES – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Finance Director Qualls stated we need a contract in place to begin preliminary work on the audit. Ms. Qualls stated we have a good relationship with HHM and they bring in different staff members every year to work on the audit. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to approve Resolution No. 2886. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2887 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, (“CITY”) AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE CHATTANOOGA RED WOLVES SOCCER CLUB (“CRW”) AND THE EAST RIDGE FUTBOL CLUB (“ERFC”) – (to be provided by City Attorney) – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Assistant City Manager Custer stated this is an agreement with the Chattanooga Red Wolves, like they have with Readout and Catoosa County, to bring in pro soccer to East Ridge and to provide experience to the youth organizations. They will provide pro appearances, team nights and coaching clinics. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey, to approve Resolution No. 2887. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2888 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BATTLEFIELD OUTDOORS FOR RENTALS OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN CAMP JORDAN PARK – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Director Wilson stated Battlefield approached the city to enter into public/private partnership to rent kayaks, bikes, disc golf equipment, etc. They operate out of Catoosa County and have a similar agreement with them. Vice Mayor Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 2888. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2889 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE NEGOTIATION OF AND CONTRACTING TOPURCHASE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTIES, LOCATED AT 1520 AND 1524 REBECCA DRIVE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AN ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Assistant City Manager Custer stated this property is owned by the church next door and they wish to use the proceeds of the sale to rehab the church. This property is in the middle of the City and not in the flood plain. It is also surrounded by all commercial property. Councilmember Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to approve Resolution No. 2889. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO 2890 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR, AND ACCEPTANCE OF, THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE FOUNDATION GRASSROOTS PROGRAM – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Assistant City Manager Custer stated this would be a grant with a 50/50 match for a multi-use facility for public use at East Ridge High School. Councilmember Cagle made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2890 with an amount not to exceed \$125,000 for the City’s portion. Mr. Custer stated that sometimes when you have a “not to exceed” amount it makes it difficult during the bid process. Councilmember Chauncey seconded the motion. Mayor Williams stated a preliminary estimate is approximately \$460,000. Mr. Chauncey withdrew his second, and Mr. Cagle withdrew his original motion. Councilmember Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 2890 as written. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ – AGREEMENT WITH CHATTANOOGA RED WOLVES AS IT RELATES TO TRAINING FACILITY WITHIN CAMP JORDAN PARK (to be provided by City Attorney) – City Attorney Litchford stated we still have not heard from the State to see if this training facility will be allowed because of grant funds received to help build the park. Mr. Litchford stated he contacted the Osborne Foundation, who also issued grants for the soccer stadium, and they are not aware of any restrictions, only the naming of the field. He hopes to hear something before the first meeting in February.

Mayor Williams stated that during his “Meet the Mayor” forum there were some citizens that wanted to form an education committee within the City. He would like to move forward with that.

RESOLUTION NO. 2891 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM VISION EAST RIDGE, LLC DBA HAMPTON INN EAST RIDGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500 FOR THE EAST RIDGE ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to approve Resolution No. 2891. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2892 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO WAIVE THE FEE FOR USE OF THE CAMP JORDAN AMPHITHEATRE AND TRACK BY OUR HOUSE STUDIOS, TRANS4ORMED EXTREME AND LOCAL JROTC PROGRAMS FOR A

FUNDRAISER RACE TO HELP BENEFIT THE WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to approve Resolution No. 2892. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2893 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE SIXTEEN (16) ALUMINUM BLEACHERS FROM BSN SPORTS THROUGH THE NATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING ALLIANCE (“NIPA”) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Vice Mayor Helton, made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 2893. Councilmember Chauncey commended Director Wilson for finding these bleachers at a good price. He also stated he has done research on powder coating the bleachers. Cost would be \$100 per bleacher for an additional \$1,600. Vice Mayor Helton and Councilmember Witt withdrew their original motion and second. Ms. Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 2893 and to add powder coating in an amount not to exceed \$40,295. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Resumes for City Manager – Mayor Williams brought up this item. He stated that the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) will provide, at no charge, assistance in advertising and recruiting, help in conducting interviews and assessments, provide and conduct exercises and score each applicant. They will assist a citizens committee in conducting interviews to provide their recommendations to the Council. The Mayor stated we could proceed with the five applicants or proceed with the help of MTAS. He believes MTAS has the resources to help the City. Mr. Cagle stated we could make our own decision, but some other Councilmembers like the idea of using MTAS. Mr. Custer stated to keep from having the “revolving door” we have had in the past, he believes using MTAS would be a good idea.

Councilmember Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to proceed with the top five candidates and to work with MTAS using their process. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

The Mayor and Councilmembers named their top five choices as follows:

Vice Mayor Helton	Christopher Dorsey, Alan Geans, Caryn Miller, David Milliron, Kevin Owens
Councilmember Cagle	Christopher Dorsey, Glenn Irby, David Milliron, Caryn Miller, Kevin Owens
Councilmember Chauncey	Lyndon Bonner, Christopher Dorsey, Glenn Irby, David Milliron, William Vance
Councilmember Witt	Christopher Dorsey, Glenn Irby, David Milliron, William Vance, Lyndon Bonner
Mayor Williams	Christopher Dorsey, Glenn Irby, Kevin Owens, Caryn Miller, Alan Geans

Since some of the choices were tied, Councilmember Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to consider all eight of the candidates. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned.