

**MINUTES OF THE AGENDA WORK SESSION
February 14, 2019– 6:00 pm**

**To Set the Agenda for The
February 28, 2019 Council Meeting**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on February 14, 6:00 pm, at East Ridge City Hall to set the agenda for the February 28, 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 (2nd and final reading) – Mayor Williams stated this ordinance is scheduled for first reading in tonight’s regular Council meeting. If approved, this will be second and final reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 1093 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, BUILDING AND UTILITY CODES, CHAPTER 1, TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS AND CERTAIN APPENDICES OF THESE CODES AS REVISED AND AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, 2018 EDITION; INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, 2018 EDITION; THE ADOPTION OF THE ANSI NATIONAL STANDARD AS THE OFFICIAL HANDICAP AND ACCESSIBILITY CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE; ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE, 2018 EDITION, TO PROVIDE FOR AND AMEND AND REVISED FEE SCHEDULE WITH RESPECT TO ALL BUILDING RELATED CODES OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE (2nd and final reading) - Assistant City Manager Custer stated the City is updating the 2012 codes to the 2018 codes, with the exception of the electrical code; it will be updated to the 2017 national electrical code. Ordinances 1093 – 1101 reflect these updates. They are on tonight’s regular meeting agenda for first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 1094 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 7, EAST RIDGE CITY CODE, CHAPTER 2, SECTIONS 7-201, 7-202, 7-203, 7-204, 7-206, 7-207, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND THE 2018 EDITION OF THE NFPA 101 LIFE SAFETY CODE, AND CERTAIN APPENDICES/ANNEXES AS REVISED AND AMENDED, AS THE OFFICIAL FIRE CODES OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, AND TO AMEND SAID CODES REGARDING SCOPE (2nd and final reading)

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ORDINANCE NO. 1099 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, BUILDING AND UTILITY CODES, CHAPTER 9, SECTIONS 12-901, 12-902, 12-905 AND TO REVISE CERTAIN SECTIONS, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE AS THE OFFICIAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE (2nd and final reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 1100 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 12-501 THROUGH 12-504, ESTABLISHING THE MAINTENANCE OF ALL PROPERTY, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; BY PROVIDING THE STANDARDS FOR SUPPLIED UTILITIES AND FACILITIES AND OTHER PHYSICAL THINGS AND CONDITIONS ESSENTIAL TO INSURE THAT STRUCTURES ARE SAFE, SANITARY AND FIT FOR OCCUPATION AND USE; AND THE CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES UNFIT FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY AND USE AND THE DEMOLITION OF SUCH STRUCTURES; KNOWN AS THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE 2018 EDITION (2nd and final reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 1101 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 7, SECTION 12-701, ESTABLISHING THE STANDARDS FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OR INSTALLATION, ALTERATION, REPAIR OR ALTERATIONS OF SWIMMING POOLS AND SPAS, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE AND EQUIPMENT RELATED THERETO, BY ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE, 2018 EDITION (2nd and final reading)

Discussion of Restrooms, Field House and Rec. Center for East Ridge High School – Assistant City Manager Custer stated staff has worked with Coach James and Mr. Wilson and feels they can make this facility useable for the entire community by adding basketball, tennis courts and pickleball. Mr. Custer stated he met with the school superintendent and Commissioner Boyd to discuss possible extra funding.

New Business Discussion:

ORDINANCE NO. ____ - Use on Review – Jack’s Family Restaurant – 4209 Ringgold Road (1st reading) – Building Official Howell stated that staff previously denied this request. Jack’s would like a 20-foot high sign and the limit is 9 feet.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ - Budget Amendment (1st reading) – Finance Director Qualls stated this amendment is for the purchase of rights-of-way for the multi-purpose sidewalk project on Ringgold Road. Mr. Custer stated he met with engineers and they are ready to start negotiations for the first 13 properties.

RESOLUTION NO. 2897 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED CHANGE ORDER REQUEST FROM INTEGRATED PROPERTIES LLC IN REGARD TO THE ELECTRICAL WIRING OF THE SCOREBOARDS AT CAMP JORDAN PARK – Director Wilson stated the scoreboards on field 1-4 and 9-12 are damaged beyond repair and are an electrical hazard. He stated that time is of the essence because of baseball and softball season starting soon. Vice Mayor Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve moving this item to tonight’s regular meeting agenda. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Camp Jordan & East Ridge High School Baseball / Softball Rental Contract Fee Structure – Director Wilson stated he has reviewed contracts from neighboring parks and has revised the fees to be more in line with those parks.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Waive Fee for use of Community Center for Autism Awareness – Director Wilson stated the Autism Center is a non-profit organization. This event on April 6th is for Autism Awareness Day.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Jones Memorial UMC Request to Use East Ridge High School Football Stadium – Director Wilson stated this is a free community Easter egg hunt to be held on April 12th. Jones Memorial members will clean up after the event.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Personnel Board Appointments – Mayor Williams stated these appointments expire on February 28th. He asked Councilmembers to have their appointments ready for the next council meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Donation of \$500 to Spring Creek for Student Incentives – Finance Director Qualls stated that \$2,000 was budgeted for the four East Ridge schools, with \$500 going to each school. Spring Creek Elementary is requesting their funds and would like to use them for their student incentives program.

Councilmembers wished everyone a Happy Valentine’s Day.

The meeting was adjourned.

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

**February 14, 2019
6:30 pm**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on February 14, 2019, 6:30 pm at East Ridge City Hall.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order.

Denny Manning 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 24, 2019 Agenda Work Session
- B. Approval of Minutes January 24, 2019 Regular Council Meeting
- C. Declaration of Surplus Property

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

Communication from Citizens:

Connie Blake, 839 Belvoir Hills Drive, discussed how the area around the tunnels has gone down and businesses are moving out. She stated the rent is lower at Exit 1 and we should get owners to improve their properties. She would like for the City to limit tattoo parlors, dollar stores and check cashing businesses. Mr. Custer stated the Council adopted an ordinance not to eliminate check cashing businesses but to set parameters for them. They cannot be within 1,000 feet of another check cashing business or within 500 feet of a residential lot line. He stated within the last 24 months, the majority of time spent on economic development has been for the upper west end of East Ridge. Mr. Custer also stated the sidewalk and streetscape project will help turn the west end around. Mayor Williams stated we are not ignoring that end of town but are working to improve it.

Gretchen Henegar, 5308 Dupont St., spoke in support of the proposed apartments on S. Seminole, stating they would be luxury apartments. She stated they would bring more business and traffic to that end of the city.

Gary Parker, 1517 Maxwell Road, discussed building a multi-purpose sports facility at Camp Jordan and bring in minor league hockey with corporate sponsors. Assistant City Manager Custer stated the City is in discussions now to create public/private sponsorships.

Jan Shawen, 1034 S. Seminole Drive, stated she is opposed to rezoning the property on S. Seminole for apartments, citing traffic concerns.

Marvin Scott, 1041 S. Seminole, spoke in opposition to the proposed apartments on S. Seminole, stating it would bring down the value of surrounding property and increase crime.

Robert Johnson, 3138 Seminole Crest Lane, opposes the proposed apartments on Seminole, stating traffic would increase and they would bring down property values.

Betty Meadows, 1029 and 1031 S. Seminole, stated she supports the proposed apartments, stating they will be upscale and will be a gated community.

James Citty, 423 Pine Bluff Drive, and owns 1001 S. Seminole, is opposed to the proposed apartment stating stormwater runoff and traffic issues.

Communication from Councilmembers:

Councilmembers Cagle, Chauncey and Vice Mayor Helton had nothing at this time

Councilmember Witt thanked Director Wilson for speaking at the Optimist Club meeting.

Mayor Williams congratulated Assistant City Manager Custer for completing his certified public management program. He also congratulated City Attorney Litchford for opening his own law firm.

Mayor Williams stated the property that the City wanted to purchase for an Animal Shelter is no longer an option.

Mayor Williams stated he would like to have a discussion on the renovation of McBrien School, possibly for use by the Fire and Police departments.

Mayor Williams stated he will hold his second “Meet the Mayor” at Local Coffee on February 16th at 10 am. Director Wilson spoke about the Camp Jordan upgrades.

Communication from City Manager:

Assistant City Manager Custer stated he has produced a monthly report which details legislative actions, economic development, new business licenses, departmental reports, etc. He will try to have the report ready by the first or second meeting of each month.

Mr. Custer stated that Lifecare Center is starting a \$40 million new phase which will include 140 units and an assisted living. They should break ground in April.

Mayor Williams complimented Assistant City Manager Custer on the monthly report. Mr. Custer also commended staff for the report.

Old Business:

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1080 - Rezoning of 1023 S. Seminole and 3118 Ringgold Road. Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. He asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of or in opposition to the rezoning.

Charles McCullough, 1214 Reeves Avenue, spoke in opposition to the rezoning.

William Lane, 1025 S. Seminole, spoke in opposition to the rezoning.

Jonathan Hudson, 374 Eastview Drive, Chattanooga, TN spoke in opposition to the rezoning.

Nicki Heck, 1210 Reeves Avenue, spoke in opposition to the rezoning.

Sue Collette, 1120 S. Seminole, spoke in opposition to the rezoning.

Marvin Scott, 1041 S. Seminole Dr., spoke in opposition to the rezoning.

John Bilderback, 1045 S. Seminole, spoke in opposition to the rezoning.

James Citty, 1001 S. Seminole, spoke in opposition to the rezoning.

Mayor Williams closed the public hearing.

At this time, Mayor Williams took a 3-minute recess.

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) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. P. J. Patel, 1015 S. Seminole, and developer of the proposed apartments on S. Seminole, stated the majority of development is on the east end of the City. He wants these apartments to attract new businesses on the west end. He stated the apartments would be upscale for upper middle class and retirees, not Section 8. He stated this would be an \$11 million investment and would generate \$2 million in property taxes and \$1 million for local businesses. Mr. Patel also stated he is willing to adopt the crime free addendum. He stated the apartments will have amenities such as a pool, stainless steel appliances, granite, a pavilion, handicap accessible apartments and an on-site manager and maintenance.

Mr. Patel introduced Stephen Meyer, the traffic engineer who did the traffic study for the property on S. Seminole. Mr. Meyer stated he also did the majority of the traffic work for Exit 1. He stated he used national standards to do this study. He also stated there might be delays of a few seconds, but traffic would not back up that far. Mr. Meyer stated that Traffic

Supervisor Ailey could contact the City of Chattanooga to make adjustments to the traffic signal at Ringgold Road if necessary.

Tom Retseck, Engineer from March Adams was present to address the stormwater runoff. He stated they work with TDOT, WWTa and the City to solve these types of problems. He stated they will put pipes under the parking lots with catch basins for runoff. Retention would be underground.

Mr. Patel stated he has addressed the issues of traffic, stormwater, and other matters which Council was concerned about. He is also willing to work with the County to put in a school bus stop and add sidewalks. Mr. Patel called this a Pioneer project that will add more growth on the west end of town.

Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to remove this item from the table. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Helton - pass; Councilmember Cagle - yes; Councilmember Chauncey - yes; Councilmember Witt - yes; Mayor Williams – yes; Vice Mayor Helton – yes. Motion approved. City Attorney Litchford stated the caption to this ordinance should include Tax Map #156N F 017. At this time, Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to deny Ordinance No. 1080. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

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) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Cagle made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1091 with the amendment to require a public hearing when there is a request for a beer permit. Motion died for lack of a second. Vice Mayor Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey, to approve Ordinance No. 1091. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Helton - yes; Councilmember Cagle - no; Councilmember Chauncey - yes; Councilmember Witt - yes; Mayor Williams - yes. Motion approved.

Discuss the City Manager Application Reviews and Interview Process – Mayor Williams stated the Council has engaged the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) to do applicant review and scoring assessments. The Mayor would like a consensus on how the Council would like to proceed. After discussion on how many applicants to interview, Vice Mayor Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to interview the top six candidates and have Dick Cook do a community forum with questions submitted by Council and citizens. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

New Business:

Mayor Williams would like to move Item J, Resolution No. 2894 and Item K, Resolution No. 2895 to this portion of the agenda. Vice Mayor Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey, to move these items to this portion of the agenda. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2894 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WALLER LANSDEN DORTCH & DAVIS, LLP TO ACT AS GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COUNSEL TO THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE IN REGARD TO MATTERS BEFORE THE TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to approve Resolution No. 2894. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2895 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO WAIVE THE FEE FOR USE OF CAMP JORDAN ARENA BY THE RIVER CITY CORVETTE CLUB FOR A FUNDRAISER TO HELP BENEFIT THE EAST RIDGE NEEDY CHILD FUND - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Chuck Logan, 811 Belvoir Hills Circle, spoke on behalf of the Corvette Club. He stated the last four years, the club has donated half of their proceeds to the East Ridge Needy Child Fund. Vice Mayor Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 2895. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

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Vice Mayor Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey, to approve the Consent Agenda for Ordinances 1093 – 1101. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2896 – AGREEMENT WITH CHATTANOOGA RED WOLVES AS IT RELATES TO TRAINING FACILITY WITHIN CAMP JORDAN PARK - City Attorney Litchford provided an update on this item. He stated there is no approval yet, but the TDEC Recreation and Education Services has determined that the arrangement passes enough muster to present it to the National Park Services. Assistant City Manager Custer will have a discussion on the agenda work session on February 28th.

RESOLUTION NO. 2897 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED CHANGE ORDER REQUEST FROM INTEGRATED PROPERTIES LLC IN REGARD TO THE ELECTRICAL WIRING OF THE SCOREBOARDS AT CAMP JORDAN PARK - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Director Wilson is requesting this change order in the amount of \$17,500. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey, to approve Resolution No. 2897 in an amount not to exceed \$17,500. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1102 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF AN ON-PREMISE SIGN ON A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 4209 RINGGOLD ROAD IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE NO. 1028, TITLE 14, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 108 (G) AND ORDINANCE 481, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 105 (2nd and final reading) – Mayor Williams stated this would be second reading if approved on first reading in tonight’s regular meeting.

Discussion of entering into an agreement with Artech for the architecture and design of Restrooms, Field House and Rec. Center for East Ridge High School – Assistant City Manager Custer stated this matter has been discussed for several months. He would like to work with Artech for the design. Mr. Custer also stated there is a possibility the County will pledge more money to the project.

New Business Discussion:

ORDINANCE NO. ____ - Budget Amendment (1st reading) – Finance Director Qualls stated she is waiting on a final response from the State regarding the interfund loan to purchase rights-of-way for the sidewalk project. The funds will be loaned from the General Fund to the Grant Fund and must be approved by the State.

RESOLUTION NO. 2903 –A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED CHANGE ORDER REQUEST FROM PREMIER FENCE, LLC TO ADD 24 DUGOUT GATES TO FIELDS 1-12 AT CAMP JORDAN PARK – Director Wilson stated that Premier Fence submitted a change order for 24 dug-out gates that were inadvertently left out of the original scope of the work. Vice Mayor Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve moving this item forward to the regular council meeting as Item H under New Business. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Request from the Optimist Club to waive facility fees for the use of the Large Picnic Pavilion on Saturday, May 25, 2019 for their annual BBQ fund raiser and for the City to purchase \$300 in tickets. – Mayor Williams stated that Council normally waives the fees for this annual event.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Request from the Optimist Club to waive facility fees for the use of Camp Jordan Arena on Saturday, June 22, 2019 for their annual car show – Mayor Williams also stated this is an annual Optimist event.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Request from East Ridge Elementary School to waive the fees for use of Camp Jordan Arena and the Picnic Pavilion for their 5th grade graduation on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 - Mayor Williams stated this is the third year for this event.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Approval of the Chattanooga Coca-Cola Bottling Company Sponsorship Agreement – Director Wilson stated that the Chattanooga Coca-Cola Bottling Company approached him about renewing the sponsorship agreement for pouring rights for all Parks and Recreation locations in the City. The City will receive a \$15,000 sponsorship over the next 13 years, with new scoreboards and new coolers, plus other benefits.

Discussion of a Master Plan for McBrien School relating to Fire, Police and Animal Services Departments – Assistant City Manager Custer stated there has been discussion since 2012 about moving the Fire and Police to the old McBrien building. He stated that last year Council approved H+K Architects to do the architectural work for the town center which was later scrapped. Mr. Custer stated the City could sell the police departments property at 4214 Ringgold Road. This property is in the Border Region and a property across the street and approximately the same size sold for \$500,000. Councilmember Cagle stated the City had a one-time opportunity to add or delete properties from the Border Region map. He stated the Police and Fire property cannot be added back into the Border Region. Mr. Custer stated that is correct, but this property was never removed from the Border Region district. Mr. Cagle wants the City Attorney to check into this.

Grant Consent Agenda:

1. **RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Tennessee American Water Environmental Grant Program** - Community Involvement Coordinator Bowers stated this grant can be used to enhance the River Rescue by cleaning trees and brush from the creeks.
2. **RESOLUTION NO. ____ - River Rescue Grant Application FY 20** – This is for \$1,000 from TDEC
3. **RESOLUTION NO. ____ – Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant Program – Fire** – Ms. Bowers stated the Fire and Police Departments alternate applying for this grant. If approved, Fire Department will use it for edraulic equipment.
4. **RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) FY 2020** – This grant would pay portions of salaries for hiring 3 firefighters over a 4-year period.

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Mayor Williams called the meeting to order.

Terry Arnold, with the Pentecostal Church of East Ridge, 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 February 14, 2019 Agenda Work Session
- B. Approval of Minutes February 14, 2019 Regular Council Meeting
- C. Approval of January 2019 Financial Statement

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

Communication from Citizens: None

Communication from Councilmembers:

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

Councilmember Cagle stated he received a phone call about pit bulls running loose in Camp Jordan and the owner took the dogs and fled the scene. Assistant City Manager Custer stated after the incident was posted on social media, they do have some leads on who the dogs belong to.

Mayor Williams asked everyone to remember Councilmember Witt's family. Her uncle was recently placed under Hospice Care. He also asked everyone to remember the family of Assistant Police Chief Allen on the loss of his mother.

The Mayor thanked Director Wilson for attending "Meet the Mayor." The next one will be on March 16, 2019 with school board representative Tucker McClendon speaking.

Mayor Williams stated there would be a public meeting on March 6, 2019 at 6 pm in the Council room regarding the new playground and splashpad.

Communication from City Manager: Assistant City Manager Custer discussed the following:

- Discussion about the splashpad at the last “Meet the Mayor” – Mr. Custer stated the City previously held a community meeting with very few attendees. He stated the meeting would be to discuss direction and design moving forward.
- Strategic planning for the Police Department is well underway. The committee has met with citizens and officers and leadership will review.
- The WWTa sewer plant on Mahan Gap Road – this location was the most feasible to serve north Ooltewah. The County voted to fund 20 million as part of the \$250 million project over the next 20 years. Citizens may email him with questions.
- TDOT is considering new signage to help the flow of traffic at Exit 1.
- Long time employee Marilyn Tilley has retired. Mr. Custer thanked her for her service.

Interview of City Manager Candidate - Lyndon Bonner

Mayor Williams stated that Mr. Bonner could give a statement and then Council would go into a “round robin” of four to five questions each. After that time, Dick Cook with East Ridge News Online will ask questions submitted by citizens. The Mayor asked councilmembers to be consistent and ask all candidates the same questions.

Mr. Bonner stated he feels honored to be interviewed and thanked Council, Human Resources Manager Perry and Finance Director Qualls.

Council asked the following questions:

Vice Mayor Helton: How would you characterize your style of management? – Mr. Bonner called it participative and facilitative. He is direct and takes input from staff and council.

Councilmember Cagle: Describe your experience with discrimination or grievances filed. - Mr. Bonner has had to listen to adjudications and has had to be the final voice. He has had two claims of harassment against him and was terminated for harassment. An investigation showed there was no basis. He would not change a thing about every decision he has made.

Councilmember Chauncey: As it relates to open door policy for all employees, how passionate are you about making sure fire and police stay equipped. - He thinks open door is important. His priority is public safety and he will make sure they have the manpower and equipment needed and will also give them a voice.

Councilmember Witt: To what extent do you believe contact with citizens and citizens groups is important and how do you handle this. – He is a strong advocate of citizen engagement. He likes to go out and meet the public on their turf.

Mayor Williams: What is your background in planning, zoning and business development and what is your expertise? - He started as a planner and worked as a grant writer and in economic development. He got a federal prison in Florida through a grant. He

revamped an airport with 9 million in improvements. In Henry County, Georgia he received a grant for 5 million for a Park and Ride going into Atlanta.

Vice Mayor Helton: What is your experience with police and what is the most challenging aspect of that? – Mr. Bonner stated his wife is a cop. His challenges have been removing two fire chiefs and hiring more. He has extensive experience in law enforcement.

Councilmember Cagle: Do you let your department heads run their departments or do you micromanage? – He lets the department heads manage and be accountable for their work.

Councilmember Chauncey: When it comes to employing department heads, do you promote from within or look outside? - He wants to get the best person for the job. He stated that sometime inside people may not want to be promoted.

Councilmember Witt: Based on your education and experience and background what are your strengths and weaknesses? - He enjoys public service and wants to do the right things. He stated he is impatient with himself and dwells on details.

Mayor Williams: During this time of the year we are moving into preparing the budget. What background do you have in preparing budgets and what was your role? He does workshops on a regular basis and does one-on-one meetings with Councilmembers. He likes to do a line item review of the budget and have a budget committee.

Vice Mayor Helton: What are the elements that you employ that contribute to a successful relationship with the news media? – He stated we must be accountable to the press, but mindful of what we share with the press as far as public safety.

Councilmember Cagle: How do you feel about public records requests? Mr. Bonner stated it is a lot of work, but it is the law. We have a moral obligation to provide information to the public.

Councilmember Chauncey: How do you build relationships with citizens and be more transparent? – He has learned by watching other local governments. He likes to go out and meet with the people.

Councilmember Witt: What involvement have you had in developing personnel rules and procedures and what experience do you have in motivating employees? – He has some written by professionals or attorneys. It is an essential part of business. We provide them a learning experience and they do a better job.

Mayor Williams: How do you perceive the roll of the city manager and Council? It must be mutual regard and respect. East Ridge has challenges, but he has to build trust and work through problems.

At this time, Mayor Williams took a 3-minute recess.

Mayor Williams called the meeting back to order and then asked Dick Cook, East Ridge News Online, to ask questions he received from citizens.

A couple that recently moved here are frustrated that all development goes to Exit 1. How do you plan to promote growth of small local businesses and promote walkability? – Mr. Bonner stated there is a lot of aging infrastructure and housing stock. The City needs to focus on redevelopment of the west end, and he believes development at Exit 1 is a stepping stone for other areas of the City. He believes that local businesses are the lifeboat of the community.

Have you done research on Border Region? How would you use the Border Region to our advantage? – Mr. Bonner thinks there is some ambiguity in the border region legislation, but we need to optimize it while we can. We need to make certain that what we do today can be sustained 50 years from now.

What are the solutions to tackle the blight of poverty, drug problems, and the problem of Ringgold Road looking like it is still in 50's? - We need to look at the demographics regarding substance abuse, and deal with substance abuse confidentially with employees. We also need to evaluate the infrastructure to plan for the next 30 to 50 years. We also need incentives to make properties investment worthy.

Your experience has been in Florida and Georgia. Have you worked in Tennessee? Are you familiar with the Tennessee Open Records Act? – He has not worked in Tennessee. He stated we need to abide by the law and make records more accessible.

Will you institute yearly performance reviews? – Yes. We must put performance measures out there that are appropriate for the position.

What are the strengths you bring that would make you the best candidate? – He thinks we have a good field of candidates. He believes he can improve competencies within the organization.

Mr. Bonner thanked council for letting him share his views. He looks forward to seeing great things in the City.

At this time, Mayor Williams took a 5-minute recess.

Mayor Williams called the meeting back to order.

Old Business:

A. Consent Agenda for Code Ordinances 1093 - 1101:

- 1. ORDINANCE NO. 1093 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, BUILDING AND UTILITY CODES, CHAPTER 1, TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS AND CERTAIN APPENDICES OF THESE CODES AS REVISED AND AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, 2018 EDITION; INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, 2018 EDITION; THE ADOPTION OF THE ANSI NATIONAL STANDARD AS THE OFFICIAL HANDICAP AND ACCESSIBILITY CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE; ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE, 2018 EDITION, TO PROVIDE FOR AND AMEND**

AND REVISED FEE SCHEDULE WITH RESPECT TO ALL BUILDING RELATED CODES OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE (2nd and final reading)

- 2. ORDINANCE NO. 1094 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 7, EAST RIDGE CITY CODE, CHAPTER 2, SECTIONS 7-201, 7-202, 7-203, 7-204, 7-206, 7-207, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND THE 2018 EDITION OF THE NFPA 101 LIFE SAFETY CODE, AND CERTAIN APPENDICES/ANNEXES AS REVISED AND AMENDED, AS THE OFFICIAL FIRE CODES OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, AND TO AMEND SAID CODES REGARDING SCOPE (2nd and final reading)**
- 3. ORDINANCE NO. 1095 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, EAST RIDGE CITY CODE, CHAPTER 4, SECTIONS 12-402, 12-403, 12-404, 12-406, 12-407, 12-408 AND 12-410, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE AND CERTAIN APPENDICES AS REVISED AND AMENDED AS THE OFFICIAL GAS CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS AS THEY RELATE TO FEES AND LICENSE REQUIREMENTS (2nd and final reading)**
- 4. ORDINANCE NO. 1096 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND EAST RIDGE CITY CODE, ARTICLE 12, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 12-301, IN ORDER TO ADOPT THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE OF 2017 AS THE OFFICIAL ELECTRICAL CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE AND TO REVISE CERTAIN LANGUAGE UNDER SECTION 12-306 REGARDING NON-REFUNDABLE FEES (2nd and final reading)**
- 5. ORDINANCE NO. 1097 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 2 EAST RIDGE CITY CODE, SECTIONS 12-201 THROUGH 12-204, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE AS REVISED AND AMENDED AS THE OFFICIAL PLUMBING CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, AND TO AMEND AND REVISE CERTAIN FEES FOR PLUMBING PERMITS (2nd and final reading)**
- 6. ORDINANCE NO. 1098 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, EAST RIDGE CITY CODE, CHAPTER 8, SECTIONS 12-801, 12-805, 12-806, AND TO REVISE CERTAIN SECTIONS, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE AND CERTAIN APPENDICES AS REVISED AND AMENDED AS THE OFFICIAL MECHANICAL CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, AND TO AMEND SAID CODE REGARDING SCOPE, PERMITS, PERMIT FEES, EXPIRATION AND VIOLATION PENALTIES (2nd and final reading)**
- 7. ORDINANCE NO. 1099– AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, BUILDING AND UTILITY CODES, CHAPTER 9, SECTIONS 12-901, 12-902, 12-905 AND TO REVISE CERTAIN SECTIONS, SO AS TO ADOPT THE**

2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE AS THE OFFICIAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE (2nd and final reading)

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 1100– AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 12-501 THROUGH 12-504, ESTABLISHING THE MAINTENANCE OF ALL PROPERTY, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; BY PROVIDING THE STANDARDS FOR SUPPLIED UTILITIES AND FACILITIES AND OTHER PHYSICAL THINGS AND CONDITIONS ESSENTIAL TO INSURE THAT STRUCTURES ARE SAFE, SANITARY AND FIT FOR OCCUPATION AND USE; AND THE CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES UNFIT FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY AND USE AND THE DEMOLITION OF SUCH STRUCTURES; KNOWN AS THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE 2018 EDITION (2nd and final reading)**

9. **ORDINANCE NO. 1101– AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 7, SECTION 12-701, ESTABLISHING THE STANDARDS FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OR INSTALLATION, ALTERATION, REPAIR OR ALTERATIONS OF SWIMMING POOLS AND SPAS, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE AND EQUIPMENT RELATED THERETO, BY ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE, 2018 EDITION (2nd and final reading)**

City Attorney Litchford read all the ordinances on caption. Vice Mayor Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey, to approve the Consent Agenda for Code Ordinances. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2896 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CHATTANOOGA RED WOLVES SC TO TAKE APPROPRIATE AND NECESSARY ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT NEW IMPROVEMENTS, RENOVATIONS, AND ENHANCEMENTS OF CERTAIN RECREATIONAL AND TOURISM FACILITIES WITHIN CAMP JORDAN COMPLEX FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FIRST-CLASS SOCCER TRAINING FACILITY – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mr. Litchford stated that when Camp Jordan was developed, we accepted grant funds, with the restrictions that the property be used for recreation and public use. The City has met with TDEC and the National Park Service is reviewing the Red Wolves proposed lease agreement. The recommendation from TDEC is if the City wants the cleanest process, we should do what is called a conversion, which would convert the property out from under the restrictions. Cost of the conversion is \$10,000, which the Red Wolves have agreed to pay. Mr. Litchford stated the purpose of a conversion is to acknowledge and be aware of changing times over the years. The Red Wolves plan to invest \$1.5 to \$2 million in a soccer stadium that would accommodate 1,500 to 2,000 fans. This resolution would authorize the City Manager and Mayor to negotiate to bring a professional soccer team to East Ridge.

Mayor Williams stated this is a great opportunity for the City and a great investment from the Red Wolves. It will produce great economic impact especially for the hotels and restaurants

in East Ridge. Mr. Custer stated that the focus of Bob Martino with the Red Wolves is to give back to the youth programs.

Vice Mayor Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey, to approve Resolution No. 2896. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

New Business:

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1102 - Use on Review – Jack’s Family Restaurant

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. Daniel Von Hagel with Pro Signs, Inc. and Jim Avery, director of development with Jack’s Family Restaurant were present representing to discuss the request for a sign variance. Mr. Von Hagel stated they want a 20-foot monument sign. Their standard pole sign is 35 feet tall. Mr. Von Hagel stated that Chick-fil-A has a similar sign that is 20 feet tall. The sign at Jacks will be brick similar to the design of the building.

Charles McCullough, 1214 Reeves Avenue, stated that the City has sign standards and should go by them.

Assistant City Manager Custer stated the City worked with the Regional Planning Agency for two years to develop the sign standards. The City was and is concerned about sign proliferation because East Ridge is a densely populated area. Mr. Custer stated that Chick-fil-A went before a variance committee regarding their sign and their request was based on interstate traffic. At this time, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCE NO. 1102 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF AN ON-PREMISE SIGN ON A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 4209 RINGGOLD ROAD IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE NO. 1028, TITLE 14, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 108 (G) AND ORDINANCE 481, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 105 (1st reading) – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Chief Building Official Howell stated the City’s sign regulations limit the signs to 9 feet, but Jack’s Restaurant wants a 20-foot sign, which would be 11 feet over the limit. Vice Mayor Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to deny Ordinance No. 1102. Councilmember Chauncey stated he thinks people will have no problem seeing the sign and thanked Mr. Von Hagel and Mr. Avery for their willingness to invest in East Ridge. Mayor Williams stated he is very excited about the new restaurant and the City will support them, but we put standards in place to reduce sign proliferation. The vote was unanimous. Motion to deny was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2898 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE SETTING RENTAL RATES FOR THE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FIELDS AT CAMP JORDAN PARK – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Director Wilson stated staff researched the fees for other parks and believes we need to change the fees to align them with other area parks. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey, to approve Resolution No. 2898. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2899 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO WAIVE THE FEE FOR USE OF THE EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER BY THE CHATTANOOGA AUTISM CENTER IN HONOR OF AUTISM AWARENESS DAY – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to approve Resolution No. 2899. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2900 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO WAIVE THE FEE FOR USE OF THE EAST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STADIUM BY JONES MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR AN EASTER EGG HUNT – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 2900. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2901 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE EAST RIDGE PERSONNEL BOARD – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mr. Litchford stated that each councilmember has the right to his or her own appointment; this resolution will just memorialize the appointments. Council made the following appointments:

- Vice Mayor Helton appointed Charles McCullough
- Councilmember Cagle appointed Doris Rogers
- Councilmember Chauncey appointed Robert Jones
- Councilmember Witt appointed Colleen Lieberum
- Mayor Williams appointed Jackie Barry

Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey, to approve Resolution No. 2901. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2902 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO DONATE \$500 TO SPRING CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THEIR STUDENT INCENTIVES PROGRAM – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to approve Resolution No. 2902. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2903 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED CHANGE ORDER REQUEST FROM PREMIER FENCE, LLC TO ADD 24 DUGOUT GATES TO FIELDS 1-12 AT CAMP JORDAN PARK – Director Wilson stated that Premier Fence submitted a change order to add 24 dug out gates to the Camp Jordan Fencing project. Vice Mayor Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 2903. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Mayor Williams asked the press not to release any of the questions that were asked in the City Manager interview so that other candidates would not be able to see them.

The meeting was adjourned.