

MINUTES OF THE AGENDA WORK SESSION

September 12, 2019– 6:00 pm

To Set the Agenda for The September 26, 2019 Council Meeting

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on September 12, 2019, 6:00 pm, at East Ridge City Hall to set the agenda for the September 26, 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, City Manager Dorsey, City Attorney Litchford and City Recorder Middleton.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1113 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 OPERATING BUDGET, ORDINANCE NO. 1105, FOR PARKS, POLICE AND SOLID WASTE EXPENDITURES (2nd and final reading) – Mayor Williams stated this item will be on first reading in tonight’s regular meeting. City Manager Dorsey stated that an issue came up with the bid process for the cars. It was discovered that during the bid process, the ad was sent to vendors sites, placed on Vendor Registry and on the City’s website; however, it was inadvertently not sent to the newspaper. To follow purchasing law of 1982, we are going to cancel the bids and start the process over. On this ordinance, the funds for the cars will be deleted before second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 1114 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE TO AMEND TITLE 5, MUNICIPAL FINANCE AND TAXATION, OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY CODE, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 7 TITLED OCCUPANCY TAX ON HOTELS AND MOTELS (2nd and final reading) – City Attorney Litchford stated this is in regard to short term rentals and bed and breakfast establishments. He stated that MTAS notified the City that collection of hotel/motel taxes for these businesses has always been permitted and suggested that we clarify it in our Code. Councilmember Cagle stated he would like to go ahead and raise the hotel/motel tax to 5% from the current 4%. Mr. Litchford recommended we do this in two separate ordinances since this ordinance is just for clarification purposes. City Manager Dorsey will check into issues on this matter.

ORDINANCE NO. 1115 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE 481, ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, ARTICLE V (2nd and final reading) (if approved by Planning Commission) – Assistant City Manager Custer stated this is regarding setback requirements. This would affect all commercial zones. There is currently a minimum 25-foot setback. We will give the option to have 5-foot setbacks where businesses could tie into the

sidewalks. This would make the areas more pedestrian friendly. First reading will be on tonight's regular Council meeting.

New Business:

ORDINANCE NO. ____ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 899 WHICH AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 481, ENTITLED THE EAST RIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE V, SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT REGULATIONS C-4 PLANNED COMMERCE CENTER DISTRICT TO AMEND THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT LIMITATION (1st reading) - Assistant City Manager Custer stated the Planning Commission approved this item. He stated in 2011 council approve the maximum building height in C-1 and C-2 zones to 72 feet with a 48-inch parapet. Mr. Custer is asking to include this height for C-4 zoning. Councilmember Cagle asked what the maximum height is for aviation issues on the east end. Mr. Custer stated the developer has to go through the FAA for these issues.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, FOR THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL TENNESSEE RIVER RESCUE EVENT – Finance Director Qualls stated the city participates in this event every year. The City will help with the cleanup.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT FOR THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE TO APPLY FOR A FY 2019 TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TDOT) – TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) GRANT – RINGGOLD ROAD PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – PHASE V CD NEXT SECTION OF RINGGOLD ROAD. TO SWOPE DRIVE – City Manager Dorsey stated this section will go from McBrien Road to Swope Drive. He stated we are slowly piecing the multi modal sections together starting from the tunnels east on Ringgold Road. We will be applying for the maximum of \$1 million.

Other Items:

Councilmember Cagle stated he got a call from a Shriner stating the Shrine received a letter saying the Shrine could not control the traffic coming into the park during the circus. He sees no problem with them doing the parking the way they have always done it. City Manager Dorsey stated this is the first he has heard of this. He stated there has been a problem with people not going to the circus that were told they have to pay to park. Director Wilson stated he asked Kim Gann to contact all the event operators to let them know that we prefer they take up their admission either in the parking lots or in the arena. This is a public road and taking up money on the road backs up traffic. Mr. Dorsey will look into this matter.

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

City Manager Dorsey discussed changing the time of Council meetings and having the agenda work session as part of the regular meeting. He would like to start the regular Council meeting at 6 pm and have the agenda work session items as the last item on the regular Council meeting agenda. Vice Mayor Helton stated that we should try this. Mr. Dorsey stated we will have to

amend the ordinance setting the time of the meetings and deal with the resolution that addressed agenda meetings.

Mayor Williams had nothing at this time.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

September 12, 2019

6:30 pm

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on September 12, 2019, 6:30 pm at East Ridge City Hall.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order.

Daniel Beard, 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, City Manager Dorsey, City Attorney Litchford, and City Recorder Middleton.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes August 19, 2019 Called Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes August 22, 2019 Agenda Work Session
- C. Approval of Minutes August 22, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey, to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Helton - abstain; Councilmember Cagle - yes; Councilmember Chauncey - yes; Councilmember Witt - yes; Mayor Williams - yes. Motion approved.

Communication from Citizens:

John Temple, 6820 Satya Way, announced the Jones Memorial Church Barbecue will be September 21st from 10 am – 6 pm. There will be music and TV's set up to watch football games.

Communication from Councilmembers:

Councilmember Witt announced the next 2020 Census meeting will be September 20th at Wally's Restaurant. She also thanked Jeff Ezell and Carolyn Tucker for helping her at Pioneer Fest.

Councilmember Chauncey and Vice Mayor Helton had nothing at this time.

Councilmember Cagle stated he saw an advertisement about a TDOT meeting on September 24th at Camp Jordan Arena, but he thought it was at the Community Center. City Manager

Dorsey stated TDOT put the wrong location on one of the fliers. The meeting will be at the Community Center. City Manager Dorsey stated this meeting is to discuss the I-75/I-24 project and there is another meeting at East Ridge High School regarding the environmental impacts of the TDOT project, but he is not sure of the date.

Mr. Cagle thanked everyone for their cards and prayers during his recent surgery. He also thanked the City for allowing the Optimist Club to hold the 911 luncheon at the Community Center.

Councilmember Cagle asked for an update on the Blocker Lane property. City Manager Dorsey stated we have to send a notification and follow legal process. Assistant City Manager Custer stated we did part of the demo, but the property has a new owner so will follow the same process with the new owner. If they fail to maintain that, we will put another lien on the property.

Assistant City Manager Custer stated that documentation has been submitted for all the work that has been done for mowing, yard clean-up and demos and that \$60,000 will be added to the tax rolls next year.

Mayor Williams announced the following:

- The Stars of Magic was held at S. Seminole Baptist Church and had a very good turnout.
- Pioneer Fest was held the previous Saturday with proceeds going to the Needy Child Fund.
- The Optimist Club 911 luncheon for first responders was held the previous day. The Optimists named Hal Duncan as Police Officer of the Year and Brandon Clark as Firefighter of the Year. The Mayor thanked all the first responders.
- There was a school bus fire earlier this morning, and all 53 students got off the bus safely.
- The Cruise-In to help the East Ridge Food Panty will be September 14th at the Corner Café. The event is sponsored by the Corner Café and Root to Fruit.
- Movie Night at the Library will be Saturday, September 20th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.
- Meet the Mayor, September 21st at Local Coffee. Finance Director Qualls will be the guest speaker.
- TDOT meeting on September 24th from 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the Community Center.
- Assistant City Manager Custer gave an update on the garbage trucks. He stated 2 trucks are out of service being repaired. The 2020 Mack Truck is in operation. The Peterbilt truck will be in service on Monday. All the routes are caught up. Mayor Williams thanked Robert Parker and the Sanitation Department.
- The Mayor stated Animal Services is looking for volunteers.
- The Mayor complimented the July City Manager's report. He stated it had good information on what has occurred and thanked the department heads.

Communication from City Manager: Mr. Dorsey thanked the Optimist Club for holding the 911 luncheon for first responders and other employees. He also attended Pioneer Fest and commended Councilmember Witt for her work on the Census.

Mr. Dorsey also discussed changing the schedule for Council meetings and Agenda Work Sessions by making the work session agenda part of the regular meeting. He believes items

will flow better to have the agenda work session items as the last item under New Business. He will have an Ordinance and a Resolution for the next meeting.

Mr. Dorsey stated we have been having issues with Middle School students congregating in and around City Hall, Library and at the Community Center. The Police have been called several times. Interim Chief Allen stated the school made an announcement that the students cannot go to the playground because they are too old, and they do not belong in City Hall. They also would need a membership to be able to go into the Community Center. Mr. Dorsey is looking at other policies to try to get a better handle on this situation.

Mayor Williams announced he would not be at the first meeting in October.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1111 – 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 529 FRAWLEY ROAD, TAX MAP #170G-A-006.02, FROM A-1 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT AND R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO RT-1 RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE DISTRICT (2nd and final reading) – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Ordinance No. 1111 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 1112 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 8, CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO RETAIL BEER SALE PERMITS (2nd and final reading) – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to approve Ordinance No. 1112. Councilmember Cagle brought up the self-serve section of the ordinance. He stated we need to control beer that has higher alcohol content. City Manager Dorsey stated the state definition of beer contains 8% alcohol and the City cannot go over that amount. We have regulations in the ordinance that the taps will be cut off at certain times, and the establishment will have employees watching the taps. Mr. Dorsey stated that we are trying to control this, but also provide options that will benefit businesses and consumers. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Helton - yes; Councilmember Cagle - no; Councilmember Chauncey - yes; Councilmember Witt - yes; Mayor Williams - yes. Motion approved.

New Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1113 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 OPERATING BUDGET, ORDINANCE NO. 1105, FOR PARKS, POLICE AND SOLID WASTE EXPENDITURES (1st reading) – Mayor Williams stated we need to amend this ordinance to exclude the police expenditure. Finance Director Qualls stated we will also amend the amount for the tennis courts and correct a typo in revenue, which did not change the bottom line. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey, to approve Ordinance No. 1113 with the corrections stated. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 1114 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE TO AMEND TITLE 5, MUNICIPAL FINANCE AND TAXATION, OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY CODE, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 7 TITLED OCCUPANCY TAX ON HOTELS AND MOTELS (1st reading) – City Attorney Litchford stated this item was brought up by MTAS after a recent Attorney General opinion came out regarding clarification of taxing short term vacation rentals and bed and breakfast establishments. Vice Mayor Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Ordinance No. 1114. Councilmember Cagle asked if the properties used for short-term rentals will be considered commercial or residential. City Attorney Litchford will contact the County attorney about getting the assessment at the commercial rate. Mr. Cagle discussed the sanitation fee and stated the City should pick up items that are put out for collection when a renter is evicted. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 1115 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE 481, ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, ARTICLE V (1st reading - if approved by Planning Commission on 9/11/19) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Assistant City Manager Custer stated this was approved by the Planning Commission. He stated the current setbacks are no closer than 25 feet front and back. If they are changed to five feet, parking would be in the rear, and it would make the areas more pedestrian friendly and help businesses. It would also allow room for sidewalks and green space. Vice Mayor Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey, to approve Ordinance No. 1115. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2982 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF INTEREST-BEARING EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION CAPITAL OUTLAY NOTES, SERIES 2019, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$133,580 AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID NOTES – Mayor Williams stated we are pulling this item from the agenda and will consider it at a later date.

RESOLUTION NO. 2983 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF _____ TO THE EAST RIDGE LIBRARY BOARD - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mayor Williams stated at the last meeting he asked councilmembers to submit names for this position. The City Manager stated he did not receive any recommendations from the Council; however, the Head Librarian made a recommendation to appoint Ann Waterhouse to the Library Board. The Mayor spoke with Ms. Waterhouse, a retired school teacher, and she is interested in the board position. Mayor Williams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to appoint Ann Waterhouse to the Library Board. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE AGENDA WORK SESSION

September 26, 2019– 6:00 pm

To Set the Agenda for The October 10, 2019 Council Meeting

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on September 26, 2019, 6:00 pm, at East Ridge City Hall to set the agenda for the October 10, 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, City Manager Dorsey, City Attorney Litchford and Deputy City Recorder Qualls.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1116 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 899 WHICH AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 481, ENTITLED THE EAST RIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE V, SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT REGULATIONS C-4 PLANNED COMMERCE CENTER DISTRICT TO AMEND THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT LIMITATION (2nd and final reading) – Mayor Williams stated this will be second reading if approved on first reading tonight. Assistant City Manager Custer stated in 2011, Council amended the zoning ordinance for C-1 and C-2 zones regarding height limitation. This amendment will change the limitation for C-4 zones to be consistent with other commercial zones.

ORDINANCE NO. 1117 - AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE TIME OF COUNCIL MEETINGS (2nd and final reading) – Mayor Williams stated this will be second reading if approved on first reading tonight. Mr. Dorsey explained that we are wanting to streamline the meetings to flow better. The regular meeting will be moved to 6 pm with the last item of New Business being discussion of what will be on the next regular meeting agenda.

New Business:

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - A RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. 2145 REGARDING AGENDA WORK SESSIONS – Mr. Dorsey stated that if Ordinance No. 1117 is approved, Resolution 2145, which set up the agenda sessions, must be rescinded.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Bid Opening for Police Cars – Mr. Dorsey stated that the bids had to be readvertised due to a procedural error. Bids will be opened on October 1st. Acting Chief Allen stated the bid specs were the same as the previous bid solicitation.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Bid Opening for Street Department Materials – Assistant City Manager Custer stated in August we received bids for street department materials. He stated that one bid for concrete block/brick, sand and mortar mix was ineligible and no bids were

received for various types drainage pipe, so these items were rebid. Bids will be opened on October 1st.

Other:

The Mayor and Councilmembers had nothing further at this time.

The meeting was adjourned.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
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September 26, 2019

6:30 pm

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on September 26, 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, City Manager Dorsey, City Attorney Litchford, and Deputy City Recorder Qualls.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes September 12, 2019 Agenda Work Session
- B. Approval of Minutes September 12, 2019 Regular Council Meeting
- C. Approval of July 2019 Financial Report
- D. Approval of August 2019 Financial Report

Councilmember Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Cagle asked about line item 34648 in the August Financials. Ms. Qualls stated this is a new revenue line item which had revenue in August. Mr. Cagle also questioned an expenditure, which Ms. Qualls explained was for purchase of rights-of way.

Communication from Citizens:

Denny Manning, 910 Sunnydell Circle, stated there was a rumor that the Mayor and City Manager had fired him as City Chaplain. Mayor Williams stated he does not have the authority to fire anyone. Mr. Manning also asked about riding in the funeral escorts. City Manager Dorsey will get with Mr. Manning on this issue.

Communication from Councilmembers:

Councilmember Cagle stated that August 30th was supposed to be the completion date of the Camp Jordan projects, but he stated there was a lot more work to be done, specifically the shade structures and work in the concession stands. City Manager Dorsey will have a status update at the next meeting.

Vice Mayor Helton stated she was going to ask about the countertops in the Arena, but she will wait on the City Manager's report.

Councilmember Chauncey stated the bleachers are still on the ground, and he thought they would be on concrete pads. Assistant City Manager Custer stated there were some issues with the shade structures because of utility lines. City Manager Dorsey stated they had the lines checked twice and the locations came up different each time. Mr. Dorsey is having them come back a third time to check for utilities.

Councilmember Witt thanked the citizens for attending the cruise-in to help the food pantry. She also stated the Citizen's Police Academy has been very informative. Ms. Witt stated the next meeting of the Census Complete Count Committee will be at Local Coffee on October 18th at 11 am. The committee will also be doing a Christmas float in the parade.

Ms. Witt thanked the American Legion for inviting her to their National POW/MIA Recognition Day. They gave certificates to Mayor Williams, Vice Mayor Helton and her for supporting their golf tournament.

Mayor Williams announced the following:

- On the previous Tuesday, a public meeting was held with TDOT regarding the I-75/I-24 interchange. We are going to put a video of that meeting on the city's website.
- September 27th - East Ridge Football home game at 7:30
- September 28th - Chattanooga Audubon Society is celebrating their 75th anniversary with an open house on N. Sanctuary Road, 10 am – 4 pm.
- October 4th – Library will have movie night.
- October 15th – Firefighter story time in the Library at 11:30 am
- October 5th – Action Church is having a community clothes closet at 12 pm
- October 18th – East Ridge Football homecoming at 7:30 pm
- October 10th – The mayor will not be present at this Council meeting.
- October 10th Council meeting – The Mayor would like to start a food drive for the East Ridge Food Pantry. Citizens can bring canned goods to the meeting.

Communication from City Manager:

City Manager Dorsey stated he attended a TDOT meeting regarding the TDEC permitting issues. He will find out if they publish the citizens comments on their website.

Mr. Dorsey commended Councilmember Witt for the work she has done on the Census and for planning to have a float in the Christmas parade.

Mr. Dorsey asked Community Involvement Coordinator Miller to give an update on the splash pad. Ms. Miller stated we should be getting the contract within the next few weeks, then we can do the design of the splashpad and start the bid process. The goal for completion is late spring or early summer 2020.

Mr. Dorsey gave an update on the leaf pickup, which the Mayor had asked for. Mr. Dorsey stated the leaf pickup goes from mid-November through February for loose leaves only. It follows the brush pick-up schedule.

Mr. Dorsey asked Assistant City Manager Custer to update the Council on a FEMA meeting he attended regarding studies done by the Army Corps of Engineers on the flood plain. Mr. Custer stated the studies showed a reduction in the flood plain in the Frawley Road area plus a reduction county wide. They will continue these studies and have several more meetings to update the public.

City Manager Dorsey asked Acting Chief Allen to discuss the behavior issue of school students. Chief Allen stated we have been having problems with mainly middle school students disrupting City Hall and the Library and even having fights. He stated the Police Department has saturated the area during the after-school hours to help alleviate the situation. He also stated that three of his officers went to the school to address this issue with the students. The Chief believes the situation has improved somewhat.

City Manager Dorsey wished the Mayor a Happy Birthday.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1113 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 OPERATING BUDGET, ORDINANCE NO. 1105, FOR PARKS AND SOLID WASTE EXPENDITURES (2nd and final reading) – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Finance Director Qualls stated she removed the financing of the police cars, added the resurfacing of the tennis courts, and the purchase of sanitation trucks. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey, to approve Ordinance No. 1113. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 1114 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE TO AMEND TITLE 5, MUNICIPAL FINANCE AND TAXATION, OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY CODE, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 7 TITLED OCCUPANCY TAX ON HOTELS AND MOTELS (2nd and final reading) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mr. Litchford sent a correction for this ordinance regarding the definition of bed and breakfast, which must be changed in the ordinance. Councilmember Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to approve Ordinance No. 1114, with the modification. Councilmember Cagle asked if the County Health Department would do inspections of bed and breakfast kitchens. Assistant City Manager Custer stated if they have a true commercial kitchen they must be inspected. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 1115 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE 481, ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, ARTICLE V (SETBACKS) (2nd and final reading) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Assistant City Manager Custer stated this ordinance will allow the City to become more pedestrian friendly. Businesses may build closer to the right-of-way and allow for rear and side parking. We have two developments that want to do this. Councilmember Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to approve Ordinance No. 1115 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

New Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1116 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 899 WHICH AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 481, ENTITLED THE EAST RIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE V, SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT REGULATIONS C-4 PLANNED COMMERCE CENTER DISTRICT TO AMEND THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT LIMITATION (1st reading) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Assistant City Manager Custer stated this will change the language for the C-4 district to make the regulations consistent with C-1 and C-2 commercial zones. Vice Mayor Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Ordinance No. 1116 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved. Mr. Custer stated that regulations have been changing over the last five years, that the City should see results of within the next few months. He believes our future is very bright.

ORDINANCE NO. 1117 - AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE TIME OF COUNCIL MEETINGS (1st reading) – City Manager Dorsey stated he would like to start the regular meeting at 6 pm and have the discussion of tentative agenda items for the next meeting as the last item under New Business, thus just having one meeting. Mayor Williams stated we have had situations when the agenda session ran over in time and we had to finish the session after the regular meeting. Vice Mayor Helton, made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Ordinance No. 1117 on first reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2984 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC ENTITY PARTNERS JAMES L. RICHARDSON DRIVER SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Community Involvement Coordinator Miller explained this grant could be used for driver's license checks. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey, to approve Resolution No. 2984. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2985 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC ENTITY PARTNERS PROPERTY CONSERVATION MATCHING GRANT FOR FY 2020 - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Ms. Miller stated this would be used for security cameras at the playground and Community Center. Mr. Cagle suggested putting cameras at the park around the new soft drink machines. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey, to approve Resolution No. 2985. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2986 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, FOR THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL TENNESSEE RIVER RESCUE EVENT – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Ms. Miller stated the event will be October 5, 2019 from 9 am – 1 pm. Larry Clark, the coordinator for this event, stated he appreciates the City for their support of the River Rescue. Mr. Clark stated they have removed over 31,000 lbs. of solid waste, which includes plastic and styrofoam. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to approve Resolution No. 2986. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2987 - A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT FOR THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE TO APPLY FOR A FY 2019 TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TDOT) – TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) GRANT – RINGGOLD ROAD PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – PHASE V - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Ms. Miller stated this project is for sidewalks from McBrien Road to Swope Drive. Vice Mayor Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 2987. Councilmember Cagle stated this could end up costing the city \$450,000. Ms. Miller stated the City would pay for every phase up until construction and then would pay the 20% match. Mr. Dorsey stated this is reimbursable under the Border Region. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Appeal of Housing Commission Decision- Demolition of 1317 Pleasant Street- Property Owner William Phillips, III/Memphis Premium Trust – City Attorney Litchford stated the Housing Commission voted to demolish this house on September 9, but now the owner wishes to appeal that decision before the City Council. He stated that Lloyd Johnson was the owner up through November 2018. At that time, William Phillips reportedly purchased the property and attended the Housing Commission meeting. It was discovered that the property went through a back-tax sale in June 2019 and was sold to Memphis Premium Trust. Mr. Litchford stated that owners are given a one-year redemption period to pay the back taxes and reclaim the property. When the property is abandoned, the redemption period can be reduced to 90 days, which Memphis Premium Trust wishes to do. Assistant City Manager Custer stated that time extensions were given to the owner to repair the property. Michael Guster with Memphis Premium Trust stated a motion was filed to reduce the redemption period and that hearing is October 7, 2019.

Earl Wilson, with the Housing Commission, asked Mr. Guster what the plans are for this property, either rental or sale. He also stated that someone is making repairs before this issue is resolved. Mr. Wilson stated that work on the property needs to cease and desist because they are not bringing it up to code.

The City Attorney recommends Council make a motion to modify the demolition order of this property and have the owner come before the November Housing Commission meeting. Councilmember Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to approve the appeal from Memphis Premium Trust subject to sending this back to the Housing Commission on November 11, 2019. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.