

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

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

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on October 10, 2019, 6:30 pm at East Ridge City Hall.

Vice Mayor Helton called the meeting to order.

Danny McDowell gave the invocation. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present were: Vice Mayor Helton, Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Chauncey, Councilmember Witt, City Manager Dorsey, City Attorney Litchford, and City Recorder Middleton. Mayor Williams was not present.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes September 26, 2019 Agenda Work Session
- B. Approval of Minutes September 26, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

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

Communication from Citizens

Charles McCullough, 1214 Reeves Avenue, asked for an update on the Reeves Avenue drainage study. Mr. Dorsey stated the City had a stormwater consultant from MTAS come in to look at stormwater issues and we are waiting to hear back from him.

Gary Hurst, 1205 Reeves Avenue, stated it has been 14 months since the Reeves Avenue drainage problem was brought before council and that should have been plenty of time to get the issue resolved.

Larry Clark, 906 Mt. Belvoir Drive, gave an update on River Rescue, which took place the previous Saturday. He stated they had 87 volunteers, and removed 13 tires, 1 shopping cart, and 1,620 lbs. of trash. Over the past 31 years, they have removed 493 tires, 54 shopping carts, and 33,160 lbs. of trash. Vice Mayor Helton thanked Mr. Clark and his wife, Jane for their dedication to the River Rescue. Mr. Clark stated the Best Piece of Trash Award went to a young lady from the Girl's Leadership Academy – a satchel that contained a laptop.

Mimi Lowrey, 819 Mt. Belvoir, thanked the City and the Recreation Department for their help with Pioneer Fest. She commended Director Wilson, Park Supervisor Ritchey and the Sanitation Department.

Greg Shipley, 5318 Marion Avenue, wants to work with area schools and churches to put together a Trunk or Treat at Camp Jordan inside the amphitheater area on October 31st. Vice Mayor Helton is concerned about safety because of cars in the area after dark. City Manager Dorsey will get with Mr. Shipley to discuss the event.

Communication from Councilmembers:

Councilmembers Cagle and Chauncey had nothing at this time.

Councilmember Witt thanked the Police Department for the Citizen's Police Academy shirt she was wearing. She also stated that there will be a chili cookoff at Action Church on October 12th at 6 pm. Ms. Witt announced the next Census meeting will be on October 18, 2019 at 11 am at Local Coffee.

Vice Mayor Helton asked Danny McDowell to come forward to discuss the East Ridge Food Pantry located at the East Ridge United Methodist Church on Prater Road. The Pantry started serving eight people but now serves over 300 families per month, which includes 550 children. The Food Pantry is open on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Mr. McDowell stated there will be a flea market at the Church on October 18th to help raise money and food will be collected at the Community Thanksgiving Service on November 13th, 6:30 at Jones Memorial Methodist Church.

Vice Mayor Helton read a letter from Mayor Williams about a new initiative he wants to start at Council meetings. He will have a food donation bin set up at Council meetings for citizens to donate food or money to the East Ridge Food Pantry. In 2020, he will rotate quarterly between charities.

Communication from City Manager:

Mr. Dorsey announced the following:

- He thanked Danny McDowell for having them at the food pantry.
- He attended River Rescue on the previous Saturday and stated it was very successful.
- Top Golf officially announced they are coming to East Ridge. They should break ground in the next few weeks.
- The Shrine Circus is at Camp Jordan Arena through the weekend.
- Buddy's Bar-b-q will have their official grand opening on October 16th at noon.
- The Library will have a Halloween themed movie on October 25th.
- He and Finance Director Qualls are happy the St. Louis Cardinals won in the playoffs.

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) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. City Manager Dorsey stated this ordinance will change the maximum height in C-4 commercial

zones to 72 feet with a 48-inch parapet. This will match C-1 and C-2 zones. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey, to approve Ordinance No. 1116 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 1117 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE TO AMEND TITLE 1, CHAPTER 1 OF THE EAST RIDGE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING TIMES (2nd and final reading) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. City Manager Dorsey believes starting the meeting at 6:00 pm and incorporating the agenda items for the next meeting into New Business will streamline the meetings. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey, to approve Ordinance No. 1117 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

New Business:

RESOLUTION NO. 2988 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO RESCIND RESOLUTION NUMBER 2145 REGARDING AGENDA WORK SESSIONS - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. City Manager Dorsey stated this resolution will rescind the resolution regarding agenda work sessions. Since the regular meeting time has changed and will incorporate the agenda items for the next meeting, there is no need to have Resolution No. 2145. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey, to approve Resolution No. 2988. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2989 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AWARDED A BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) NEW 2019, OR NEWER, POLICE PURSUIT SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES (“SUV”) (AWD) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Assistant Chief Allen stated the vehicles were rebid and we received five bids. The lowest bid that met specs was from Lonnie Cobb Ford for \$33,187 each for a total of \$132,748. Councilmember Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 2989 with the bid from Lonnie Cobb Ford of \$132,748. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2990 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AWARDED BIDS FOR STREET DEPARTMENT MATERIALS FOR FY 2019 – 2020 - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. City Manager Dorsey stated we had to rebid two items, concrete block/brick and drainage pipe. No bids were received again for concrete block/brick so we will just purchase these as needed. Mr. Dorsey stated we received one bid for drainage pipe from Consolidated Pipe and Supply, so he is recommending that the bid be awarded to them. Councilmember Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 2990, with the bid for drainage pipe being awarded to Consolidated Pipe and Supply. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Vice Mayor Helton announced that the next Meet the Mayor will be October 19, 2019 at the City Library.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
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**October 24, 2019
6:30 pm**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on October 24, 2019, 6:30 pm at East Ridge City Hall.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order.

Nathan Garmany with Freedom 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 Deputy City Recorder Qualls.

Officer's Oath of Honor: At this time, the Mayor administered the Officer's Oath of Honor to Officers Teddy Dyer, Stacy Lively, Arthur Richardson, Clayton Smith and Sam Roistacher.

Life Saving Award – Police Department: Mayor Williams presented a Life-Saving Award to Officer David Boyd for saving a life by administering CPR.

Police Department Donation to the East Ridge Needy Child Fund – Acting Chief Stan Allen presented a check to Mimi Lowrey with the East Ridge Needy Child Fund in the amount of \$725 for the officers' participation in No-Shave November.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes October 10, 2019 Agenda Work Session
- B. Approval of Minutes October 10, 2019 Regular Council Meeting
- C. Approval of September Financial Report

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

Communication from Citizens:

Dana Howell, 813 Belvoir Hill Circle thanked the Council for all that they are doing for the City. She asked that the Council continue to move forward especially regarding outdoor recreation and sports in the community.

Communication from Councilmembers:

Councilmembers Cagle and Chauncey had nothing at this time.

Vice Mayor Helton had nothing at this time.

Councilmember Witt stated the Census committee will have a float in the Christmas Parade.

Mayor Williams discussed the following:

- He thanked Vice Mayor Helton for presiding over the last meeting.
- Meet the Mayor was held at the East Ridge Library the preceding Saturday. He encouraged everyone to visit the Library.
- He reminded everyone about the Food Drive for the East Ridge Food Pantry. He will have a bin set up in the Council room at every meeting for the rest of this year.
- He wished everyone a safe and fun Halloween. The City is considering doing something next year at Camp Jordan.
- There will be a Strategic Planning Session on November 5, 2019 with MTAS beginning at 3 pm. Location to be announced. The public is invited but there will be no public input.
- Remote Area Medical (RAM) Clinic to be held on November 16 and 17 at Camp Jordan.
- East Ridge Christmas Parade, Saturday, November 23, 2019

Communication from City Manager:

City Manager Dorsey discussed the following:

- Grand Opening of Buddy's BBQ
- Met with one of the Directors of Top Golf
- Attended the ICMA in Nashville
- Movie night at the Library, October 25th, in the Council room
- Saturday, Oct. 26th – Drug Take Back at Walgreens at McBrien and Ringgold Road from 10-2 pm

Old Business: None

New Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1118 - 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 GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND ENGINEERING EXPENDITURES (1st reading) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Finance Director Qualls stated she is moving money from worker's comp to the engineering line item. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey, to approve Ordinance No. 1118 on first reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Grant Consent Agenda:

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2991 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT THE HAMILTON COUNTY 2019 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FOR THE EAST RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**
2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2992 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT THE HAMILTON COUNTY 2019 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FOR THE EAST RIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2993 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SOCCER UNIFORM SHIRTS FOR THE 2019 - 2020 INDOOR SOCCER SEASON – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Vice Mayor Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey, to approve Resolution No. 2993. Director Wilson stated the City received 7 bids and he is recommending awarding the bid to Krown USA for \$4.00 per shirt. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2994 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, ADOPTING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) TRANSITION PLAN ALONG WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES STANDARDS FOR ACCESSIBLE DESIGN (ADAAG) AND THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES GUIDELINES FOR PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY (PROWAG) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Community Involvement Coordinator Bowers stated this plan must be approved in order to obtain grants. City Manager Dorsey stated that every city in the state must have this plan in place. Councilmember Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 2994. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Discussion of Tentative Agenda Items for the November 14, 2019 Council Meeting (see Attachment A)

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1118 - 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 GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND ENGINEERING EXPENDITURES (2nd and final reading) – Previously discussed under 1st reading.

New Business:

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. ____ - Rezoning of 1018 and 1022 LeClerc Drive from C-2 Commercial District and R-1 Residential District to RZ-1 Zero Lot Line Residential District and RT-1 Residential Townhome District

ORDINANCE NO. ____ - Rezoning of 1018 and 1022 LeClerc Drive from C-2 Commercial District and R-1 Residential District to RZ-1 Zero Lot Line Residential District and RT-1 Residential Townhome District (1st reading) - Assistant City Manager Custer stated this development will be similar to the development on Blackhawk that was previously approved by Council. This will be on the opposite side of Blackhawk but will compliment that project. It will be a mixed-use development with businesses, single family, and townhomes.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. ____ - Rezoning of 1507 Rebecca Drive from R-1 Residential District to R-3 Residential Apartment District

ORDINANCE NO. ____ Rezoning of 1507 Rebecca Drive from R-1 Residential District to R-3 Residential Apartment District (1st reading) - Assistant City Manager Custer stated that this came before the Planning Commission with other parcels. Those parcels were denied but 1507 was approved to make it conform with its current use as apartments.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Bids for turnout gear for the Fire Department – City Manager Dorsey stated bids were opened on October 21st and will be presented for consideration at the next Council meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Appointment of Beer Board Member (Vice Mayor Helton) – No discussion

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Mayor’s Appointment of Chairperson to the Beer Board – No discussion.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Mayor’s Appointment to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Ron Renegar – Mayor Williams stated he appreciates Mr. Renegar’s service to the City in various capacities over the years.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Financing for new police vehicles – Ms. Qualls stated the purchase was approved during the budget process. They will be financed through a capital outlay note through the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH SETH R. CHAMPION RELATING TO A PROJECT IN THE BORDER REGION RETAIL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATING THERETO (if approved by IDB) - Mayor Williams stated this was approved by the IDB earlier today. City Attorney Litchford stated IDB approved a 70/30 allocation through the Border Region funds. Mr. Champion will receive reimbursement over the next 22 years. Mr. Litchford stated this will be Mr. Champion’s largest store to date.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Advancement of state salary supplements for eligible firefighters and police officers – Finance Director Qualls stated it is tradition for the firefighters and police officers to receive the supplement before Christmas every year and then the City is reimbursed by the State.

The following items were added to the November 14, 2019 Council meeting agenda.

Consider cancelling the December 26, 2019 Council Meeting – Vice Mayor Helton

Library Board appointments – Mayor Williams stated that Councilmember Cagle and Councilmember Witt have appointments to the Board, plus one that is appointed by Council.

Assistant City Manager Custer stated that the MTAS consultant is finalizing his drainage study on the drainage issues on Reeves Avenue, Marlboro Avenue, and Brookfield Avenue. This report could be discussed at the next Council meeting. Mr. Cagle asked about the increase by WWTA. Mr. Custer stated that WWTA evaluates their rates every October to keep them in line with Chattanooga.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.