

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

**March 9, 2023  
6:00 pm**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on March 9, 2023, 6:00 pm at East Ridge City Hall. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order.

Danny Lance, True Life Church, gave the invocation. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Present:** Mayor Williams, Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Tyler, Councilmember Witt, City Manager Miller, City Attorney Litchford, and City Recorder Middleton. Vice Mayor Haynes was not present due to a family emergency.

**Attendance:** 18

**Milestone Awards for February 2023** – Mayor Williams announced Milestone Awards for Josh Williams for five years of service and Steaven Rogers with 25 years of service to the City.

**Check Presentation from Lumberjack’s Tree Service to East Ridge Animal Services** – This item was moved to later in the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes February 23, 2023 Council Meeting** – Councilmember Tyler made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve the minutes. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**Communication from Citizens:**

Clay Davis is asking permission to place a memorial plaque above Bachman tubes, dedicated to William Blair. He will purchase the plaque and install it on Eastview Drive. He explained Mr. Blair guided and crashed a plane in a field near the tunnels in order to avoid crashing in populated areas. The Mayor stated he and City Manager Miller love the idea. The Council will need to see the dimensions and location for the plaque. The Mayor asked Mr. Miller to work with Mr. Davis regarding the installation of the plaque.

Ronda Haskew and Susan Henson, 1232 A Greenslake Road, spoke representing Friends of East Ridge Animal Services. They have been advocating for new shelter for the past 8 years. The current facility is bad, and the cat area has no ventilation and no water. Friends of East Ridge Animal Services partners with Petco on animal adoptions. Ms. Haskew stated the City is in desperate need of a new shelter and the location on Stone Street is perfect. She trusts City Manager Miller and if he says a new shelter is doable, then she believes what he says. They are asking the council to vote yes on the construction of a new shelter.

Robert McBrien, 5308 Greenbriar Road, stated he and the neighbors have an issue with a resident on their street. The resident is doing burnouts on the street with his Jeep. Now the resident is targeting Mr. McBrien’s residence, trying to provoke him. He stated the landlord

does not care what his renters do in this area. The address is 2004 Wren Road. Mr. Miller will get with the Police Department and Code Enforcement.

Nate Tucker, 5332 Clemons Road, discussed a non-profit organization called Pioneering Tomorrow, a new organization which was formed to address various issues in the City.

**Check Presentation from Lumberjack's Tree Service to East Ridge Animal Services** - At this time, the Mayor moved this item to this part of the agenda. Tyler Schievelhud with Lumberjack's presented a check for \$4,028 to the Animal Shelter. They did a Lumberjack's calendar and sold over 200, donating the proceeds to the Shelter.

### **Communication from Councilmembers:**

Councilmember Cagle thanked City Manager Miller for the update on asphaltting. Mr. Miller stated he would ask for another \$1 million next year.

Councilmember Witt stated Assistant Chief Josh Creel will speak at the Optimist club meeting on March 28, 2023 on cyber security. Ms. Witt also stated that on March 11, 2023 from 5 – 9 pm, Local Coffee will have live music and art displays.

Councilmember Tyler stated the neighbors on Burr Road are very happy about the road repaving.

Mayor Williams discussed the following:

- There was a great celebration this past Saturday for National Women's Month. They had about 20 vendors that were women-owned businesses. The Mayor wants to continue this next year.
- Library
  - Storytime is every Tuesday in March at 10:30.
  - April 29, 2023 will be the 50th anniversary celebration of the Library. It will be a carnival type event with food, games, petting zoo, etc.
- Parks and Rec
  - April 28 - Parks and rec night for baseball/softball
  - June 13 – Softball night at the Lookouts game
  - Soccer all-star weekend with rec team
  - March 29 - Red wolves soccer parks and rec night
  - March 19 – Registration opens for adult softball
  - May 1 – registration opens for 13 – 15 baseball players
  - The Mayor appreciates the paving update. The Council allocated \$1 million this year which is a start. He wants to keep a paving schedule and put another 1 million in the budget for paving. We had a survey of all roads, evaluating the condition of roads from worst to best. The first cycle of that is done.

### **Communication from City Manager:**

- City Manager Miller wants to continue paving this summer and fall and have it in the budget for the next two years. He also wants to establish a road resurfacing program.

- Leaf pick up – We are still doing pickup, but citizens should call City Hall if they need leaves picked up.
- Multi modal project – Work continues on the southside with storm drains and paving entrances to driveways. He hopes to complete the sidewalks in front of Walmart and move the barrels down. Moore and McBrien driveways will be poured next week, depending on the weather. Talley wants to complete the south side by the end of March, then move to the north side from McBrien westward to Weldon. Starting in April, the outside westbound lane will be closed. Part of the north side is closed now because of gas line replacement. We hope to have the project completed in October. The Mayor asked the status of the McBrien Road closure. Mr. Miller stated this should be completed by the end of March. They are currently working on manhole installation.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1182 – Rezoning of 918 S. Crest Road from R-1 Residential to R-2 Residential Duplex** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mayor Williams stated this came before the Planning Commission as a combined presentation for 918 and 1000 S. Crest, with 918 being approved and 1000 being denied. He previously asked that this be split into two separate ordinances. Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. Chief Building Official Howell stated when the City adopted Zoning Ordinance No. 481, it made 918 S. Crest legal non-conforming as a duplex.

Mayor Williams asked if anyone was present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the rezoning. James Huckabee, 3416 Missionaire Avenue, is opposed due to increased traffic and water runoff. He wants to keep the area historical. Mayor Williams stated we are currently discussing Ordinance No. 918 which is already a duplex. He stated even if we deny the rezoning, it will still remain a legal non-conforming duplex. Mayor Williams closed the public hearing.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1182 – 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 918 SOUTH CREST ROAD, TAX MAP #168N-H-001.01, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-2 RESIDENTIAL DUPLEX DISTRICT (1<sup>st</sup> reading)** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve Ordinance N. 1182 on first reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1183 – Rezoning of 1000 S. Crest Road from R-1 Residential to R-2 Residential Duplex** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. Chief Building Official Howell stated this is adjacent to 918 S. Crest. The applicant previously stated he currently has no plans to build a duplex on this property. The structure that was on the property had been demolished years earlier. This is one parcel with two lots. Mayor Williams asked if anyone was present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the rezoning. James Huckabee, 3416 Missionaire Avenue, is

opposed due to increased traffic and water runoff. The Mayor stated he received an email from Debbie Moorefield who is also opposed to the rezoning. No one else came forward to speak. The Mayor closed the public hearing.

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**PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESOLUTION NO. 3364 - Use on Review for Child Care Facility at 4308 S. Terrace** - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. Billy Stockwell stated he did the plans for upgrades to the building. Cynthia Evans, owner of Champion Christian Learning Academy stated her facility is currently on Brainerd Road, but she does not own the building. She bought the property on S. Terrace to open a childcare facility. Chief Building Official Howell stated the property has the required number of parking spaces. It was previously a plumbing business. No one else came forward in favor of or in opposition to the rezoning. Mayor Williams closed the public hearing.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3364 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, PERMITTING CYNTHIA EVANS TO OPEN A CHILD CARE FACILITY AT 4308 SOUTH TERRACE, LOCATED WITHIN A R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY CODE, ARTICLE V, SECTION 201 TITLED USES PERMITTED ON REVIEW** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Chief Building Official Howell stated a childcare facility is permitted in an R-1 district for seven children, but with eight or more, a use on review is required. Councilmember Tyler made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 3364. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3365 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO ALLOW THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR A NEW ROOF FOR THE COURT/COUNCIL PORTION OF CITY HALL** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. City Manager Miller stated the City Hall roof system consists of four components, with the atrium area being repaired several years ago. The last complete roof was done in 2002. We have had serious leaks in the court/detention area, which has the same roof system as the Council chambers. He is asking for authorization to advertise for bids for this project, which will come from capital project funds. The amount could be around \$60,000. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve Resolution No. 3365. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3366 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) CHEVROLET SILVERADO TRUCK FROM CARMAX FOR THE ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Chief Uselton stated a vehicle was budgeted for the Animal Services Department, but he could not locate one on state contract. A used Chevrolet Silverado with 17,000 miles was located at Carmax for \$29,998. Staff has checked out the vehicle and it is in good shape. Councilmember Tyler made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 3366. Mayor Williams asked if there is any needed additional equipment. Chief Uselton stated he would like to get a camper top with side windows for about \$2,500. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3367 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2023 FORD F-150 TRUCK FOR THE EAST RIDGE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT FROM LONNIE COBB FORD THROUGH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES STATE-WIDE CONTRACT LISTING #209-75347, PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED 12-3-1201(b)** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Chief Williams stated this item was budgeted. He stated he could not find a F-250 available, but did find a F-150, 4-wheel driver, V-8 at Lonnie Cobb Ford on the state-wide contract. The dealer is holding the vehicle. The cost is \$45,150, which is under budget, and it has a 5-year extended warranty. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve Resolution No. 3367. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3368 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF A MAINTENANCE GARAGE AT CAMP JORDAN PARK** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Director Skiles stated we received two bids that were opened on February 22, 2023 as follows:

Smith Brothers Buildings	\$33,745.00
Kane Industries LLC	\$113,922.00

Staff recommends approval of the bid from Smith Brothers Buildings for \$33,745.00. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve Resolution No. 3368. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3369 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MBI COMPANIES, INC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ANIMAL SHELTER** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. City Manager Miller advertised for a Request for Qualifications for the design of a new shelter and received three responses. City staff met with MBI, who proposed various concepts, and he and the City Attorney have drafted an agreement with MBI which is amicable to both parties. MBI will perform various phases of the project, but ASA engineering will do the civil engineering for the

project if approved in the next resolution. The cost for MBI will be approximately 1.6 million, ASA Engineering \$34,100, Geo services \$3,000, for a total package of \$1.75 million. We are about \$450,000 short in the budget. The difference would come from the fund balance. Mr. Miller stated the conditions we have at our current shelter are deplorable and feels we need to proceed with this project. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve Resolution No. 3369. Councilmember Cagle discussed the \$10 million bond that earmarked \$1 million for the shelter. Mr. Miller stated that the funds are still set aside for the shelter, but at this time we do not know the cost of the Gateway project and Ringgold Road project. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3370 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ASA ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ANIMAL SHELTER** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. City Manager Miller stated discussion of this item was covered in the discussion of Resolution No. 3369. Councilmember Tyler made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 3370. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Mayor Williams stated we need to notify Talley Construction, who has been using this property as a staging area for the construction project they are doing. Mr. Miller has already had conversations with them, and stated they will be moved out by summer.

### **Discussion of Tentative Agenda Items for the March 23, 2023 Council Meeting**

#### **Old Business:**

- **ORDINANCE NO. 1182 – 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 918 SOUTH CREST ROAD, TAX MAP #168N-H-001.01, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-2 RESIDENTIAL DUPLEX DISTRICT (2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading)** – No further discussion.
- **ORDINANCE NO. 1183 – 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 1000 SOUTH CREST ROAD, TAX MAP #168N-H-001, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-2 RESIDENTIAL DUPLEX DISTRICT (2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading)** – This item was denied, therefore it will be removed from the agenda for second reading.

#### **New Business:**

- **RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ - Waive fees for East Ridge Needy Child Fund Toy/Car Show on October 14, 2023** – Director Skiles stated the Needy Child Fund has requested

the City to waive the fee for this event. Total rental for the day would be approximately \$1,200. In the past, the event has raised approximately \$5,000 which has gone to the Needy Child Fund. Staff recommends approval.

- **RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ - Approval of bids for splash pad coating** – Director Skiles stated bids will be opened on March 8<sup>th</sup> and presented at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
- **RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ – Approval to rescind Resolution No. 3357 and approve a Revised Agreement with Academy Sports + Outdoors** – Director Skiles stated at this time we are still waiting on the attorneys from Academy. City Attorney Litchford stated this involves a termination clause.
- **RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ - Approving an appropriation for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the rough resurfacing of N. Smith Street and Floyd Drive by Talley Construction.** City Manager Miller stated these roads are in bad shape because they are heavily traveled by trucks associated with Gateway project. He has been working with Jeff Sikes, ASA Engineering, to get a reasonable quote from Talley Construction for leveling the roads. He will have a cost at the next meeting. Councilmember Cagle asked if we could add McCall to the list. Mr. Miller will add McCall Road.
- Mayor Williams added an appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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**March 23, 2023  
6:00 pm**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on March 23, 2023, 6:00 pm at East Ridge City Hall. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order.

Robert Jones gave the invocation. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Present:** Mayor Williams, Vice Mayor Haynes, Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Tyler, Councilmember Witt, City Manager Miller, City Attorney Litchford, and City Recorder Middleton.

**Attendance:** 11

**Special Proclamation** – Mayor Williams presented a proclamation to Glen and Sharon Meadows for the occasion of Wally’s Restaurant closing after 34 years in business in East Ridge.

**Approval of Minutes March 9, 2023 Council Meeting** – Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tyler to approve the minutes. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Haynes - abstain; Councilmember Cagle - yes; Councilmember Tyler - yes; Councilmember Witt - yes; Mayor Williams - yes. Motion approved.

**Communication from Citizens:** None

**Communication from Councilmembers:**

Councilmember Cagle, Vice Mayor Haynes, and Councilmember Witt had nothing at this time.

Councilmember Tyler stated the Optimist Club is hosting Assistant Chief Josh Creel on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the East Ridge Community Center. Assistant Chief Creel will be discussing cyber security and internet safety. On April 8, 10 – 2 pm, the Optimist Club and Southern Honda Power Sports will host a food drive to benefit the East Ridge Food Pantry.

Mayor Williams discussed the following:

- Library
  - March 28 Storytime from 10:30 – 11:00 am.
  - Mar. 27 - Peeps Diorama contest - Pick up Peeps and entry form at the Library.
  - Apr. 5 Library.
  - April 6 Spring break movie “Lyle, Lyle Crocodile” at 2:30 pm
  - April 7 – 8 Closed for Easter
  - April 29 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, petting zoo, food, etc. from 11 am – 1 pm



- Parks/Recreation
  - March 15 Red Wolves first home game this Saturday and East Ridge employee night.
  - April 8 Easter photos and decorating at the Community Center
  - April 28 Parks and rec night for baseball and softball
  - June 13 Softball night at the Lookouts game
  - June 29 Recreation parks and rec night at the Red Wolves games
  - Through May 1 Registration open for 13-15 year old baseball players.
  - June 16-29 End of season tournament

**Communication from City Manager:**

- Optimist Club – An oratorical competition was held in the Council chambers last Monday. There were five people competing, with the winner being a 10-year old. There will be a district competition on April 10<sup>th</sup> in the Council chambers with competitors from Knoxville, Nashville, and Chattanooga.
- Ringgold Road Multi Modal project – He hopes to have the south side complete within the next two weeks and then move to the north side.
- We are still doing leaf pick-up for about the next month. Call City Hall at 423-867-7711 if you need pick up.

**Old Business:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1182 – 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 918 SOUTH CREST ROAD, TAX MAP #168N-H-001.01, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-2 RESIDENTIAL DUPLEX DISTRICT (2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading) -** City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Chief Building Official Howell stated this is an existing duplex, which is legal non-conforming. This would put it in the proper zoning. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve Ordinance No. 1182 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**New Business:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3371 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO WAIVE THE FEE FOR USE OF THE CAMP JORDAN ARENA BY THE EAST RIDGE NEEDY CHILD FUND FOR A TOY SHOW/CAR SHOW FUNDRAISER EVENT -** City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Director Skiles stated the Needy Child Fund annually host the toy show/car show as a fundraiser. Total amount that would be waived is \$1,200. The group raises about \$5,000 from this event each year, which they put back into the community helping children. Staff recommends approval. Councilmember Tyler made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Haynes, to approve Resolution No. 3371. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3372 – 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 EAST RIDGE OPTIMIST CLUB FOR A KARS FOR KIDS FUNDRAISER** - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Director Skiles stated the total amount to be waived would be \$1,200, the non-profit rate. Staff recommends approval. Vice Mayor Haynes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 3372. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Haynes - yes; Councilmember Cagle - yes; Councilmember Tyler - abstain; Councilmember Witt - yes; Mayor Williams - yes. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3373 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING BIDS FOR COATING THE SPLASHPAD AT PIONEER PLAYGROUND** - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Bids were opened at 2:00 pm on Wednesday March 8, 2023. Director Skiles presented the bids as follows:

Barnett’s Painting, LLC	\$44,014.00
80 West Group, LLC	\$34,000.00

Staff recommends the bid from 80 West Group, LLC, who originally built the splash pad. The amount budgeted for this project is \$29,000. The additional \$5,000 will come from the Capital Projects Fund. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve Resolution No. 3373. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3374 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 3357 AND APPROVING A REVISED AGREEMENT WITH ACADEMY SPORTS + OUTDOORS** - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Director Skiles stated this was approved at the February 9, 2023 meeting by Resolution No. 3357. City Attorney Litchford stated he revised the contract to include a clear expiration so Resolution 3357 will need to be rescinded and the new contract approved. Councilmember Tyler made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Haynes, to approve Resolution No. 3374. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3375 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 3367 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2023 FORD F-150 TRUCK FOR THE EAST RIDGE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT FROM LONNIE COBB FORD THROUGH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES STATE-WIDE CONTRACT LISTING #209-75347, PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED 12-3-1201(b)** - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. City Manager Miller stated this was approved in the last meeting but since that time, we discovered that some of the equipment that we thought was included, in fact, was not. He and the Fire Chief added the necessary equipment and pared down what they felt was not necessary. This changed the price from \$45,150 to \$49,830, which is an additional \$4,680. This still remains below what was budgeted for the truck. Vice Mayor Haynes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 3375. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3376 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, APPROVING LEVELING AREAS OF NORTH SMITH STREET, FLOYD DRIVE, AND MCCALL ROAD IN THE LANSDELL PARK DEVELOPMENT TO BE DONE BY TALLEY CONSTRUCTION AS PART OF THE CONTRACT AWARDED ON AUGUST 11, 2022** - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. City Manager Miller stated these roads are in bad shape from the trucks using them for hauling dirt, and delivering materials, etc., for the Gateway Project Development. Leveling cost would be \$100,000 and this could be added to our existing contract with Talley Construction. Funds would come from State Street Aid. Vice Mayor Haynes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 3376. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

### **Discussion of Tentative Agenda Items for the April 13, 2023 Council Meeting**

- **Milestone Awards for March 2023** – We will have two awards announced at the next meeting.
- **Old Business:** None
- **New Business:**
  - **ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_ - Rezone 1505 Prater Road, tax map #169K N 005.01 from C-2 Commercial District and R-1 Residential District to RZ-1 Zero Lot Line Residential District (1<sup>st</sup> reading)** - Chief Building Official Howell stated this is a split zone that the owner wants to rezone to RZ-1 for patio homes. He would subdivide it into two lots. Mr. Howell stated it would be in harmony with the existing homes.
  - **RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ - ZONING APPEALS APPOINTMENT** – This appointment has already been posted to the City’s website. It is the Mayor’s appointment.
  - **RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ - Amendments to HR handbook** – Mr. Miller stated we have five amendments to the HR handbook as follows:
    1. Work period of the Fire Department changed from 27 days to 28 days.
    2. A clerical error regarding use of vacation leave corrected to sick leave.
    3. Use of leave time for exempt employees.
    4. Update the bereavement leave – change to 24 hours of work time.
    5. Educational reimbursement policy – The City will pay for a bachelor’s or master’s degree in the employees’ line of work. If the employee leaves within a 3-year period they must pay back the full amount, not the prorated amount. It will also have to be approved by the City Manager.

Mayor Williams stated the next council meeting will be in three weeks.

He also announced that we will have a public input session for the LPRF grant for the community center improvements tonight at 7:00 pm in the Council chambers. We must conduct two of these sessions, with the next one being on April 3, 2023 at the Community Center.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.