

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

**January 12, 2023  
6:00 pm**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on January 12, 2023, 6:00 pm at East Ridge City Hall. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order.

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

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

**Attendance: 16**

**Milestone Award:** Mayor Williams announced the Milestone Award for December - Michael Howell with 15 years of service.

**Presentation to Parade Grand Marshall:** Director Skiles presented a plaque to the Grand Marshall of the 2022 East Ridge Christmas Parade, Emerson Russell.

**Special Proclamation:** Mayor Williams presented a proclamation to Reserve Officer Lloyd Chadwick to mark his retirement after 31 years of service to the City.

**Consent Agenda:**

- A. Approval of Minutes December 8, 2022 Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes December 12, 2022 Inaugural and Organizational Meeting
- C. Approval of October 2022 Financial Report
- D. Approval of November 2022 Financial Report
- E. Declaration of Surplus Property

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

**Communication from Citizens:** None

**Communication from Councilmembers:**

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

Mayor Williams discussed the following:

- Mayor Williams congratulated Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Tyler, and Vice Mayor Helton on being elected to office.
- Library
  - January 17, 24, and 30 – pre-school story time.
  - January 20 – Teen Candy Olympics – dinner will be served.
  - February 3 – Valentine’s Dinner and a Movie – Call or email to register.
- Parks and Recreation:
  - Spring sports (t-ball, baseball, softball, soccer, adult softball) registration is underway. Visit the website or email Avery Gallum. Coaches are also needed.
  - The Community Center has aerobics, pickle ball, and other senior activities.

**Communication from Interim City Manager:**

- We advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for architects for construction of a new animal shelter.
- We also advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the construction of a boardwalk and pier at the pond at Camp Jordan.
- Mr. Miller met with Talley Construction and ASA Engineering regarding the Multi-Modal project. Work has been slow because of bad weather, but they are 65% complete on the south side of Ringgold Road. When that is finished, they will move to the north side.
- Sanitation has completed their first run on leaf pickup. They are moving eastward from Seminole Drive.
- Mayor Williams thanked Mr. Miller for getting some of the barrels removed in the construction zone. The Mayor also stated that he saw some paving being done.

**Old Business:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1177 – 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 664, 678, AND 691 LAYFIELD ROAD, TAX MAP #170J-B-004.02, 004.03 AND 004.06, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-3 RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT DISTRICT (2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading)** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Chief Building Official Howell stated this will be 6 – 10 units with a horizontal property regime, with no lot lines. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to approve Ordinance No. 1177 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1178 – 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 IN THE 6000 BLOCK OF GRASTON**

**AVENUE, TAX MAP #169C-C-001.02, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-3 RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT DISTRICT (2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading)** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Chief Building Official Howell stated this will be 95 units and because it is in the flood area, it will have to be raised. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve Ordinance No. 1178 on second and final reading. Councilmember Cagle would like to amend the motion to add a condition that the contractors not use John Arnold as an entrance to bring in dirt. City Attorney Litchford stated that rezoning relates to use of the property. He recommends that this condition is done during the permitting process and that the City put up signs to limit the tonnage of the trucks coming into the property. Councilmember Tyler asked if the City has a process to ensure that underground detention tanks are cleaned out. Mr. Howell stated that we have agreements with Hamilton County stormwater to do this. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3326 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO APPROVE AN APPOINTMENT BY VICE MAYOR HELTON TO THE EAST RIDGE BEER BOARD – (tabled November 10, 2022).** Vice Mayor Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to remove this item from the table. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved. City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Helton nominated Carnell Storie. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to approve Resolution No. 3326, appointing Carnell Storie to the Beer Board. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**New Business:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1179 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 OPERATING BUDGET, ORDINANCE NO. 1155, BY CHANGING THE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OF VARIOUS FUNDS (1<sup>st</sup> reading)** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Finance Director Qualls explained all the amendments. Councilmember Tyler made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Ordinance No. 1179 on first reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1180 – 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 1007 SPRING CREEK ROAD, TAX MAP #169C-C-009, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO O-1 OFFICE DISTRICT (1<sup>st</sup> reading)** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Chief Building Official Howell stated this property is legal non-conforming and has always been used for office space. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to approve Ordinance No. 1180 on first reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1181 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 941 AS CODIFIED AT TITLE 10, ANIMAL CONTROL, OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY CODE** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Chief Uselton stated we removed the word “euthanized” from the ordinance and replaced it with “transferred to.” Councilmember Witt made a motion,

seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to approve Ordinance No. 1181 on second and final (should be first reading) reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3337 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING AN APPOINTMENT BY COUNCILMEMBER CAGLE TO THE EAST RIDGE LIBRARY BOARD** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Cagle appointed Linda Henson. Vice Mayor Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve Resolution No. 3337, appointing Linda Henson to the Library Board. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3338 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING AN APPOINTMENT BY COUNCILMEMBER WITT TO THE EAST RIDGE LIBRARY BOARD** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Witt appointed Carolyn Tucker. Councilmember Tyler made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to approve Resolution No. 3338, appointing Carolyn Tucker to the Library Board. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3339 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO THE EAST RIDGE LIBRARY BOARD** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to approve Resolution No. 3339, appointing Marilyn Lowrey as the Council appointee to the Library Board. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3340 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO APPROVE AN APPOINTMENT BY COUNCILMEMBER WITT TO THE EAST RIDGE BEER BOARD TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF DAVID TYLER** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Witt appointed Josh Walker. Councilmember Tyler made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to approve Resolution No. 3340, appointing Josh Walker to the Beer Board. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3341 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COUNCIL APPOINTEE TO THE EAST RIDGE PLANNING COMMISSION PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 14-101 OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY CODE** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Vice Mayor Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to appoint Aundie Witt as the Council appointee to the Planning Commission. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Helton - yes; Councilmember Cagle - abstain; Councilmember Tyler - yes; Councilmember Witt - yes; Mayor Williams - yes. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3342 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ACCEPT DONATIONS FOR THE EAST RIDGE ANIMAL SHELTER** – Chief Uselton announced that donations had been made to the Animal Shelter in the amount of \$1,500. Councilmember

Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to approve Resolution No. 3342. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3343 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF A BODY ARMOR VEST FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT FROM THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SAFETY FOUNDATION** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Development Administrator McAllister stated a vest has been donated by the Code Enforcement Officer Safety Foundation to Code Enforcement Officer Holder at a value of approximately \$700. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve Resolution No. 3343. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3344 – 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. Interim City Manager Miller stated this is for the services of Nicole Watson, who serves as our lobbyist in Nashville. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 3344. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3345 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE APPROVING A CAMP JORDAN LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SAI CONSTRUCTION, INC., BHARATI DESAI, AND AJIT DESAI** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mr. Litchford stated that the developers of Hummingbird Village want to build a pathway into Camp Jordan that will connect to the existing track. The agreement would be revocable if the HOA goes inactive or does not perform its duties. The pathway has to have a gate that the HOA has to lock every night and provide a key to the City. The HOA is responsible for the cost, maintenance, and upkeep of the pathway. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve Resolution No. 3345. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3346 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 3285 IN ORDER TO PURCHASE EIGHT (8) 2023 SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES (“SUVs”) FROM LONNIE COBB FORD THROUGH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES STATE-WIDE CONTRACT LISTING #209, PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED 12-3-1201(b)** - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Chief Uselton stated the original order for 2022 SUVs was cancelled by Ford and when the City reordered 2023 models, the price was \$3,000+ more per vehicle. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to approve Resolution No. 3346. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3347 – 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 INTERCEPTOR SPORT UTILITY**

**VEHICLE (“SUV”) HYBRID FROM LONNIE COBB FORD THROUGH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES STATE-WIDE CONTRACT LISTING #209, PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED 12-3-1201(b)** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Chief Uselton stated this vehicle will replace a wrecked vehicle. The City can take immediate delivery since the dealer has the vehicle on his lot. Councilmember Tyler made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Helton, to approve Resolution No. 3347. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3348 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE TO ALLOW ORC TO NEGOTIATE WITH PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO NORTH MACK SMITH ROAD** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mr. Miller stated this project starts out as four lanes from Ringgold Road, transitioning down to three lanes at the Budgetel, then two lanes at the entrance to the development. There are eight parcels that we must obtain the right-of-way for in order for the project to proceed. The total amount with the contingency is \$876,800. Vice Mayor Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 3348. Mr. Miller stated he researched various Council actions from stopping in front of the Budgetel to approving buying new land that extends to the gate of the development. He would like to do away with the green median strip in order not to buy as much ROW property. Mayor Williams stated the project was approved to go to four lanes because of a traffic study that showed there could be traffic backups without them. He stated if we do not build it wide enough now, it will cost twice as much in the future. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Helton - yes; Councilmember Cagle - no; Councilmember Tyler - yes; Councilmember Witt - yes; Mayor Williams - yes. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3349 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR, AND ACCEPTANCE OF, THE PUBLIC ENTITY PARTNERS PROPERTY CONSERVATION MATCHING GRANT FOR FY 2023** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Development Administrator McAllister stated this is an \$8,000 grant with a 50% match from the City. It will be used for extra security measures at Camp Jordan. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to approve Resolution No. 3349. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**Discussion of Tentative Agenda Items for the January 26, 2023 Council Meeting (see Attachment A)**

- **Old Business:**

- **ORDINANCE NO. 1179 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 OPERATING BUDGET, ORDINANCE NO. 1155, BY CHANGING THE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OF VARIOUS FUNDS (2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading)** – No further discussion.
- **PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1180** – Rezone property located at 1007 Spring Creek Road from R-1 to O-1

- **ORDINANCE NO. 1180 – 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 1007 SPRING CREEK ROAD, TAX MAP #169C-C-009, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO O-1 OFFICE DISTRICT (2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading) – No further discussion.**
- **ORDINANCE NO. 1181 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 941 AS CODIFIED AT TITLE 10, ANIMAL CONTROL, OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY CODE (2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading) – No further discussion.**
- **New Business:**
  - **RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ - Waive Fee for Chattanooga Autism Center for Use of Community Center – Director Skiles stated this is a 501-C-3 organization. They have used the center in the past and have free activities for everyone. The value of the amount to be waived is approximately \$400.**
  - **RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event for the Library – Mr. Miller stated Patty Weaver, Head Librarian, would like to have an event with food, games, etc. to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Library. Cost would be approximately \$1,400.**
  - Discussion of City Manager Applicants

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

**January 26, 2023  
6:00 pm**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on January 26, 2023, 6:00 pm at East Ridge City Hall. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order.

Rev. Charles Cochran, East Ridge Church of Christ, 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, Interim City Manager Miller, City Attorney Litchford, and City Recorder Middleton.

**Attendance: 13**

**Consent Agenda:**

- A. Approval of Minutes January 12, 2023 Council Meeting
- B. Approval of December 2022 Financial Report
- C. Declaration of Surplus Property

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

**Communication from Citizens:** None

**Communication from Councilmembers:**

Councilmember Tyler stated he attended the Governor's inauguration the previous weekend.

Councilmember Witt stated she played bingo in the Library this week and asked the senior citizens to attend.

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

Mayor Williams announced the following:

- Library
  - January 31, February 7 and 14–10:30 to 11:00 am – Storytime
  - February 2, 9, 16, 23 - Senior Bingo
  - February 3 – Valentine Dinner (sold out but you can call to be added to a waiting list)



- Parks and Recreation
  - Registration for spring sports is underway. There will be a Clinic on February 25.
  - April 28 - Parks and Rec night for baseball/softball
  - June 13 – Softball night at the Lookouts
  - April 29 – Parks and Rec night at the Red Wolves game
  - Check the website for registration dates.

Communication from Interim City Manager:

- Leaf pick up – Crews are on west side north of Ringgold Road at Seminole and moving east. A second crew is on the south side moving east.
- Multi Modal Project – The south side is 70% complete. Once the south side is done, we will move to north side probably in April or May. Completion is scheduled for some time in October.
- Building permits were issued for a new hotel, Home2 Suites on Camp Jordan Parkway.
- Permits were also issued in the last two weeks for a stand-alone emergency facility in front of the new hotel.
- A Request for Qualifications for architects is due February 1<sup>st</sup> for the Animal Shelter.
- A Request for Proposals for the boardwalk/pier at Camp Jordan is due on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Miller would like to have the project completed before the fishing rodeo in the spring. Tennessee American Water provided a grant in the amount of \$250,000 for this project.

**Old Business:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1179 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 OPERATING BUDGET, ORDINANCE NO. 1155, BY CHANGING THE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OF VARIOUS FUNDS (2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading)** - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Interim City Manager Miller stated there was an increase in general government due to worker’s comp insurance, additional cost for the computer support network, additional costs for police vehicles, and a change order in capital projects for \$347,000. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Haynes, to approve Ordinance No. 1179 on second and final reading. Councilmember Tyler asked the City Manager if he was going to fill the IT position. Mr. Miller stated he is going to fill the position but will also utilize Litefoot Technology. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1180 – Rezone property located at 1007 Spring Creek Road from R-1 to O-1.** City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. Chief Building Official Howell stated this has been used as an office for years, and if approved, will remain an office and conform to legal use. No one came forward in favor of or in opposition to the rezoning. Mayor Williams closed the public hearing.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1180 – 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 1007 SPRING CREEK ROAD, TAX MAP #169C-C-009, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO O-1 OFFICE DISTRICT (2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading)** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Tyler made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Ordinance No. 1180 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1181 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 941 AS CODIFIED AT TITLE 10, ANIMAL CONTROL, OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY CODE (2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading)** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Chief Uselton stated this amendment changes the verbiage from “euthanized or disposed of” to “transferred to.” Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Haynes, to approve Ordinance No. 1181 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**New Business:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3350 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO WAIVE THE FEE FOR USE OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER BY THE CHATTANOOGA AUTISM CENTER** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Director Skiles recommends waiving the fee. Vice Mayor Haynes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve Resolution No. 3350. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3351 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO APPROVE FUNDS FOR THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY LIBRARY** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Head Librarian Patty Weaver stated the Library first opened in March 1973 so this will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Haynes, to approve Resolution No. 3351. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3352 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED CHANGE ORDER REQUEST #1 FROM TALLEY CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN REGARD TO THE RINGGOLD ROAD MULTI-MODAL PROJECT** – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Interim City Manager Miller stated this change order covers three items:

- Time extension request of 156 days. The contract completion time with the change order comes to 521 days. There is no monetary cost to this time extension.
- WWTA sewer main protection and additional items to avoid sewer main. The cost of the change order is \$13,315. When the job is complete, we will bill WWTA for the work that was done.

- The box culvert on the south side of Ringgold Road at Merrill Street deteriorated and it had to be reinforced and protected with steel and concrete. The cost of the change order is \$41,345.15.

Mr. Miller had Cory Hollingshead, ASA Construction Manager, come forward to discuss the change orders. Regarding the box culvert, he stated he received a notice from TDOT which stated their responsibility on the highway is curb to curb. He has reached out to TDOT regarding this but has not heard back. He stated that 75% - 80% of the work is in TDOT right-of-way.

Mr. Hollingshead stated that 110 days of the time extension is due to WWTA conflicts. Mr. Miller stated we will be closing down Moore Road on the south side of Ringgold Road on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of next week to connect a drain. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve Resolution No. 3352. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3353 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH TRUE LIFE CENTER, LLC, RELATING TO A PROJECT IN THE BORDER REGION RETAIL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATING THERETO (if approved by IDB)**

– City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mr. Litchford stated this was approved in the IDB meeting today, since there was no quorum for last week’s meeting. This agreement is for the True Life Center at 4101 Ringgold Road, the former Salvation Army building. The building contains a coffee shop, and also sells baked goods, and other merchandise. It is owned in part by Danny Lance who is a member of the IDB. Mr. Lance will not vote or deliberate on this issue. He has not had any contact with other IDB members regarding this agreement. Mr. Litchford is satisfied that there is no conflict. Mr. Lance has invested \$1 million into this business. The City recommended a 70% (developer)/30% (City) split. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Haynes, to approve Resolution No. 3353. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3354 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES FOR J. SCOTT MILLER TO BECOME CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE**

– City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mr. Litchford stated that Mr. Miller is interested in becoming the City Manager for East Ridge. Mr. Litchford stated the term of the contract would be for one year. Compensation would be the same as he makes now, and there would be no life insurance, or car allowance. Mr. Miller is willing to accept the terms of the contract. Vice Mayor Haynes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 3354. The Mayor and Councilmembers thanked Mr. Miller for stepping into the City Manager position. Mr. Miller thanked the council for their confidence in him. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Discussion of Tentative Agenda Items for the **February 9, 2023** Council Meeting (see Attachment A)

- Milestone Award for January 2023
- New Business:
  - **RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ - Concession Contract** – Director Skiles explained some of the terms of the agreement. She stated that in the first six months of this fiscal year, we received \$24,083 from concession sales. Councilmember Cagle asked if we could amend the contract and renew it through 2027.
  - **RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ - Notice of Intent for LPRF Grant** – Development Administrator McAllister stated this grant would be for renovation of the gym at the Community Center. It is a \$2 million grant with a 50% match from the City. Mr. Miller stated the gym is not regulation size so we cannot have tournaments or competitive play. This would extend the gym approximately 24 feet. We could also use the grant for renovations to the kitchen at the center.
  - **IDB Appointment** – Councilmember Cagle – This is due to the resignation of Susan Thomas

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.