

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

**July 13, 2023
6:00 pm**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on July 13, 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.

Mayor recognized Marc Gravitt, former Councilmember, Vice Mayor, State Representative and current Hamilton County Register of Deeds.

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

Attendance: 30

Special Presentation: Vice Mayor Haynes stated she and Senator Gardenhire have the privilege to honor Marc Gravitt. She stated Mr. Gravitt served as a Councilmember, Vice Mayor, State Representative, and is the current Hamilton Council Register of Deeds. She presented him with a ceremonial street sign that will be placed on Highway 41, Ringgold Road between Prater Road and South Smith Road. Mr. Gravitt thanked Ms. Haynes and Senator Gardenhire, the Mayor and Council, employees of the City, and the employees of the Register's office. He also recognized his wife, his mother, and his daughter.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes June 22, 2023 Council Meeting
- B. Declaration of Surplus Property – Police Department

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

Communication from Citizens:

Paul Eller, 344 Lazard St., thanked the Sanitation Department for the job they do; however, some of the trucks are spilling oil on the road. He has reached out to the Sanitation Department about this. City Manager Miller will get with the Sanitation Supervisor regarding this issue.

Daniel Beard, 707 S. Germantown Road, stated a neighbor of the church came to a Council meeting and complained about the church cutting trees. He has made amends with the neighbor and has put a hold on cutting trees. He stated the church has made an offer for property on Spring Creek Road and will be moving.

Communication from Councilmembers:

Councilmember Tyler stated the Optimist Club Cars for Kids Car Show will be held on July 29, 2023 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at Camp Jordan Arena. Admission is free.

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

Mayor Williams discussed the following:

- June 24, 2023 - Cleanup day was a success. He thanked the sponsors, Fearless Church, Coco-Cola,, Hampton Inn, Buddy's Bar-B-Q East Ridge, Becaffeinated, Patriot Insurance Solutions, Chattanooga Red Wolves SC, and East Ridge Residence.
- Library
 - July 14th - Camp Read S'more – Ghost stories, food, walking s'mores, etc. Suited for ages 5-11 and registration is required.
 - Now – August 7th - Coin wars – fill a jar with coins or cash. The staff member with the most money gets pied in the face. Proceeds go to the Library.
 - August 4th @ 2 pm – Meet the Author – Barbara G. Tucker, author of Sudden Future will be present to discuss her books and do a book signing.
- Parks and Recreation
 - School supply drive in the month of July. August 2nd will be a free pickup day for community members to pick up supplies they need from donated items.
 - Sign up for sports
 - July 1st – August 6th – Baseball/Teeball. Season begins September 5th.
 - July 1st – August 6th – Softball. Season begins September 5th
 - July 1st – August 4th – Soccer. Season begins August 26th.
 - July 1st – August 12th – Flag Football/Cheerleading. Season begins September 9th.
 - July 1st – August 7th – Adult Softball. Season begins August 21st.

Communication from City Manager:

- Ringgold Road update
 - Talley Construction is working on the north side installing storm sewer and drainage structures between Cemetery Road and Belvoir Avenue.
 - They are preparing the shoulders on the north side between Marlboro and Cemetery for curbing and sidewalks. They have been pouring the sidewalks and curbing the last few days.
 - Chattanooga Gas has been working in the area of Choate and Ringgold Road tying into main gas lines. They will hopefully be completed by the end of July or the first week in August.
- I-75/I-24 Phase 2 - Begins next week.
 - Friday - Exits 184, 183 A, Moore and Belvoir entrance ramps will be closed.
 - July 19th – close the other ramps on I-24 westbound and eastbound on North and South Terrace.
 - Closing Moore Road and McBrien Road bridges to be torn down at the same time, which will increase traffic on Ringgold Road and Belvoir Avenue.

- Traffic signals will be taken down on both sides of the bridges.
- There will be a continuous traffic pattern from Belvoir east on South Terrace with a turnaround on the outside lane on Spring Creek Road going west on North Terrace back to Belvoir Avenue. There will be no stop signs and no traffic signals.
- Construction of the bridges will happen the week after that.
- In October, widening on I-24 from I-75 west to Germantown, adding a lane in each direction.
- 2 ½ year timeline for the entire project.
- Melville and Wiley Drainage Ditch – The bank is sliding in and a utility pole was leaning. Integrated Concrete will re-concrete the ditch. Street Department will riprap the shoulder to keep it from further eroding.
- Storms on July 1 and 2 dropped a great deal of rain and did a lot of tree damage. Sanitation is using booms trucks and working Saturdays to catch up on brush pick-up.
- Mr. Miller presented a Certificate of Appreciation from Governor Bill Lee to Mayor Brian Williams for his outstanding service to the City. The Mayor thanked the Council, citizens, and the staff for their support.

Old Business:

RESOLUTION NO. 3399 – A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY REGARDING DEMOLITION AND RESTORATION OF PROPERTY AT 1500 KEEBLE STREET WITH OWNER CHETAN PATEL (Passed from 6/22/23 meeting) – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mr. Litchford received a draft copy of the agreement for the next Council agenda. This item was passed until the August 10, 2023 Council meeting.

New Business:

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1188 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE ZONING REGULATIONS AND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE SO AS TO REZONE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1514 WATERHOUSE STREET, TAX MAP #169N-F-017, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO RT-1 – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. Rocky Chambers, 400 East Main St., Chattanooga, stated the townhouses will bring value to this part of the City. It is seven townhomes, primarily for sale, ranging from 1,300 to 1,700 square feet, with some 2-story and some 3-story. Mr. Chambers stated the townhomes will not face Waterhouse Street; they will face the parking lot. No one came forward in favor of or in opposition to the rezoning. Mayor Williams closed the public hearing.

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TOWNHOUSE DISTRICT (1st reading) – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Tyler made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Haynes, to approve Ordinance No. 1188 on first reading. Councilmember Tyler asked about emergency access. Chief Building Official Howell stated the IFC states that if the property extends past 150 feet, you must have a turnaround for emergency apparatus. Mr. Howell also stated trash service requires receptacles to be at the right-of-way. Mayor Williams is concerned about the density of the development. Councilmember Cagle stated if approved, we are setting a precedent for other townhomes in R-1 districts. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Haynes - yes; Councilmember Cagle - no; Councilmember Tyler - yes; Councilmember Witt - no; Mayor Williams - no. Motion denied.

ORDINANCE NO. 1189 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE EAST RIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 481, RELATIVE TO PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR HOTELS/MOTELS LOCATED WITHIN CERTAIN COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS (1st reading) – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mr. Litchford stated that Councilmember Cagle would like for this item to go back to the Planning Commission along with his request to change the size of parking spaces to 10 feet x 20 feet, and then bring them back to Council under one ordinance. Chief Building Official Howell stated we have a variety of parking space sizes based on angles of the spaces. Commercial parking lots will lose spaces if this is approved. He stated that all municipalities in our area are 9 feet wide and industrial is 8½ feet in width. In Mr. Howell’s opinion, it is not a good idea to change to 10’ x 20’. Mr. Cagle would like for this to apply to C-1, C-2, and C-4 commercial zones only. Mayor Williams stated if parking requirements are changed but parking spaces are wider it will not help gain in space in the hotel parking lots. This item will go back to the Planning Commission. No action was taken on this ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESOLUTION NO. 3403 - A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL PERMITTING JENNY VARNER TO OPERATE A PRIVATE MONTESSORI PRESCHOOL FACILITY AT 842 SOUTH GERMANTOWN ROAD, LOCATED WITHIN A R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY CODE, ARTICLE V, SECTION 200 TITLED USES PERMITTED ON REVIEW – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. Applicant Jenny Varner, 1832 Old Ringgold Road, stated she wants to relocate from East Lake. She handed out drawings of the traffic pattern. Chief Building Official Howell stated this use is allowed. No one else came forward in favor of or in opposition to the request. The Mayor closed the public hearing. Beverly Inman Eble, 276 S. Crest Road, the owner of 842 S. Germantown, asked to speak. She came before council in 1987 and at that time the property was zoned for office. She asked when the zoning changed. Mr. Howell stated there was a blanket rezoning in 1989 and many properties were rezoned to R-1.

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Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve Resolution No. 3403. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3404 – A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS FOR THE FALL AND WINTER SPORTS SEASONS – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Parks and Recreation Director Skiles stated we received six bids that were opened on June 28th. Staff recommend the bid from Krown USA. Vice Mayor Haynes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve Resolution No. 3404. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3405 – A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE 215 95-GALLON TRASH CARTS AND 100 95-GALLON RECYCLE CARTS FROM OTTO ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS NORTH AMERICA, INC. THROUGH THE HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM (“HGACBUY”) CONTRACT NO. RCO1-21 – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Sanitation Supervisor Parker stated we are getting more requests for extra cans and we need cans for new developments. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Haynes, to approve Resolution No. 3405. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3406 – A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH A MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE REQUIREMENT PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, SECTION 8-36-205, TO AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL BRIDGE BENEFIT AND TO AUTHORIZE GROUP 1 MEMBERS WHO HAVE CREDITABLE SERVICE IN A GROUP 1 POSITION COVERED BY SUCH MANDATORY AGE RETIREMENT TO RETIRE ON SERVICE RETIREMENT BENEFITS UPON ATTAINMENT OF AGE FIFTY-FIVE (55) WITH TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Human Resources Director Sinigaglio stated that she, Chief Williams, and Chief Uselton are present requesting that Council approve the Bridge plan for public safety employees. Justin Ball with the Treasury Department is also present to answer any questions. Councilmember Cagle asked if the mandatory retirement age is 55. Mr. Ball stated the mandatory retirement age is 60 for those not in 50% or more administrative duties; they can stay until age 62. Chiefs have no mandatory retirement age. Employees may retire at 55 with 25 years of service at an unreduced rate. Mandatory age is 60 if the employee is not in an administrative role, and years of service would not affect the benefits. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Haynes, to approve Resolution No. 3406. Mayor Williams stated that this was a difficult decision for him because it affects some employees favorably and some unfavorably. He appreciates the input from employees. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3407 – A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF EDRAULIC RESCUE TOOLS AND ACCESSORIES FROM MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES (“MES”) THROUGH THE SOURCEWELL PURCHASING ALLIANCE, CONTRACT NO.

040220 REV – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Chief Williams stated when we purchased the new engine, the amount for the tools was included in that cost. Since we are purchasing the tools separately, the cost will come off the price of the engine. Councilmember Tyler made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 3407. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved. Chief Williams stated that he and Deputy Chief Albright will do a final inspection on the engine on August 15th, so we should receive it shortly thereafter.

Discussion of Tentative Agenda Items for the July 27, 2023 Council Meeting

- **Old Business:**

- **ORDINANCE NO. 1188 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE ZONING REGULATIONS AND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE SO AS TO REZONE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1514 WATERHOUSE STREET, TAX MAP #169N-F-017, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO RT-1 RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE DISTRICT (2nd and final reading)** – Ordinance was not approved, so it will not come back for second reading.
- **ORDINANCE NO. 1189 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE EAST RIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 481, RELATIVE TO PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR HOTELS/MOTELS LOCATED WITHIN CERTAIN COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS (2nd and final reading)** – This item will be going back to the Planning Commission along with the parking space sizes.

- **New Business:**

- **ORDINANCE NO. ____ – AN ORDINANCE OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND TITLE 13, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REGULATIONS, OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY CODE, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 1, SECTION 104 TITLED OVERGROWN AND DIRTY LOTS (1st reading)** – City Attorney Litchford stated that the State allows cities to mow overgrown grass on owner occupied properties and then put a lien on the property. The City cannot apply the lien until it reaches \$500.
- **RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Purchase of Dumpsters for the Sanitation Department** – Sanitation Supervisor Parker is asking Council to approve purchasing four dumpsters to replace the four we have that are not repairable. The dumpsters from Texas Trailer are the only ones that will fit our trailer that hauls them. Cost of the dumpsters will be \$16,570.75.
- **RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Purchase of two (2) 2023 Ford F-150 4x4 Trucks for Traffic Control Department and Street Department** – Mr. Miller stated these items are budgeted. They are replacing old vehicles in both departments.

- **RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Purchase of one (1) 2023 Ford F-150 4x2 Truck for Parks and Recreation** - Director Skiles stated this truck will replace a 1993 Ford F-150.
- **RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Approval of bids for Sports Photography** – Director Skiles stated the City received two bids which will be presented at the next meeting.
- **RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Appointment to Library Board to fill an unexpired term ending December 30, 2023** – City Attorney Litchford stated that Ms. Ann Waterhouse has resigned from the Board and thanked her for her service to the City. This is a Council appointment.
- **RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Approval to Purchase Turnout Gear for the Fire Department** – Chief Williams state the 10 sets of turnout gear will be for new employees and extras. Cost is \$33,530.
- **RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Appointment of a Consulting Planner for the development of a 5-year Parks and Recreation Plan (2024-2028)** – City Manager Miller stated our current plan expires at the end of 2023. Southeast Tennessee Development District did the previous plan but are not able to do this one.
- **RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Purchase of a Mower for Parks and Recreation** – Director Skiles stated the mower is from Smith Turf and Irrigation and we may purchase it through the Sourcewell Purchasing Alliance. It is a budgeted item.

Being no further action, the meeting was adjourned.

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

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

Absent: Mayor Williams

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes July 13, 2023 Council Meeting
- B. Approval of June Financial Report
- C. Declaration of Surplus Property – Fire Department

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

Communication from Citizens: None

Communication from Councilmembers:

Councilmember Cagle and Councilmember Witt had nothing at this time.

Councilmember Tyler stated the Optimist Club annual Kars4Kids Car Show is this weekend at Camp Jordan from 9 am – 2 pm. Registration is \$25 and \$20 for pre-registration. There will be door prizes and a silent auction. Bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry.

Vice Mayor Haynes had nothing at this time.

Communication from City Manager:

- Multi-Modal Update: Talley Construction is working on the north side of Ringgold Road from Marlboro Avenue west to Belvoir Avenue constructing storm sewers and pouring sidewalks, curbing, and guttering. They will continue to Weldon and go back to the area between Marlboro and McBrien. Chattanooga Gas is doing tie-ins to the gas lines and should be finished by August 7th at the latest.

- Mr. Miller cautioned everyone to be careful pulling out onto North and South Terrace because of drivers going too fast. There are no traffic signals or stop signs at Moore and McBrien Roads.

Old Business:

RESOLUTION NO. 3399 – A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY REGARDING DEMOLITION AND RESTORATION OF PROPERTY AT 1500 KEEBLE STREET WITH OWNER CHETAN PATEL (Passed from 7/13/23 meeting) – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mr. Litchford stated the owner of the property had to go out of town and will not be back until August. He stated Council could remove this item and bring it back later. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve removing this item from the table. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

New Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1190 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND TITLE 13, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REGULATIONS, OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY CODE, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 1, SECTION 104 TITLED OVERGROWN AND DIRTY LOTS (1st reading) – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mr. Litchford stated that the State allows cities to go on owner-occupied properties that are not in compliance regarding trash, weeds, grass, etc. Passage of this ordinance will make the City's ordinance current with applicable State law. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve Ordinance No. 1190 on first reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3408 – A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE FOUR (4) DUMPSTERS FROM TEXAS PRIDE TRAILERS LLC AS A SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Sanitation Supervisor Parker stated the four dumpsters we currently have are in disrepair and need replaced. Cost of new dumpsters from Texas Pride Trailers, LLC is \$16,570.75. Councilmember Tyler made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 3408. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3409 – A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE TWO (2) FORD F-150 4x4 TRUCKS, ONE FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL DEPARTMENT AND ONE FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT FROM LONNIE COBB FORD THROUGH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES STATE-WIDE CONTRACT LISTING #75347, PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED 12-3-1201(b) – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Traffic Control Supervisor Ailey is requesting that Council approve this purchase in order to cycle out older trucks in these departments. The price from Lonnie Cobb Ford on the statewide contract is \$39,565 each for a total of \$79,130. Councilmember Witt made a

motion, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve Resolution No. 3409. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3410 – A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) FORD F-150 4x2 PICK-UP TRUCK FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, FROM LONNIE COBB FORD THROUGH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES STATE-WIDE CONTRACT LISTING #75347, PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED 12-3-1201(b) – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Parks and Recreation Director Skiles is requesting that Council approve the purchase of this vehicle from Lonnie Cobb Ford on the statewide contract for a total of \$31,315. Councilmember Tyler made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 3410. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3411 – A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING PHOTOGRAPHY BIDS FOR THE 2023 – 2024 SPORTS SEASON – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Director Skiles stated two bids were received as follows:

- Beverly Reid Photography LLC 15% commission paid to City
- Kaleidoscope Photography 25% commission paid to City, but if an athlete does not place order, the City has to pay \$7.50 back to Kaleidoscope

Director Skiles recommends Beverly Reid Photography LLC. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve Resolution No. 3411. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3412 - A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM ON THE EAST RIDGE LIBRARY BOARD – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to appoint Jenny Tyler to the Library Board. Roll call vote: Councilmember Cagle - yes; Councilmember Tyler - abstain; Councilmember Witt - yes; Vice Mayor Helton – yes. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3413 – A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TEN (10) SETS OF TURNOUT GEAR FROM NAFECO FIRE EQUIPMENT THROUGH THE SOURCEWELL PURCHASING ALLIANCE, CONTRACT NO. 032620-LIO – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Chief Williams is requesting approval to purchase ten sets of turnout gear from Nafeco Fire Equipment at a cost of \$33,530. Councilmember Tyler made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 3413. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3414 – A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE A KAWASAKI FX MOWER FROM SMITH TURF AND IRRIGATION

THROUGH THE SOURCEWELL PURCHASING ALLIANCE CONTRACT LISTING #031121-1 TTC – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Director Skiles is requesting approval of this purchase in order to replace a bushhog. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve Resolution No. 3414. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3415 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH LITEFOOT TECHNOLOGY, LLC FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Human Resources Director Sinigaglio stated this is for renewal of subscriptions for IT services. The cost is \$52,785.64 Councilmember Tyler made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 3415. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Discussion of Tentative Agenda Items for the **August 10, 2023** Council Meeting (see Attachment A

- Employee Milestone Awards for July
- **Old Business:**
 - **ORDINANCE NO. 1190 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND TITLE 13, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REGULATIONS, OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY CODE, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 1, SECTION 104 TITLED OVERGROWN AND DIRTY LOTS (2nd and final reading)** – This item was added to the agenda for August 10th after being inadvertently left off.
- **New Business:**
 - **Presentation from Air Pollution Bureau - Ron Drumeller, Executive Director** – City Manager Miller stated that Hamilton County and all the municipalities will need to adopt the amendments to the Air Pollution ordinance. Mr. Drumeller will give a brief presentation at the August 10th meeting regarding the amendments.
 - **PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. ____ - Air Pollution Amendments**
 - **ORDINANCE NO. ____ - Air Pollution Amendments (1st reading)** – No further discussion.
 - **PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. ____ - Request of Stone Creek Consulting, LLC (Allen Jones) to have the properties located at 636 and 650 Layfield Road (Tax Map ID#170J-B-004.04 and Tax Map ID#170J-B-004.05) rezoned from R-1 Residential District to R-3 Residential Apartment District**

- **ORDINANCE NO. ____ - Request of Stone Creek Consulting, LLC (Allen Jones) to have the properties located at 636 and 650 Layfield Road (Tax Map ID#170J-B-004.04 and Tax Map ID#170J-B-004.05) rezoned from R-1 Residential District to R-3 Residential Apartment District (1st reading)** – Chief Building Official Howell stated the applicant plans to construct four 2-story townhomes on .53 acres. The Planning Commission approved this item with conditions that only single-family detached homes will be allowed, with no individual driveways allowed on Layfield Road.
- **PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. ____ Request of Michael Meyers to have the properties located at parts of 861 Donaldson Road and all of 865 Donaldson Road (Parts of Tax Map ID#156L-C-012.01 and all of Tax Map ID#156L-C-013) rezoned from R-1 Residential District to RT-1 Residential Townhouse District**
- **ORDINANCE NO. ____ - Request of Michael Meyers to have the properties located at parts of 861 Donaldson Road and all of 865 Donaldson Road (Parts of Tax Map ID#156L-C-012.01 and all of Tax Map ID#156L-C-013) rezoned from R-1 Residential District to RT-1 Residential Townhouse District (1st reading)** – Mr. Howell stated this would be four 2-story townhomes on .36 acres. Councilmember Cagle stated he could not find the yellow rezoning signs for this property and asked where it was located. Mr. Howell stated when they put the yellow rezoning signs out, they take pictures of them, but sometimes they disappear. Mr. Howell stated the property is located at the end of Cathy Lane.
- **PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. ____ - Request of N&R Properties to have the property located at 1438 N. Smith Street (Tax Map ID#169L-K-001.01) rezoned from C-1 Tourism Commercial District and R-1 Residential District to RT-1 Residential Townhouse District**
- **ORDINANCE NO. ____ - Request of N&R Properties to have the property located at 1438 N. Smith Street (Tax Map ID#169L-K-001.01) rezoned from C-1 Tourism Commercial District and R-1 Residential District to RT-1 Residential Townhouse District (1st reading)** – Mr. Howell stated originally this was planned for four townhomes, but the Planning Commission lowered that to three. It is .28 acres.
- **PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. ____ - Request of Verna Knight to have the property located at 205 Eads Street (Tax Map ID#158O-A-022.03) rezoned from R-1 Residential District to R-2 Residential Duplex District**
- **ORDINANCE NO. ____ - Request of Verna Knight to have the property located at 205 Eads Street (Tax Map ID#158O-A-022.03) rezoned from R-1 Residential District to R-2 Residential Duplex District (1st reading)** – Mr. Howell stated the owner wants to convert this property to a duplex, even though it is not technically a duplex. She wants to use a room in the basement for short-term rentals.

- **RESOLUTION NO. ____** - Appointment to the Housing Commission (Vice Mayor Haynes) – No discussion.
- **RESOLUTION NO. ____** - Appointment to the Housing Commission (Councilmember Witt) – No discussion.
- **RESOLUTION NO. ____** - Appointment to the Planning Commission (Mayor Williams) – No discussion.
- **RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Authorize ASA Engineering to finalize construction drawings and bid documents for the N. Mack Smith Road widening project from Ringgold Road to north property line of Fairfield Inn and Suites and authorize to formally bid the project** – City Manager Miller stated this is regarding the N. Mack Smith Road project. We have acquired 9 out of 10 parcels. If we do not have the 10th parcel by next meeting, he will request direction from the Council on how to proceed.
- **RESOLUTION NO. ____ – Request for Qualifications for Parks and Recreation 5-Year Plan** – Mr. Miller stated our current plan expires at the end of 2023. The City must make another plan in order to apply for and receive Local Parks and Recreation Fund grants. Southeast Tennessee Development District did the plan in 2017, but due to staffing and workload, they cannot do this one. We received three proposals and have conducted interviews. We hope to have an agreement for the August 10th meeting. Mr. Miller stated there were five projects in the 2023 Plan and we have completed all of them.
- **RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Authorization to solicit Request for Qualifications for sign consultant** – Mr. Miller would like to have “Welcome to East Ridge” sign in the City, similar to what the City of Cleveland has. This will exceed \$10,000 and the signs will have to meet our sign ordinance requirements.
- **RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Modifications to the City Economic Development Grant Agreement** – Mr. Miller stated the City entered into an economic development grant agreement with the State of Tennessee, the Industrial Development Board, Sterling Holdings, and Star Community Builders regarding a grant from the State of Tennessee. We requested \$13 million for infrastructure expenses for the Gateway Project, but we only received \$5 million. Kenny Custer, with Star Community Builders, is requesting that the agreement be amended to reflect the actual amount received in the agreement of \$5 million. They are also requesting to be paid the final 25% of the grant as stated in the agreement.
- **RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Award Annual Street Department Bids**
 - Asphalt and other street repair materials
 - Concrete block/brick, sand, and mortar mix
 - Crushed Stone
 - Drainage Pipe – Various Types
 - Topsoil

The Street Department Supervisor is reviewing the bids and will have recommendations at the next meeting.

- **RESOLUTION NO. ____ - School Resource Officer (“SRO”) Grant** – Chief Uselton stated that the State is offering grants for SROs for all public schools. The amount of the grant is \$75,000 for each officer but the total cost with insurance, equipment, vehicles, etc. added would be approximately \$115,000. Councilmember Tyler asked if this was a one-time payment to the City. The Chief stated it is in perpetuity. Councilmember Cagle asked if we were awarded the grant, could we turn it over to Hamilton County and they would have their own officers. The Chief talked to the Sheriff and he would like for the cities to take over the SROs. We have four schools, but it is possible we may just receive grants for two SROs.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.