

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

**June 12, 2025  
6:00 p.m.**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to the meeting notice on June 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the East Ridge City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order.

Terry Arnold of Pentecostal of East Ridge gave the invocation. All joined in for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Mayor Brian Williams, Vice Mayor David Tyler, Councilmember Jacky Cagle, Councilmember Jeff Ezell, Councilmember Andrea Witt, City Manager Scott Miller, City Attorney Mark Litchford, Finance Director Diane Qualls, and City Clerk Jennifer Deitrick

**Attendance:** Twenty-two

**May Milestone Awards:**

Mayor Williams recognized Donald Rogers for 30 years of service and Will Johnson for 10 years of service with the City.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

It was moved by Councilmember Witt and seconded by Vice Mayor Tyler to approve the Consent Agenda.

There being no discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote. All voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**Communication from Citizens:**

Jane Sharp, 6112 Schofield Ave, thanked the City for the quick response to her request for a sign on her street and expressed concern of traffic backups on Spring Creek Road.

**Communication from Councilmembers:**

Councilmember Ezell – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Witt – Nothing at this time.

Vice Mayor Tyler reported that the East Ridge Optimist Club Fishing Rodeo was held on June 7, 2025, and approximately 120 kids attended the event.

Councilmember Cagle reported that Ms. Henson, who serves on the City's Library Board, has been sick and asked for prayers for her and her family.

Mayor Williams reported that the East Ridge Police Department Jump into Safety event was held on June 7. He noted the recent passing of retired East Ridge Police Captain Mullinax, who served the department for over 27 years, and extended condolences to his family and friends. Mayor Williams also announced several upcoming events and programs hosted by the East Ridge Parks and Recreation Department and the Library.

**Communication from City Manager:**

City Manager Miller reported that the stone veneer installation on the west side of the multi-purpose event center has been completed. Window framework is currently being installed. Interior framing of the west low bay is expected to be completed this week, with work on the east low bay scheduled to begin next week. Decking is anticipated to begin the following Monday.

Mr. Miller also reported that a Notice to Proceed will be issued to Pillar Construction later month for the Community Center expansion project. The Parks and Recreation Department has temporarily relocated its offices and operations during the renovations.

**Old Business:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1221 – 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 6510 RINGGOLD ROAD, TAX MAP #169L-M-017 AND TAX MAP #169L-M-017.01, FROM C-1 TOURISM COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO C-4 PLANNED COMMERCE CENTER DISTRICT (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

City Attorney Litchford read the ordinance by caption.

Chief Building Official Howell stated that this request is to support a mixed-use redevelopment project that includes demolishing the existing front motel building along Ringgold Road to construct a new retail strip center and converting the rear two motel buildings into an 80-unit apartment community.

It was moved by Councilmember Ezell and seconded by Councilmember Witt to approve Ordinance No. 1221.

There being no discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote to approve Ordinance No. 1221. All voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1222 – 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 AN UNADDRESSED PROPERTY, TAX MAP #169E-D-008, FROM C-4 PLANNED COMMERCE CENTER DISTRICT TO RZ-1 ZERO LOT LINE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

City Attorney Litchford read the ordinance by caption.

Chief Building Official Howell stated that this is a request to rezone approximately 10 acres within the Gateway Development to construct 68 single-family homes on zero-lot line parcels.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Tyler and seconded by Councilmember Ezell to approve Ordinance No. 1222.

Councilmember Cagle asked whether the developer submitted their investment to the Border Region for the 10.1 acres being considered for rezoning.

Kenny Custer, applicant for the rezoning, responded that while all expenses for the entire 100-acre property can be submitted under the Border Region agreement, reimbursement is based on revenue generation. Although residential homes are excluded, infrastructure serving the overall development is eligible.

Following further discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote to approve Ordinance No. 1222. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes, Councilmember Cagle – no, Councilmember Ezell – yes, Councilmember Witt – yes, Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1223 – 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 6419 MCCALL ROAD, TAX MAP #169E-D-005, FROM R-2 DUPLEX DISTRICT TO C-4 PLANNED COMMERCE CENTER DISTRICT (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

City Attorney Litchford read the ordinance by caption.

Chief Building Official Howell stated this rezoning request is for the last remaining parcel on McCall Road to be incorporated into the Gateway Development.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Tyler and seconded by Councilmember Ezell to approve Ordinance No. 1223.

There being no discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote to approve Ordinance No. 1223. All voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1224 – 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 3210 ARDIAN TRAIL, TAX MAP #168C-J-005, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT**

City Attorney Litchford read the ordinance by caption.

Chief Building Official Howell stated that the purpose of the rezoning is to use the property as storage for school buses. He reviewed the compatibility challenges and stated that granting this request would be spot zoning.

Buddy Presley, the attorney representing the property owner, stated that the buses have been parked at the property for over twenty (20) years and that this rezoning request was prompted by a violation notice. Mr. Presley cited a Tennessee Supreme Court case from 1983 regarding spot zoning and provided the Councilmembers with letters from Hamilton County Emergency Services & Homeland Security, Hamilton County School Board, and residents supporting the rezoning.

Phil Darling, 3211 Ardian Trail, expressed support for the rezoning request.

Ron Renegar, 1105 Tamarack Trail, expressed support for the rezoning request.

Councilmember Ezell asked if the buses were parked at the property at the time inspections were conducted for the installation of a pool at the property. Chief Building Official Howell responded that when viewing historical imagery on Google Earth he can see that one school bus is shown at the property on January 24, 2012, and seven school buses are shown at the property in February 24, 2025.

Following further discussion, Mayor Williams closed the public hearing.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1224 - 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 3210 ARDIAN TRAIL, TAX MAP #168C-J-005, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (1st Reading)**

City Attorney Litchford read the ordinance by caption.

It was moved by Councilmember Witt and seconded by Vice Mayor Tyler to deny Ordinance No. 1224.

Councilmember Witt noted that on February 22, 2024, the City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 3517 to protect the R-1 zoning and emphasized the importance of maintaining consistency.

Councilmember Cagle asked whether an amendment could be made to allow a temporary exception. City Attorney Litchford advised that an alternative motion to table can be made.

Following further discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote to deny Ordinance No. 1224. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes, Councilmember Cagle – no, Councilmember Ezell – no, Councilmember Witt – yes, Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 1224 denied on first reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1225 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2025 AT THE RATE OF \$0.7993 PER ONE-HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE (1st Reading)**

City Attorney Litchford read the ordinance by caption.

City Manager Miller stated that the certified tax rate was received and due to a substantial increase in assessed valuation, the rate was reduced from \$1.25 to \$0.7993.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Tyler and seconded by Councilmember Witt to approve Ordinance No. 1225.

During discussion of the tax rate, funding for the CARTA Care-a-Van service was discussed. Further discussion continued under discussion of Ordinance No. 1226.

Following no further discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote to approve Ordinance No. 1225. All voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1226 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, MAKING AND FIXING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026 (1st Reading)**

City Attorney Litchford read the ordinance by caption.

It was moved by Councilmember Witt and seconded by Vice Mayor Tyler to approve Ordinance No. 1226.

City Manager Miller requested direction from the City Council on two funding options for the CARTA Care-a-Van service: reduce the City's appropriations and limit trips for medical, dental, and dialysis only; or increase the City's appropriation and continue allowing all trip types as has been done in the past.

Councilmember Cagle expressed support for increasing the City's appropriation to continue offering the service without restrictions. Mayor Williams stated that the Care-a-Van service is needed and noted that not everyone is able to order items online for delivery. Vice Mayor Tyler stated that he would like the service to continue but prefers limiting the types of trips allowed.

Following further discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote to approve Ordinance No. 1226. All voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1227 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND TITLE 17, REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 122, OF THE EAST RIDGE MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE SANITATION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT (1st Reading)**

City Attorney Litchford read the ordinance by caption.

City Manager Miller stated that the sanitation assessment is the primary revenue source for the sanitation budget and reviewed the key factors driving the proposed increase. He recommended a \$2 per month increase for both residential and commercial properties. He provided cost estimates for notifying residents and businesses of the proposed increase and requested direction from the Council on the preferred notification process.

It was moved by Councilmember Witt and seconded by Vice Mayor Tyler to approve Ordinance No. 1227.

Vice Mayor Tyler stated that his preference for notification is a press release and social media posts. Councilmember Cagle expressed support for sending a postcard. Councilmember Witt stated she was in favor of issuing a press release. Councilmember Ezell stated he would defer to City Manager Miller regarding the appropriate method of notification. Mayor Williams expressed support for using social media posts.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote to approve Ordinance No. 1227. All voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1228 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 OPERATING BUDGET, ORDINANCE NO. 1206, BY CHANGING THE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OF VARIOUS FUNDS (1st Reading)**

City Attorney Litchford read the ordinance by caption.

Finance Director Qualls reported that this is the final budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2025, adjusting revenues and expenditures across the General Fund, Grant Fund, Solid Waste Fund, Capital Projects Fund, and ARPA Fund.

It was moved by Councilmember Witt and seconded by Vice Mayor Tyler to approve Ordinance No. 1228.

There being no discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote to approve Ordinance No. 1228. All voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3693 – A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MEMORIALIZING AN APPOINTMENT BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDREA WITT TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM ON THE EAST RIDGE BEER BOARD**

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution by caption.

Councilmember Witt thanked Josh Walker for his service on the Beer Board and appointed Janet Middleton to serve the remainder of the unexpired term through November 26, 2026.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Tyler and seconded by Councilmember Ezell to approve Resolution No. 3693.

There being no discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 3693. All voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3694 – A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH HAMILTON COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT AUTHORITY RELATIVE TO A 30-FT EASEMENT LOCATED AT 905 YALE STREET, TAX MAP NUMBER 169C-C-001**

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution by caption.

City Attorney Litchford stated that this resolution pertains to an easement recorded on a plat dated July 10, 2024 and explained that the agreement outlines the responsibilities of both parties regarding the easement.

It was moved by Councilmember Witt and seconded by Vice Mayor Tyler to approve Resolution No. 3694.

There being no discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 3694. All voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion of Tentative Agenda for the June 26, 2025, City Council Meeting (see Attachment A)**

**Old Business**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1224 – 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 3210 ARDIAN TRAIL, TAX MAP #168C-J-005, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (2nd Reading)**

Mayor Williams stated Ordinance No. 1224 did not pass on first reading and will be removed from the agenda.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1225 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2025 AT THE RATE OF \$0.7993 PER ONE-HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE**

No discussion.

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No discussion.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1226 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, MAKING AND FIXING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026**

No discussion.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1226 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, MAKING AND FIXING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026 (2nd Reading)**

City Manager Miller stated that the appropriations for the CARTA Care-a-Van service will need to be finalized.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1227 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND TITLE 17, REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 122, OF THE EAST RIDGE MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE SANITATION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT**

No discussion.

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No discussion.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1228 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 OPERATING BUDGET, ORDINANCE NO. 1206, BY CHANGING THE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OF VARIOUS FUNDS (2nd Reading)**

No discussion.

**New Business**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - Approval of a bid for masonry sand for the Parks and Recreation Department**

City Manager Miller stated that this is the annual bid for the sand to be used for our field maintenance at Camp Jordan Park.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - Approval of Maintenance Agreement with Trane for the East Ridge Animal Shelter**

City Manager Miller stated that Trane is the HVAC system installed at the animal shelter and that the one-year warranty is nearing expiration. He recommended entering into a five-year maintenance agreement with Trane.

Councilmember Cagle asked if the service would occur once per year. City Manager Miller responded that Trane would perform multiple service visits per year.

Councilmember Cagle asked whether repair costs are included in the agreement. City Manager Miller clarified that parts are not covered in the maintenance agreement.

Mayor Williams asked whether all the issues with the HVAC system at the animal shelter have been resolved. Police Chief Uselton stated that the issues remain unresolved. Mayor Williams stated that the issues need to be resolved before the warranty ends and requested more information regarding the maintenance schedule.

Councilmember Ezell asked whether the concrete work on John Ross Road is part of the paving project. City Manager Miller confirmed that it is and stated the project may appear on the next agenda for approval. He explained that the project was rebid and the one bid that was received was approximately \$147,000 over the appropriated amount for the project. He further stated that if the City chooses not to proceed with the project, then the City must reimburse the State and cover the engineering costs incurred.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the June 12, 2025, Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of East Ridge was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR

  
CITY CLERK

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

**June 26, 2025  
6:00 p.m.**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to the meeting notice on June 26, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the East Ridge City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order.

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

**Present:** Mayor Brian Williams, Vice Mayor David Tyler, Councilmember Jacky Cagle, Councilmember Jeff Ezell, Councilmember Andrea Witt, City Manager Scott Miller, City Attorney Mark Litchford, and Finance Director / Deputy City Clerk Diane Qualls

**Attendance:** Fifteen

**Approval of Minutes June 12, 2025:**

Councilmember Witt made motion to approve June 12, 2025, minute. Second by Vice Mayor Tyler. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote. All voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**Communication from Citizens:**

Mack Hughes, 1108 Greenslake Road, expressed his concerns for the condition of various streets in the City.

**Communication from Councilmembers:**

Councilmember Cagle – Nothing at this time.

Vice Mayor Tyler – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Witt – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Ezell – Nothing at this time

Mayor Williams reported that the Fall Festival will be September 27-28, 2025.

**Communication from City Manager:**

- The resurfacing program for FY 2025 began today and should be complete in 4–5 weeks.
- The City has received a grant from the TN Department of Agriculture to help with the City's spay and neuter program.
- There is a new fraud going around that involves building permits. If anyone receives any emails or text, please call the City's Building and Codes Department and let them know.
- The stone veneer is almost complete on Venue 1921 and the roofing is also going on.
- Germantown Road will be closed this coming weekend.

**Old Business:**

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1225 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2025 AT THE RATE OF \$0.7993 PER ONE-HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE**

City Attorney Litchford read the ordinance by caption.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. City Manager Miller explained that since this was a reappraisal year and the homes in East Ridge increased that the certified tax rate must be revenue neutral. There being no discussion from the citizens, Mayor Williams closed the public hearing.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1255 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2025 AT THE RATE OF \$0.7993 PER ONE-HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

City Attorney Litchford read the ordinance by caption.

Vice Mayor Tyler moved to approve Ordinance 1225. Second by Councilmember Witt. Mayor Williams asked for roll call. All voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1226 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, MAKING AND FIXING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026**

City Attorney Litchford read the ordinance by caption.

City Manager Miller provided an overview of the budget:

- No tax or permit/license increases.
- Does not draw upon the fund balance to stabilize the general operating budget.
- Maintains a healthy unassigned fund balance.
- Three percent cost of living adjustment and 11% increase on health insurance.
- Two (2) new firefighters beginning in January 2026 and one (1) full time park attendant by converting two part time to one full time. Two (2) new employees to staff Venue 1921.
- General Fund Capital Outlay totaling \$ 761,242.
- Total of \$ 1.3 million for resurfacing in FY 2026.
- Sanitation fees increase by \$ 2 a month.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Williams closed the public hearing.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1226 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, MAKING AND FIXING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

City Attorney Litchford read the ordinance by caption.

Vice Mayor Tyler moved to approve Ordinance No. 1226. Second by Councilmember Witt. There being no further discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call. All voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1227 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSE TO AMEND TITLE 17, REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL CHAPTER 1, SECTION 122, OF THE EAST RIDGE MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE SANITATION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT**

City Attorney Litchford read the ordinance by caption.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. City Manager Miller explained that the fee has not been raised in over 10 years and the costs of providing this service to our citizens have increased due to various factors. There being no further discussion, Mayor Williams closed the public hearing.

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City Attorney Litchford read the ordinance by caption.

Councilmember Witt moved to approve Ordinance No. 1227. Second by Vice Mayor Tyler. There being no further discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote. All voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO 1228 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 OPERATING BUDGET, ORDINANCE NO. 1206, BY CHANGING THE REVENUES AND EXPENDITUES OF VARIOUS FUNDS (2<sup>nd</sup> reading)**

City Attorney Litchford read the ordinance by caption.

Finance Director Qualls stated that there have been no changes since first reading. Vice Mayor Tyler moved to approve Ordinance No. 1228. Second by Councilmember Witt. There being no further discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote. All voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3695 – A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING A BID FOR MASONRY SAND TO TOP DRESS ATHLETIC FIELDS AT CAMP JORDAN PARK FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution by caption.

Parks and Recreation Director Skiles reported that only one bid was received. The bid was submitted by T.J. Hunt, LLC for an amount of \$45.00 per ton.

Councilmember Witt moved to approve Resolution 3695. Second by Councilmember Ezell. There being no further discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call. All voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3696 – A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A FIVE-YEAR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH TRANE FOR HVAC SERVICES AT THE EAST RIDGE ANIMAL SHELTER**

City Manager Miller requested that Resolution No. 3696 be moved to the July 10, 2025 meeting to allow him to conduct more research. Council agreed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3697 – A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTING THE BID OF APAC-ATLANTIC, INC. D/B/A TALLEY CONSTRUCTION FOR THE RESURFACING OF JOHN ROSS ROAD**

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution by caption.

City staff requested approval of the bid from APAC-Atlantic, Inc. dba Talley Construction in the amount of \$750,016.13.

Vice Mayor Tyler moved to approve Resolution 3697. Second by Councilmember Witt. Following some discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call. All voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion of Tentative Agenda for the July 10, 2025, City Council Meeting (see Attachment A)**

**Old Business**

**RESOLUTION 3696 – A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A FIVE-YEAR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH TRANE FOR HVAC SERVICES AT THE EAST RIDGE ANIMAL SHELTER**

No discussion.

**New Business**

**Public hearing for Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_, Property located at 101 Kingwood Circle, Tax Map ID #168E-K – 003 rezone from R-1 Residential District to C-2 General Commercial District**

No discussion.

**Ordinance no. \_\_\_\_\_, Property located at 101 Kingwood Circle, Tax Map ID#168E-K-003, rezone from R-1 Residential District to C-2 General Commercial District**

No discussion.

**RESOLUTION NO. -Sign variance request for the property located at 6302 Ringgold Road.**

No discussion.

**Appeal for cleanup – 3714 Sullivan Avenue.**

No discussion.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the June 26, 2025, Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of East Ridge was adjourned.

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR

  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK