

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

**February 10, 2022
6:00 pm**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on February 10, 2022, 6:00 pm at East Ridge City Hall. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order.

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

Present were: Mayor Williams, Vice Mayor Chauncey, Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Helton, Councilmember Witt, City Manager Dorsey, City Attorney Litchford, and City Recorder Middleton.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes January 27, 2022 Council Meeting
- B. Approval of November 2021 Financial Report

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

Communication from Citizens:

The Mayor announced the Council would have the public hearings for the rezonings under New Business at the next meeting.

Carter Day, 1906 Prigmore, asked about short-term rentals for his property and R-1 zoning. He asked what determines a R-1 zoning. Mr. Litchford explained that R-1 is single family residential, which does not allow short-term rentals. Mr. Day asked if the zoning could change, and Mr. Litchford stated he could submit a zoning change to the Building Department.

David Tyler, 4701 Fountain Avenue, thanked Amish Patel, for the owners of the Budgetel being willing to meet with citizens about the possible rezoning. After hearing Mr. Patel's proposal regarding remodeling of the Budgetel, he stated he is opposed to the rezoning.

Communication from Councilmember:

Vice Mayor Chauncey had nothing at this time.

Councilmembers Cagle, Helton, and Witt had nothing at this time.

Mayor Williams discussed the following:

- No January employee milestones.

- Library
 - February 1 – 28 – the Library will have a teen art contest for ages 12 – 18.
 - March 2 – Birthday Celebration of Dr. Suess.
 - March 8 and every 2nd Tuesday after – Spice Club will meet to share recipes.
- The Mayor discussed removing partitions in the Council room and going back to pre-covid protocols for meetings. There were no objections. He also stated we would record the meetings but there would be no live feed.

Communication from City Manager:

- Park and splashpad
 - We are filling with dirt and spreading grass seed.
 - We are working on parking lot and compacting the mulch.
 - We could possibly open the playground in two months and the splashpad possibly in May.
- Dog Park
 - Fencing and benches are installed.
 - The water lines have been run to the park.
 - Approval to order equipment is on tonight’s agenda.
- Police Chief Allen came forward to discuss the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics taking place at Finley Stadium at 11:30 on Saturday, February 12th. The Chief will take the “plunge” and has raised over \$1,100, with one employee donating \$750.
- We are having problems with our leaf trucks and automated trucks. Mr. Dorsey sent Sanitation Supervisor Parker to Chattanooga to look at their equipment and possibly get their specifications to bid out a truck or purchase one through one of the purchasing alliances of which we are a member.
- The Request for Proposals for the McBrien site is due February 24, 2022.
- Mr. Dorsey discussed the United States Amateur Soccer Association soccer tournament planned for July. They already have rooms booked and have 30 teams committed to participating. They have also been working with Tim Morgan, with the Chattanooga Sports Committee, on this tournament. Since the City does not have a management agreement yet with the Red Wolves, he needs to get the contract under the City of East Ridge’s name in order to keep the tournament here.
- Mr. Dorsey discussed Soccer Shots, a program for 2–5-year-olds to learn the basics of soccer. This was originally being arranged by the Red Wolves, but since we do not have a management contract with them at this time, Mr. Dorsey is handling the program.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1155 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 OPERATING BUDGET, ORDINANCE NO. 1147, BY CHANGING THE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE GENERAL FUND, GRANT FUND, DRUG FUND, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND, SOLID WASTE FUND, DEBT SERVICE FUND, CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND, AND TO CREATE THE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT FUND (2nd and final reading) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Finance Director Qualls stated there have been no changes since first reading. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Chauncey, to approve Ordinance No. 1155 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

New Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1152 – 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 1410 N. MACK SMITH ROAD, TAX MAP #169L-L-002, FROM C-1 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO R-3 RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT DISTRICT (1st reading – tabled 11/11/21) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mayor Williams stated first reading of this ordinance was tabled on November 11, 2021. There was a public hearing that night, followed later by a public meeting sponsored by the developers. He and the City Manager went to Rome, Georgia to visit a facility that the same developers had remodeled into apartments. Council approved the ordinance being brought off the table in the January 27th meeting and set for first reading tonight. Vice Mayor Chauncey, made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to deny Ordinance No. 1152 on first reading. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Chauncey - yes; Councilmember Cagle - yes; Councilmember Helton - no; Councilmember Witt - yes; Mayor Williams - yes. Motion to deny was approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 1156 – 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 PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 930 AND 931 HURST STREET, 1000 AND 1004 FLOYD DRIVE, 6517 MCCALL ROAD, AND 1403 MACK SMITH ROAD, FROM R-2 RESIDENTIAL DUPLEX DISTRICT, C-1 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, AND O-2 HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTION DISTRICT TO C-4 PLANNED COMMERCE CENTER DISTRICT (1st reading) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mr. Litchford stated this is to rezone properties adjacent to the Red Wolves property. Councilmember Helton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Ordinance No. 1156 on first reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 1157 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED AT THE 900 BLOCK OF HURST STREET, A PORTION OF TAX MAP NOS. 169E-C-001, 169E-D-007 AND 169E-D-007.01 AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS (1st reading) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. City Attorney Litchford stated this is the northern section of Hurst Street, which is already a dead end. The abandonment will allow a natural connection between Floyd Drive and Hurst Street. Kenny Custer, Asa Engineering, 714 Cherry Street, stated the abandonment will clean up the lines when it is platted and surveyed. Vice Mayor Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Ordinance No. 1157 on first reading. City Manager Dorsey recommended installing buffers. Mr. Custer stated buffers are already required in C-4 zoning. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 1158 – 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 495 CAMP JORDAN PARKWAY, TAX MAP #170I-A-037.09, FROM C-1 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO O-2 HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTION DISTRICT (1st reading) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mr. Litchford stated this would allow for an emergency medical facility just outside of Camp Jordan.

It is an extension of Parkridge Hospital. Vice Mayor Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Helton, to approve Ordinance No. 1158 on first reading. Ethan Wood, 115 Cedar Lane, with Exit I Developers, stated that Parkridge has a 15 - 20-year lease for the property. He also stated in the event the emergency facility no longer operates, the property would revert back to C-1 Commercial. He asked that this be reflected in the ordinance. Mr. Litchford can add that as Section 2 in the ordinance if approved. Vice Mayor Chauncey and Councilmember Helton withdrew their motion and second. Vice Mayor Chauncey then made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Helton to approve Ordinance 1158 on first reading and add a Section 2 with the right of reversion back to C-1 Commercial if the emergency facility no longer operates. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 1159 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 4 OF THE EAST RIDGE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO MUNICIPAL PERSONNEL (1st reading) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Human Resources Manager Sinigaglio stated Title 4 contains five chapters that have been updated. Some information has out-of-date terminology in Title 4. Ms. Sinigaglio introduced Betsy Cunningham with MTAS who has been working on the revisions. Mr. Dorsey stated if this ordinance is approved, it will remove the personnel section from the City Code. In the future, when changes are made, they will be approved by Resolution. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Chauncey, to approve Ordinance No. 1159 on first reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3237 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE AGILITY EQUIPMENT FOR THE DOG PARK FROM PLAY AND PARK STRUCTURES (A PLAYCORE COMPANY) THROUGH THE OMNIA PARTNERS PURCHASING COOPERATIVE - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mr. Dorsey stated the equipment cost is \$16,447.45 with a freight cost of \$3,277.89, which could vary, for a total of \$19,725.34. Alex Harrison, with Parks and Recreation, explained what each piece of equipment is. Vice Mayor Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 3237. Mr. Chauncey stated that someone also donated a dog waste station. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3238 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT A 2022 APPLICATION FOR STATE PARTNERSHIP GRANT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATING THERETO - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mr. Litchford stated the City may apply for this grant to be used for infrastructure, with the deadline being tomorrow at noon to submit the application. This would be a direct appropriation grant from the State with no city funds, no property taxes, or local option taxes involved. It is separate and apart from the Border Region funds. The state does not grant money directly to the developer, it goes through the City, so the City has to submit the application. There is no matching amount from the City that we know of. The grant would be administered by the Industrial Development Board (“IDB”).

Kenny Custer, 714 Cherry St., Chattanooga, TN, representing Asa Engineering, stated that the east end of the sewer system runs through the Red Wolves site. This will be a large expense. He stated that Phase I investment has been \$140 million. Councilmember Helton made a

motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Chauncey, to approve Resolution No. 3238. Councilmember Witt asked how the payouts work. Mr. Custer stated that certain benchmarks must be met, then payouts would be paid through the IDB to Star Community Buildings, not Sterling Holdings, the property owner. Ms. Witt also asked if there is any liability to the City. Mr. Litchford does not know but will get an answer from the Comptroller.

Jeff Sikes, Asa Engineering, 714 Cherry Street, stated they have identified approximately 33 million in Phase I that qualifies for the grant. Mr. Litchford will work with Mr. Custer and Mr. Sikes to clarify the details of all the costs. Mayor Williams stated this is the largest investment in the City and is a great thing for East Ridge. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Mr. Litchford stated this item will go before the IDB on February 17th and if approved, would come before Council on February 24th.

Approval of Design and Façade Materials for District A and District B Package Liquor Stores – Mr. Dorsey stated representatives from both liquor stores are present to talk about design, site plan, façade, and materials used in construction. Nasar Gonzalia, 70003 Majestic Hill Drive, Chattanooga, TN was present representing Harsh Patel, who is building a liquor store in District A. The store will have a modern look, with stucco, glass, and solar panels. Mr. Dorsey stated the building official has approved the plans. Codes Enforcement Supervisor Ritchie stated the materials meet the ordinance standards. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Chauncey, to approve the design and façade materials for the liquor store in District A. Mayor Williams assigned Resolution No. 3239 to this item. City Attorney Litchford read a caption as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3239 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DESIGN AND FAÇADE MATERIALS FOR THE DISTRICT A LIQUOR STORE. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Mr. Dorsey asked Suhash Patel to speak regarding his liquor store in District B. He gave out pictures of the exterior which is stucco and stone. Mr. Patel stated the stucco is fiber cement, which is more premium in quality than regular stucco. He stated they are 47% complete on the project. Mr. Ritchie agreed that the fiber cement stucco is far superior to what is required in the ordinance. Mayor Williams assigned Resolution 3240 to this item and read the caption.

RESOLUTION NO. 3240 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DESIGN AND FAÇADE MATERIALS FOR THE DISTRICT B LIQUOR STORE - Vice Mayor Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 3240. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Discussion of Tentative Agenda Items for the February 24, 2022 Council Meeting (see Attachment A)

8. Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1152 – 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 1410 N. MACK SMITH ROAD, TAX MAP

#169L-L-002, FROM C-1 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO R-3 RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT DISTRICT (2nd and final reading) – Denied.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1156 – Rezone Properties 930 and 931 Hurst Street., 1000 and 1004 Floyd Drive, 6517 McCall Road, and 1403 Mack Smith Road

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PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1157 - Abandon dead end portion of Hurst Street

ORDINANCE NO. 1157 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED AT THE 900 BLOCK OF HURST STREET, A PORTION OF TAX MAP NOS. 169E-C-001, 169E-D-007 AND 169E-D-007.01 AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS (2nd and final reading) – No discussion

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE NO. 1158 – Rezone 495 Camp Jordan Parkway

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ORDINANCE NO. 1159 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 4 OF THE EAST RIDGE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO MUNICIPAL PERSONNEL – (2nd and final reading) – No discussion

9. New Business:

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Adopt Human Resources Manual – Ms. Sinigaglio will put updated copies in the Council boxes.

Mr. Litchford stated we should have a resolution for the development agreement with Star Community Buildings.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

Present were: Mayor Williams, Vice Mayor Chauncey, Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Helton, Councilmember Witt, City Manager Dorsey, City Attorney Litchford, and City Recorder Middleton.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes February 10, 2022 Council Meeting
- B. Approval of December 2021 Financial Report

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

Communication from Citizens: None

Communication from Councilmembers:

Councilmember Witt had nothing at this time.

Councilmember Helton gave the following update on the State Partnership Grant:

- We are working on about a 3-week timeline.
- We need to meet with the Commissioner of Revenue within the next week.
- House Members Budget Amendment is due in two weeks.
- Governor's Budget Amendment needs to be ready the 3rd week of March.

Ms. Helton stated we need to lobby now. We also need to get a solid development agreement and make progress within the next two weeks, or we will have to wait until 2023.

Vice Mayor Chauncey had nothing at this time.

Councilmember Cagle asked everyone to keep Denny Manning in their prayers after his recent surgery.

Mayor Williams reminded everyone about the cruise-in on Saturday, April 2nd at Camp Jordan.

Communication from City Manager:

Mr. Dorsey stated he has been working from home after his recent surgery. He also stated the vacuum truck has finished picking up leaves on the south side and is at Hibbler Circle moving west.

Old Business:

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1156 – Rezone Properties 930 and 931 Hurst Street., 1000 and 1004 Floyd Drive, 6517 McCall Road, and 1403 Mack Smith Road – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. Kenny Custer, Asa Engineering, 714 Cherry Street, Chattanooga, TN stated this will bring several different zonings into conformity. No one else came forward in favor of or in opposition to the rezoning. Mayor Williams closed the public hearing.

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PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1157 - Abandon dead end portion of Hurst Street - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. Kenny Custer, Asa Engineering, 714 Cherry Street, Chattanooga, TN stated they own all properties surrounding the dead end at Hurst Street. He stated they will provide Type C screening on the property. No one else came forward in favor of or in opposition to the abandonment. Mayor Williams closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCE NO. 1157 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED AT THE 900 BLOCK OF HURST STREET, A PORTION OF TAX MAP NOS. 169E-C-001, 169E-D-007 AND 169E-D-007.01 AS DETAILED ON THE ATTACHED MAP, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS (2nd and final reading) – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mr. Custer thanked Council for the time they have spent on all these cases. He will get with City Attorney Litchford regarding the survey and other documentation. Vice Mayor Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Helton, to approve Ordinance No. 1157 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE NO. 1158 – Rezone 495 Camp Jordan Parkway – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. Mr. Litchford stated this rezoning is to construct an emergency facility just outside Camp Jordan. No one came forward in favor of or in opposition to the rezoning. The Mayor closed the public hearing.

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ORDINANCE NO. 1159 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE TO AMEND TITLE 4 OF THE EAST RIDGE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO MUNICIPAL PERSONNEL – (2nd and final reading) – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. City Manager Dorsey stated staff has been working with MTAS to update the personnel manual which is currently under Title 4. Title 4 will be amended to delete all sections as they pertain to personnel. Changes to the Human Resources Manual can be made by resolution. Human Resources Manager Sinigaglio discussed the benefits of having a handbook. Betsy Cunningham, with MTAS was also present to answer questions regarding the manual. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Chauncey, to approve Ordinance No. 1159 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

New Business:

RESOLUTION NO. 3241 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE APPROVING THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE HUMAN RESOURCES MANUAL - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. City Manager Dorsey stated this is the second step in the process. In the future, the manual can be changed by resolution of Council. Vice Mayor Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 3241. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION 3242 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2022 FREIGHTLINER AUTOMATIC DUAL STEER WITH PAC-MAC LV-25 CUBIC YARD LEAF MACHINE TOTALING \$250,000.00, FROM STRINGFELLOW EQUIPMENT COMPANY UTILIZING THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT, MEMBERSHIP NO. 99529 – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mr. Dorsey stated this truck could be operated by one employee. We will declare the “red” leaf vacuum as surplus, and the “yellow” leaf vacuum will be a backup. We had \$157,520 reimbursement from FEMA from tornado debris pick up in 2020. We will use \$92,000+ from the fund balance. Vice Mayor Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to approve Resolution No. 3242. Mayor Williams asked if this was a cab version rather than a trailer. Mr. Dorsey stated it is. He also asked if the two old vacuums are the same or similar. Mr. Dorsey is not sure but there are a few parts that are similar. Sanitation Supervisor Parker will salvage parts from both the old vacuums. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3243 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF ONE SANITATION VEHICLE TOTALING \$266,000.00 FROM STRINGFELLOW EQUIPMENT COMPANY UTILIZING THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT, MEMBERSHIP NO. 99529 – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. City Manager Dorsey stated this will replace a truck that was wrecked and totaled. We received \$164,947 from the insurance company. The remainder will come from the Solid Waste fund balance in the amount of \$101,053. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle , to approve Resolution No. 3243. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Discussion of Management Agreement for Soccer – City Manager Dorsey stated he would like to inform and get guidance from Council regarding two soccer contracts, a senior soccer tournament and the Soccer Shots. We are still in negotiations with the Red Wolves regarding a field management agreement and hope to get one finalized soon. Once finalized, TDEC would have to approve. The first agreement Council approved did not get TDEC approval. We are receiving numerous requests from volleyball, lacrosse, Ultimate Frisbee, and other soccer events for use of the fields.

Vice Mayor Chauncey stated he would like for the city to move forward because we cannot hold up recreation. Councilmember Helton would like to wait until March 10th to see if we can get a contract. Councilmember Witt stated we should move forward and not wait on the contract. Councilmember Cagle believes the City would make more money by managing our own fields. He also stated the Red Wolves have not renewed their field enhancement agreement and the agreement has expired. He does not think we should do another contract with them when they are not honoring the ones they have already. Mayor Williams agreed that we need to move forward with scheduling the fields.

Discussion of Tentative Agenda Items for the March 10, 2022 Council Meeting

3. Employee Milestone Awards for February 2022

The Mayor would like to add a presentation from the Girl Scouts at OLPH to East Ridge Animal Services

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business:

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. ____ - Rezone 1023 S. Seminole Dr. and an unaddressed property in the 3000 block of Ringgold Road

ORDINANCE NO. ____ - Rezoning 1023 S. Seminole Dr. and an unaddressed property in the 3000 block of Ringgold Road from R-1 Residential District, O-1 Office District and C-2 General Commercial District to R-3 Apartment District – Chief Building Official Howell stated this would be three stand-alone apartment buildings with 72 units. Planning Commission approved.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. ____ Rezone 1503 and 1509 McDonald Road

ORDINANCE NO. ____ - Rezoning 1503 and 1509 McDonald Road from C-1 Commercial District and C-2 General Commercial District to M-3 Warehouse and Wholesale District - Mr. Howell stated if approved, the Waverly Motel would be demolished, and a self-storage facility would be constructed. Mr. Dorsey and Mayor Williams asked if outdoor storage or parking for boats, RVs would be included. Mr. Howell stated he has not seen the full site plan but will check with Kenny Custer with Asa Engineering for more information. He stated that the Planning Commission approved the request.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Approval to waive the fee for the use of Camp Jordan Arena for a RAM clinic to be held September 8-10, 2023 – Shawna Skiles, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation stated that Bob Nevil with RAM has requested use of the Area for the RAM clinic in 2023. RAM provides dental, medical, and vision services on site for free. Staff recommends waiving the fee. The Mayor stated this is an amazing clinic which provides services for East Ridge and the surrounding areas. Councilmember Witt thanked the East Ridge ROTC for helping set up the event.

Discussion of N. Mack Smith Road enhancements – The Mayor stated that everyone received a copy of renderings for the Gateway development. The Mayor also requested cost estimates for the project. City Attorney Litchford has also talked with Jeff Sikes, Asa Engineering regarding hiring a consultant for purchase of right-of-way. Mr. Sikes also recommended Steve Myers to do a traffic study. Councilmember Cagle asked to get a hard copy of the renderings that were provided. Mr. Litchford will email copies to the City Recorder in order to get copies made.

Finance Director Qualls would like to add an ordinance for a budget amendment for the March 10, 2022 meeting.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.