

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

**August 14, 2025
6:00 p.m.**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to the meeting notice on August 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the East Ridge City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order.

Charles Cochran, East Ridge Church of Christ, 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-nine

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilmember Witt moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilmember Ezell. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Communication from Citizens

Joe Wilson, 607 South Moore Road, expressed concern regarding the flooding from the recent storms.

Gail Phillips, 3906 North Mission Oaks Drive, announced the Jones Memorial United Methodist Church BBQ and Bake Sale on September 20, 2025.

Councilmember Jacky Cagle addressed the City Council as a resident and requested that the City inspect the ditches to determine who is responsible for the maintenance. City Manager Miller stated that many of the ditches are on private property. City Attorney Litchford stated that property owner permission would be required.

Charles McCullough, 1214 Reeves Avenue, stated that the plat indicates the ditch on Reeves Avenue is an easement and asked about adopting an ordinance requiring residents to maintain their respective areas of drainage ditches.

Communication from Councilmembers

Councilmember Cagle had no comments.

Vice Mayor Tyler stated that the drainage ditch referenced by Mr. Wilson also runs behind his property and stated that the City should explore possible measures to address possible blockage issues.

Councilmember Witt stated that the Environmental Protection Agency may need to be involved regarding the mainline ditch.

Councilmember Ezell reported that a resident on Springvale Road experienced approximately five feet of water in his garage. He recommended a review of recent development and to consider adjustments to improve water flow.

Mayor Williams reported the following:

- Mayor Williams, City Manager Miller, and Police Chief Uselton met with the Hamilton County Emergency Management Office and Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA). Hamilton County Mayor Wamp toured areas that were impacted by the flood.
- Expressed appreciation to the first responders for their heroic actions during the flooding event.
- The City is coordinating with TEMA to pursue disaster assistance, and he requested that all property owners who experienced storm-related damage contact City Hall.

- Thoughts and prayers for the four people who lost their lives during the flooding event.
- Announced that the City is compiling information from organizations and individuals willing to assist residents affected by flooding.

Mayor Williams invited Fire Chief Williams and Police Chief Uselton to provide a briefing on the flooding event.

Chief Williams reported that a Unified Command Post was established at Station 1 with assistance from multiple mutual aid agencies. First responders evacuated over 60 people, conducted 19 water rescues and rescued over 10 animals.

Chief Uselton reported that the East Ridge Police Department responded to more than 160 calls during the flooding event, many of which required multiple officers to respond, and provided assistance on Interstate 24 when it was closed due to the flooding incident.

Communication from City Manager

City Manager Miller reported the following:

- Several feet of water mixed with oil in the pits of Valvoline during the flooding. The resulting runoff flowed across Pioneer Park and the splash pad, requiring both to be closed.
- A driver services kiosk is now available in the City Hall atrium at no cost to the City.
- The WWTA's contractor is working on manholes to prevent water intrusion. John Ross Road will be closed on August 18, 2025, for the excavation of a covered manhole and the installation of a new manhole.

Old Business

NONE

New Business

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1230 - 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 842 SOUTH GERMANTOWN ROAD, TAX MAP #168D-H-006 FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. City Attorney Litchford read the ordinance on caption.

Chief Building Official Howell stated the rezoning request is to establish a permanent medical clinic. He noted that Council may wish to consider a zoning condition limiting the use to a medical clinic.

Aline Defiglia, applicant for the rezoning, requested that the use not be limited.

Patricia Waggoner, a neighboring resident, stated she has no objection to the rezoning.

Mayor Williams closed the public hearing.

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City Attorney Litchford read the ordinance on caption.

Councilmember Witt moved to approve Ordinance No. 1230, seconded by Vice Mayor Tyler. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1231 - 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 1171 SOUTH SEMINOLE DRIVE, TAX MAP #168C-F-026, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO RZ-1 ZERO LOT LINE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. City Attorney Litchford read the ordinance on caption.

Chief Building Official Howell stated this request is to allow construction of two single-family dwellings on the lot and reviewed the compatibility challenges.

Wayne Williams, Workshop Architecture, 1420 McCallie Ave, stated that the property had several nuisance complaints prior to his clients purchasing the property and that his clients would like to build two single-family homes on the property to provide the financial incentive to improve the property.

Councilmember Ezell asked if the existing house would be demolished. Mr. Williams confirmed that it would.

Mayor Williams asked about the lot size and density. Chief Building Official Howell responded that the lot is 0.31 acres. He stated the current density is three dwelling units per acre, and if approved, the density would increase.

Charles McCullough, 1214 Reeves Avenue, expressed opposition and stated concern regarding the two driveways.

Mayor Williams closed the public hearing.

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City Attorney Litchford read the resolution on caption.

Councilmember Witt moved to deny Ordinance No. 1231, seconded by Councilmember Ezell. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3714 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH ER INVESTMENT, LLC, RELATING TO A PROJECT IN THE BORDER REGION RETAIL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATING THERETO

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution on caption.

City Attorney Litchford stated that the development includes three units including a restaurant, convenience store and a laundromat. The Industrial Development Board voted unanimously to approve the agreement.

Vice Mayor Tyler moved to approve Resolution No. 3714, seconded by Councilmember Ezell. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3715 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER REQUEST NO. 5 FOR THE NORTH MACK SMITH ROAD WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FOR MODIFICATIONS TO SIX DRAINAGE STRUCTURES

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution on caption.

Jeff Sikes, ASA Engineering, stated that six drainage structures need to be lowered due to an oversight during the review process. He stated that ASA Engineering will reimburse the City for costs if the project exceeds budget.

Councilmember Witt moved to approve Resolution No. 3715, seconded by Vice Mayor Tyler. Following further discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3716 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SIX FORD INTERCEPTOR SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES FROM LONNIE COBB FORD THROUGH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES STATEWIDE CONTRACT LISTING #209, PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED 12-3-1201(b), FOR USE BY THE EAST RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution on caption.

Chief Uselton stated the Police Department is requesting to purchase six patrol vehicles for front-line officers.

Vice Mayor Tyler moved to approve Resolution No. 3716, seconded by Councilmember Witt. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3717 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THIRTEEN PATROL RIFLE PACKAGES FOR THE EAST RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM TROY INDUSTRIES IN THE AMOUNT \$23,114

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution on caption.

Chief Uselton stated the Police Department is requesting authorization to purchase 13 patrol rifle packages that include suppressors to replace rifles that are approaching 20 years old.

Councilmember Witt moved to approve Resolution No. 3717, seconded by Vice Mayor Tyler. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3718 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A FIREARMS TRAINING SIMULATOR FOR THE EAST RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,030.41

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution on caption.

Chief Uselton stated the Police Department is requesting authorization to purchase a firearms training simulator and noted that the system integrates with the department's current weapons.

Vice Mayor Tyler moved to approve Resolution No. 3718, seconded by Councilmember Witt. Following brief discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3719 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DR. JESSICA PRUITT TO PROVIDE VETERINARY SERVICES FOR THE EAST RIDGE ANIMAL SHELTER

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution on caption.

Chief Uselton stated the agreement is to provide veterinary services two times per week at the Animal Shelter.

Councilmember Witt moved to approve Resolution No. 3719, seconded by Vice Mayor Tyler.

Councilmember Ezell asked if surgeries would be performed. Chief Uselton responded that surgeries would be performed by an outside veterinarian. City Manager Miller added that the shelter does not have a surgery room.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3720 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF EDRAULIC RESCUE TOOLS FROM MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES (MES) THROUGH THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, CONTRACT #020124

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution on caption.

Chief Williams stated that the purchase of rescue tools is included in this fiscal year's budget in the amount of \$61,862.00. Since the adoption of the budget, the price has increased to \$65,202.48. The Fire Department is requesting Council approve the purchase of the rescue tools in the amount of \$65,202.48.

Vice Mayor Tyler moved to approve Resolution No. 3720, seconded by Councilmember Ezell. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3721 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TEN SETS OF TURNOUT GEAR FOR THE EAST RIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM NAFECO THROUGH THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, CONTRACT #010424-LIO

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution on caption.

Chief Williams stated that the Fire Department is requesting to purchase turnout gear in the amount of \$39,960.00.

Councilmember Witt moved to approve Resolution No. 3721, seconded by Vice Mayor Tyler. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes, Councilmember Cagle – yes, Councilmember Ezell – yes, Councilmember Witt – yes, Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3722 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A FY2026 LEANING INTO COMMUNITIES GRANT APPLICATION TO HAMILTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT FOR PHASE 1 OF THE SPRINGVALE PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND COMMITTING LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS CONTINGENT UPON AWARD

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution on caption.

Development Administrator McAllister stated City Administration is requesting authorization to apply for the Fiscal Year 2026 Leaning Into Communities Grant with a maximum award of \$250,000 and would require a matching amount from the City. He stated that the funding would support the implementation of Phase 1 of the Springvale Park Redevelopment Project.

Councilmember Witt moved to approve Resolution No. 3722, seconded by Vice Mayor Tyler.

Councilmember Ezell asked if this grant is solely for Springvale Park. City Manager Miller explained that while the City can apply for the grant to be used for any of the City's parks, this resolution authorizes submission of an application for the redevelopment of Springvale Park. Development Administrator McAllister added that the Master Plan that was adopted in January 2024 includes a section identifying long-term and short-term goals for Springvale

Park, which were used to create the strategic plan for the grant application and submission of the application is for the redevelopment of Springvale Park.

Councilmember Ezell shared opposition he received from homeowners near Springvale Park.

Councilmember Cagle asked for clarification on whether authorizing the submission of the grant application commits the funds to a dog park at Springvale Park. City Manager Miller stated yes. Councilmember Cagle then asked if the grant money is not used at Springvale Park for a dog park, would the money have to be returned. City Manager Miller confirmed it would, explaining that the grant is site- and purpose-specific.

Mayor Williams stated that a citizen survey that was conducted showed that citizens would like to see park amenities in other locations outside of Camp Jordan Park.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3723 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING BIDS FOR ATHLETIC FIELD SUPPLIERS FOR SOCCER FIELDS AT CAMP JORDAN PARK FOR FY 2025–2026

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution on caption.

Parks and Recreation Director Skiles stated that the Parks and Recreation Department is requesting approval of bids for athletic field supplies for soccer fields at Camp Jordan Park for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Vice Mayor Tyler moved to approve Resolution No. 3723, seconded by Councilmember Ezell. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3724 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, MEMORIALIZING AN APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR BRIAN WILLIAMS TO THE EAST RIDGE PLANNING COMMISSION

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution on caption.

Mayor Williams announced his appointment of Casey Tuggle to the East Ridge Planning Commission.

Mayor Williams moved to approve Resolution No. 3724, memorializing his appointment of Casey Tuggle to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Vice Mayor Tyler. Following brief discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3725 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, MEMORIALIZING AN APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR BRIAN WILLIAMS TO THE EAST RIDGE HOUSING COMMISSION

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution on caption.

Williams announced his appointment of Wayne Thompson to the East Ridge Housing Commission.

Mayor Williams moved to approve Resolution No. 3725, memorializing his appointment of Wayne Thompson to the Housing Commission. Seconded by Vice Mayor Tyler. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3726 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, MEMORIALIZING AN APPOINTMENT BY COUNCILMEMBER JEFF EZELL TO THE EAST RIDGE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution on caption.

Councilmember Ezell announced his appointment of Tucker McClendon to the East Ridge Industrial Development Board.

Councilmember Ezell moved to approve Resolution No. 3726, memorializing his appointment of Tucker McClendon to the Industrial Development Board. Seconded by Councilmember Witt. Following brief discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Tentative Agenda for the August 28, 2025 City Council Meeting (see Attachment A)

ATTACHMENT A
TENTATIVE AGENDA
August 28, 2025

Old Business

ORDINANCE NO. 1230 - 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 842 SOUTH GERMANTOWN ROAD, TAX MAP #168D-H-006 FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (2nd READING)

No Discussion

ORDINANCE NO. 1231 - 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 1171 SOUTH SEMINOLE DRIVE, TAX MAP #168C-F-026 FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO RZ-1 ZERO LOT LINE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (2nd READING)

Mayor Williams stated that this item was denied on first reading and will be removed from the agenda.

New Business

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Authorizing the issuance of interest-bearing equipment acquisition capital outlay notes in an amount not to exceed \$400,000

City Manager Miller stated that this resolution authorizes the issuance of the capital acquisition note.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Approval of bid for an athletic field supplier for baseball and softball fields at Camp Jordan Park for FY 2025-2026

Director Skiles stated that the Parks and Recreation Department conducted a rebid for athletic field supplies for the baseball and softball fields at Camp Jordan Park. Sealed bids will be opened August 20, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Approval of bid for a trophy vendor to supply awards for various youth and adult sports programs managed by the Parks and Recreation Department

Director Skiles stated that sealed bids will be opened August 20, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Approval of bid for a professional sports photography services for various youth sports programs managed by the Parks and Recreation Department

Director Skiles stated that sealed bids will be opened August 20, 2025.

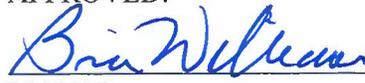
RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Approval of proposal for audio visual equipment and professional integration services for Venue 1921 at East Ridge

Director Skiles stated proposals were solicited for audio visual equipment and professional integration services.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the August 14, 2025, Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of East Ridge was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

APPROVED:


MAYOR


CITY CLERK

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Daniel Beard, Action Church, 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

Approval of Minutes August 14, 2025

Councilmember Witt moved to approve the August 14, 2025 minutes. Seconded by Vice Mayor Tyler.

Councilmember Ezell moved to amend the minutes to clarify that that the FY2026 Leaning Into Communities Grant application may be submitted for any of the City's parks, but the application will be submitted for the redevelopment of Springvale Park. Seconded by Councilmember Witt.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote to amend the minutes. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote to approve the amended minutes. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Communication from Citizens

Adam Foster, 3367 Adkins Road, Chattanooga, TN, a teacher at Spring Creek Elementary, requested a crossing guard for the school.

Janetta Patterson, 5153 Mimosa Circle, requested a crossing guard for Spring Creek Elementary.

Sarah Haddock, 4233 Belvoir Drive, expressed concerns about flooding from the ditch near 4229 Belvoir Drive, noting that sections of concrete in the ditch have collapsed.

Robert Higginbotham, 701 South Lovell Avenue, expressed concern regarding flooding and drainage issues.

Casey Conrad, 1308 Adonna Lane, requested a crossing guard for Spring Creek Elementary.

Police Chief Uselton and City Manager Miller addressed the crossing guard requests, noting that the City has consistently advertised for the position but has not received any qualified applicants.

At this time, City Attorney Litchford joined the meeting.

Communication from Councilmembers

Councilmember Cagle requested prayers for those affected by the recent shooting at a private school.

Vice Mayor Tyler wished all citizens a safe and happy holiday weekend.

Councilmembers Witt and Ezell had no comments.

Mayor Williams reported the following:

- Commercial and residential property owners who experienced storm-related damage are requested to contact City Hall to report those damages. The City has not reached the threshold for FEMA assistance but wants to collect the information in case assistance becomes available in the future.
- Expressed appreciation to the organizations and individuals who provided assistance during the storm.
- Announced the Fall Festival will be held on September 27 and 28, 2025

Communication from City Manager

City Manager Miller reported the following:

- The City's resurfacing program is progressing from the northwest part of the community toward the south and then east; approximately 14% of the work has been completed and will continue until finished.
- The resurfacing of John Ross Road will begin October 1, 2025.
- Provided updates on the North Mack Smith Road widening project, Venue 1921 at East Ridge project, and the Community Center renovation project.
- A contractor for Hamilton County WWTAA is excavating existing manholes and installing new ones which will require the closure of John Ross Road from 7:30am until late afternoon, September 2 through September 5, 2025.

Old Business

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City Attorney Litchford read the ordinance on caption.

Chief Building Official Howell stated that this rezoning request is to allow a permanent medical clinic at 842 South Germantown Road.

Councilmember Witt moved to approve Ordinance No. 1230. Seconded by Vice Mayor Tyler.

Councilmember Ezell asked if any type of commercial use would be allowed if the rezoning is approved. City Attorney Litchford stated that the Council can put a condition on the rezoning to limit the usage to a medical clinic.

Councilmember Ezell made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 1230 to restrict the use of the property to a medical clinic only. Seconded by Councilmember Witt.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote to amend Ordinance No. 1230. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams then asked for a roll call vote to approve Ordinance No. 1230 as amended. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

RESOLUTION NO. 3727 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF INTEREST-BEARING EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION CAPITAL OUTLAY NOTES, SERIES 2025, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID NOTES

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution on caption.

City Manager Miller stated this is the final step for the issuance of the capital equipment acquisition note which will be used to replace a F-750 dump truck with snowplow and salt spreader and a rear-end loader.

Councilmember Ezell moved to approve Resolution No. 3727. Seconded by Vice Mayor Tyler. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3728 - A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP FOR GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COUNSEL AND THE EXECUTION OF A NEW AGREEMENT WITH BHA STRATEGY/BGR GROUP TO PROVIDE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COUNSEL BEFORE THE TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution on caption and stated that several associates are transitioning from Holland & Knight to BHA Strategy/BGR Group. He noted that the new contract will be same as the current agreement with Holland & Knight at the same cost.

Councilmember Witt moved to approve Resolution No. 3728. Seconded by Vice Mayor Tyler. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3729 - A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING A BID FOR AN ATHLETIC FIELD SUPPLIER FOR BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FIELDS AT CAMP JORDAN PARK FOR FY 2025 - 2026

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution on caption.

Parks and Recreation Director Skiles stated that two bids were received, and staff recommend awarding the purchase of each item based on the lowest bid from each vendor. Director Skiles then reviewed the items recommended for purchase from each vendor.

Vice Mayor Tyler moved to approve Resolution No. 3729. Seconded by Councilmember Ezell. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3730 - A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING PHOTOGRAPHY BIDS FOR THE 2025 – 2026 SPORTS SEASON

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution on caption.

Parks and Recreation Director Skiles stated that three proposals were received and upon review staff recommend awarding the contract to School Days Photography.

Councilmember Witt moved to approve Resolution No. 3730. Seconded by Vice Mayor Tyler.

Following brief discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3731 - A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM AVI-SPL FOR AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT AND PROFESSIONAL INTEGRATION SERVICES AT VENUE 1921 AT EAST RIDGE

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution on caption.

Parks and Recreation Director Skiles stated that two proposals for audio-visual equipment and professional integration services were received, and staff recommend awarding the contract to AVI-SPL.

Councilmember Witt moved to approve Resolution No. 3731. Seconded by Vice Mayor Tyler.

Ryan Kline, representative of AVI-SPL, addressed questions from the Council. He stated the proposal includes a one-year maintenance agreement which can be renewed annually and stated that there are options for a three-year or five-year agreement at discounted rates. Mayor Williams requested pricing for a five-year maintenance agreement.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3732 - A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 3241, WHICH APPROVED THE HUMAN RESOURCES REGULATIONS

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution on caption.

Human Resources Director Sinigaglio explained that the amendments are intended to keep the Human Resources Regulations current with state mandates.

Councilmember Ezell moved to approve Resolution No. 3732. Seconded by Vice Mayor Tyler. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3733 - A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A PORTION OF THE ROOF AT EAST RIDGE CITY HALL

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution on caption.

City Manager Miller stated that the roof over the Administration area is the final section of the roof that needs to be replaced, noting that the sections over the Council Chambers, Atrium, and Library have previously been replaced.

Councilmember Witt moved to approve Resolution No. 3733. Seconded by Vice Mayor Tyler.

Following brief discussion, Mayor Williams asked for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Tentative Agenda for the September 11, 2025 City Council Meeting (see Attachment A)

ATTACHMENT A
TENTATIVE AGENDA
September 11, 2025

Old Business

NONE

New Business

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. _____ - An Ordinance to adopt the 2023 National Electrical Code (1st Reading)

Chief Building Official Howell stated that municipalities are required to adopt codes with seven years of the most recent published edition. To remain in compliance, the City should adopt the 2023 edition of the National Electric Code to go into effect January 1, 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. _____ - An Ordinance to adopt the 2023 National Electrical Code (1st Reading)

No Discussion

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - A Resolution authorizing a Capital Campaign Feasibility Study for a YMCA facility at Camp Jordan Park

City Manager Miller stated that the City met with the YMCA regarding a potential YMCA location at Camp Jordan Park. The next step is a Capital Campaign Feasibility Study to determine whether funds can be successfully raised for the project. The cost of the proposal from Triangle 2 to perform the study is \$30,000, with the cost proposed to be split between the City and the YMCA, resulting in a cost to the City of \$15,000.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - A Resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) vehicles for the East Ridge Police Department Crime Suppression Unit

Police Chief Uselton stated that the Police Department is requesting authorization to purchase two vehicles for the Crime Suppression Unit at a total cost of \$100,050. The purchase cost is included in the current fiscal year budget.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - A Resolution authorizing the purchase of a fingerprint system for the East Ridge Police Department

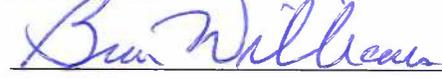
Police Chief Uselton stated that the Police Department is requesting authorization to purchase a fingerprint system from Eagle Advantage Solutions, Inc. for a total cost of \$13,180.86. The purchase cost is included in the current fiscal year budget.

Councilmember Ezell stated that the Council had talked previously about getting a charter committee to review the City charter and come up with ideas to bring the charter up to date. City Attorney Litchford stated he had been in contact with MTAS and would follow up with the status of MTAS's review process. Councilmember Ezell stated he was told MTAS only reviews for legal purposes. City Attorney Litchford stated he was not aware as to this limitation and that he would confirm with MTAS regarding this matter and have an update available that would be on the September 11, 2025, agenda for the Council to discuss.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the August 28, 2025, Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of East Ridge was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVED:


MAYOR


CITY CLERK