

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

June 11, 2026

6:00 p.m.

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to the meeting notice on June 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the East Ridge City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Brian Williams called the meeting to order.

Pastor Dany Lance of True Life Church gave the invocation. All present 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 Brian Koral, City Attorney Mark Litchford, Finance Director Diane Qualls, City Clerk Jennifer Deitrick

Public Attendance: Approximately 7 members of the public were present.

Milestone Award: Mayor Williams recognized Susan Payne for five years of service with Animal Services.

Approval of Minutes May 28, 2026

Councilmember Witt moved to approve the minutes from May 28, 2026. Vice Mayor Tyler seconded. Mayor Williams called 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

Mayor Williams opened the floor for public comments. No citizens came forward to address the Council.

Communication from Councilmembers

Councilmembers Cagle, Ezel and Witt reported no comments.

Vice Mayor Tyler reported on the East Ridge Optimist Club Fishing Rodeo and expressed appreciation to the Parks and Recreation staff and the East Ridge Fire Department for their assistance with the event.

Mayor Williams invited Director Skiles to announce upcoming Parks and Recreation events and programs. He then announced upcoming Library programs and reported that the Spring Into Safety event has been tentatively rescheduled for July 11, 2026. He further reported that East Ridge Animal Services staff and volunteers will conduct yard improvements and build play boxes at the Animal Services facility on June 13, 2026. If the work is not completed, it will continue on June 14, 2026.

Communication from City Manager

City Manager Koral announced the ribbon cutting of Medicare Misty and reported that he met with Congressman Fleischmann's field representative and with the Chattanooga 2.0 team. He also provided an update on the Community Center renovations and congratulated the Parks and Recreation Department on receiving the 2026 Community Service Award for Tourism Attraction from the Greater Chattanooga Hospitality Association.

Old Business

ORDINANCE NO. 1246 - 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 403 DONALDSON ROAD, TAX MAP #156E-L-007.01, FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-2 RESIDENTIAL DUPLEX DISTRICT (2nd READING)

City Attorney Litchford read the ordinance caption. Chief Building Official Howell reviewed the rezoning request. Vice Mayor Tyler moved to approve Ordinance No. 1246. Councilmember Witt seconded. Following discussion, Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – no; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 1247 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND ORDINANCE 941 RELATIVE TO TITLE 10, CHAPTER 2 ENTITLED DOGS AND CATS RELATIVE TO THE REGISTRATION OF DOGS AND CATS (2nd READING)

City Attorney Litchford read the ordinance caption and reviewed the proposed ordinance. Councilmember Witt moved to approve Ordinance No. 1247. Vice Mayor Tyler seconded. Following discussion, Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 1248 - AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT IN REFERENDUM TO THE PEOPLE OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, THE QUESTION OF AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, BY AMENDING SECTION 5-A OF THE CHARTER (2nd READING)

City Attorney Litchford read the ordinance caption and reviewed the proposed amendments to the City Charter. Approval of the ordinance would place the question on the November election ballot. Councilmember Witt moved to approve Ordinance No. 1248. Vice Mayor Tyler seconded. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

ORDINANCE NO. 1249 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 OPERATING BUDGET, ORDINANCE NO. 1226, BY CHANGING THE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OF VARIOUS FUNDS (1st READING)

City Attorney Litchford read the ordinance caption. Finance Director Qualls reviewed the amendments to the Fiscal Year 2026 budget. Vice Mayor Tyler moved to approve Ordinance No. 1249. Councilmember Ezell seconded. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 1250 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MAKING AND FIXING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027 (1st READING)

City Attorney Litchford read the ordinance caption. City Manager Koral reported that one item had been added to the Capital Improvement Plan to upgrade the City's website since the budget presentation on May 28, 2026. Councilmember Witt moved to approve Ordinance No. 1250. Vice Mayor Tyler seconded. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams called 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. 3820 - A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE SPRINGVALE PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution caption. Development Director McAllister reviewed the request for Asa Engineering to provide bid services in the amount of \$5,000, increasing the contract amount to \$54,000. Vice Mayor Tyler moved to approve Resolution No. 3820. Councilmember Witt seconded. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams called 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. 3821 - A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANT

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution caption. Development Director McAllister reviewed the grant. Vice Mayor Tyler moved to approve Resolution No. 3821. Councilmember Witt seconded. Following discussion, Mayor Williams called 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. 3822 - A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 ANIMAL FRIENDLY GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN SUPPORT OF EAST RIDGE ANIMAL SERVICES

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution caption. Development Director McAllister reviewed the grant. Councilmember Ezell moved to approve Resolution No. 3822. Councilmember Witt seconded. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams called 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. 3823 - A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MEMORIALIZING AN APPOINTMENT BY COUNCILMEMBER JEFF EZELL TO THE EAST RIDGE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution caption. Councilmember Ezell reappointed Tucker McClendon to serve on the Industrial Development Board. Councilmember Witt moved to approve. Vice Mayor Tyler seconded. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams called 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. 3824 - A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE SPRINGVALE PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution caption. Councilmember Witt moved to appoint Stan Allen to the Industrial Development Board. Vice Mayor Tyler seconded. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams called 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 June 25, 2026 City Council Meeting (See Attachment A)

**ATTACHMENT A
TENTATIVE AGENDA**

June 25, 2026

Old Business

SECOND READING - ORDINANCE NO. 1249 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 OPERATING BUDGET, ORDINANCE NO. 1226, BY CHANGING THE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OF VARIOUS FUNDS

No discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING - ORDINANCE NO. 1250 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MAKING AND FIXING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

Councilmember Ezell requested a more in-depth discussion of the budget. City Manager Koral will coordinate with Councilmember Ezell, and a budget workshop may be scheduled.

New Business

PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING - ORDINANCE NO. ____ - Rezone 529 Frawley Road, Tax Map #170G A 006.02, from RT-1 Residential Townhome District to RZ-1 Zero Lot Line Residential District

Chief Building Official Howell reviewed the rezoning request.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING - ORDINANCE NO. ____ - Ordinance related to Specialty Shops

City Attorney Litchford stated that this item would not be presented for Council consideration on June 25, 2026, as it will first be presented to the Planning Commission. He then reviewed the proposed ordinance.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Approval of bid for masonry sand for the Parks and Recreation Department

Parks and Recreation Director Skiles stated that bids will be opened on June 17, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Approval of bids for Street Department materials for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Finance Director stated that the bid is for the annual Street Department materials.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Approval of bid for Brush Chipping and Grinding services

City Clerk Deitrick stated that bids will be opened on June 17, 2026.

Councilmember Cagle proposed an amendment to the zoning ordinance stating that after the City installs a rezoning sign, the property owner shall be responsible for ensuring the sign remains in place. City Attorney Litchford stated he would review the current language.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the June 11, 2026 Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of East Ridge was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

APPROVED:


MAYOR


CITY CLERK

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City Manager Koral gave the invocation. All present joined in for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Brian Williams, Vice Mayor David Tyler, Councilmember Jeff Ezell, Councilmember Andrea Witt, City Manager Brian Koral, Acting City Attorney Jacob Ritchie, Finance Director Diane Qualls, City Clerk Jennifer Deitrick

Absent: Councilmember Jacky Cagle

Public Attendance: Approximately 17 members of the public were present.

Tennessee American Water Presentation

Jon Sparkman, Director of Engineering with Tennessee American Water, presented an update on the identification and verification of lead service lines in the City of East Ridge and answered questions from Council.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Communication from Citizens

John Klasing, 530 Frawley Road, expressed concerns related to the rezoning request for 529 Frawley Road including light pollution at the entrance and drainage.

Communication from Councilmembers

Vice Mayor Tyler and Councilmember Ezell reported no comments.

Councilmember Witt expressed appreciation to the Street and Sanitation Departments for their work in her neighborhood and requested a review of the City's brush removal policy.

Mayor Williams invited Parks and Recreation Director Skiles to announce the Parks and Recreation programs and events. He further announced that the Parks and Recreation Department was awarded the 2026 Community Service Award for Tourism Attraction and expressed appreciation to Shawwna Skiles, Chad Ayers, and the entire Parks and Recreation staff. Mayor Williams also announced that the Spring Into Safety event has been rescheduled for July 11, 2026, and highlighted upcoming Library programs. He additionally reported that the "Minutes with the Mayor" event was well attended.

Communication from City Manager

City Manager Koral expressed appreciation to the Street Department, noting crews worked into the early morning hours clearing downed trees and debris following the recent storm. He reported that roadway issues have been identified on North Mack Smith Road and staff are working to determine the cause and appropriate corrective action. Mr. Koral further reported that the City is working with the Southeast Tennessee Development District to pursue a potential Brownfield Site designation for McBrien School through the Environmental Protection Agency. He also shared that he accompanied a sanitation crew to observe collection

services and met with the building maintenance team. Mr. Koral stated that requests for proposals will be issued for website and agenda management services, as well as contracted lawn care services at City Hall. He then noted the upcoming holiday closure and wished residents a safe and happy holiday.

Old Business

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Attorney Ritchie read the ordinance caption. Finance Director Qualls reported no changes from first reading. Councilmember Witt moved to approve Ordinance No. 1249. Vice Mayor Tyler seconded. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING - ORDINANCE NO. 1250 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MAKING AND FIXING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027 (2nd READING)

Attorney Ritchie read the ordinance caption. Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. City Manager Koral reported no changes from first reading. No citizens came forward to address the Council. Mayor Williams closed the public hearing and Council proceeded with the second reading of the ordinance.

Vice Mayor Tyler moved to approve Ordinance No. 1250. Councilmember Witt seconded. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING - ORDINANCE NO. 1251 - 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 529 FRAWLEY ROAD, TAX MAP #170G A 006.02, FROM RT-1 RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOME DISTRICT TO RZ-1 ZERO LOT LINE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (1st READING)

Attorney Ritchie read the ordinance caption. Mayor Williams opened the public hearing.

Chief Building Official Howell reviewed the rezoning request, noting that the proposed change would result in fewer dwelling units. He reported that the Planning Commission recommended approval. Applicant Joseph Ingram stated that market conditions prompted the request for rezoning and indicated plans to address drainage improvements. John Klasing, 530 Frawley Road, addressed the Council regarding the request. During discussion, drainage and property access were considered.

Mayor Williams closed the public hearing and Council proceeded with the first reading of the ordinance.

Councilmember Witt moved to approve Ordinance No. 1251. Vice Mayor Tyler seconded. Following discussion, Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3825 - A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING A BID FOR BRUSH CHIPPING AND GRINDING SERVICES

Attorney Ritchie read the resolution caption. City Manager Koral stated that the contract with the previous vendor expired and staff recommends awarding the contract to Lumberjacks Tree Service. Vice Mayor Tyler moved to approve Resolution No. 3825. Councilmember Witt seconded. Following brief discussion, Mayor

Williams called for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3826 - A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING BIDS FOR STREET DEPARTMENT MATERIALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 – 2027

Attorney Ritchie read the resolution caption. Street Department Supervisor Vaughn reviewed the bids received. Vice Mayor Tyler moved to approve Resolution No. 3826. Councilmember Witt seconded. Following brief discussion, Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3827 - 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 2026 – 2027

Attorney Ritchie read the resolution caption. Parks and Recreation Director Skiles stated that one bid was received from TJ Hunt, LLC and recommended awarding the bid to the respondent. Vice Mayor Tyler moved to approve Resolution No. 3827. Councilmember Ezell seconded. Following brief discussion, Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3828 - A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST RIDGE CITY COUNCIL CANCELLING THE JULY 9, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Attorney Ritchie read the resolution caption. City Manager Koral stated that a majority of Council will be attending an official conference and a quorum will not be present to conduct business. Councilmember Witt moved to approve Resolution No. 3828. Vice Mayor Tyler seconded. Following brief discussion, Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Tentative Agenda for the July 23, 2026 City Council Meeting (See Attachment A)

**ATTACHMENT A
TENTATIVE AGENDA**

July 23, 2026

Old Business

ORDINANCE NO. 1251 - 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 529 FRAWLEY ROAD, TAX MAP #170G A 006.02, FROM RT-1 RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOME DISTRICT TO RZ-1 ZERO LOT LINE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (2nd READING)

No discussion.

New Business

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Purchase of a new Ferris mower through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for the Parks and Recreation Department

Parks and Recreation Director Skiles stated that the new mower would replace a previously surplused mower.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Purchase a 2026 John Deere Gator through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for the Parks and Recreation Department

Parks and Recreation Director Skiles stated the purchase of an electric 2026 John Deere Gator will provide a quieter, zero-emissions alternative to existing gas-powered units and is expected to reduce maintenance and fuel costs. The cost difference between the electric and gas models is approximately \$2,000, with comparable life expectancy.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Approval of bid for athletic field equipment and field maintenance supplies for the baseball and softball fields at Camp Jordan Park

Parks and Recreation Director Skiles reported that the department is currently accepting sealed bids for athletic field supplies for the City's baseball and softball fields.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Approval of bid for athletic field supplies for the soccer fields at Camp Jordan Park

Parks and Recreation Director Skiles stated the department is currently accepting bids for athletic field supplies for the soccer fields.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the June 25, 2026 Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of East Ridge was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

APPROVED:



MAYOR


CITY CLERK