

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

**August 12, 2021
6:00 pm**

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on August 12, 2021, 6:00 pm at East Ridge City Hall. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order.

Dany Lance, Pastor of Trulife Church, gave the invocation. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present were: Mayor Williams, Vice Mayor Chauncey, Councilmember Cagle, Councilmember Witt, City Manager Dorsey, City Attorney Litchford, and City Recorder Middleton. Councilmember Helton was not present.

Approval of Minutes – July 22, 2021 – Vice Mayor Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve the minutes. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Communication from Citizens: None

Communication from Councilmembers:

Councilmember Cagle and Vice Mayor Chauncey had nothing at this time.

Councilmember Witt stated volunteers are still needed for the Centennial celebration and to contact her if you would like to volunteer.

Mayor Williams discussed the following:

- There are no July employee milestone anniversaries.
- The Red Wolves are #1 in the standings, and they have two upcoming games on the following Tuesday and Saturday.
- August 20 – 22, 2021 – Get Off the Grid Festival at Camp Jordan
- September 25, 2021 – Centennial celebration with crafts, food trucks, fireworks, etc.

Communication from City Manager:

- Chief Allen came forward to announce the Police Department is graduating its fourth Citizen's Police Academy tonight. There will be another one in the fall. Applications will be on the website tomorrow.
- Mr. Dorsey received an email from TDOT stating the lights in the tunnel were out because of a circuit breaker, but they will be operational tonight. Staff has contacted NABCO Electric to get the pipe bar replaced. We will also forward any citations for trucks that get stuck in the tunnel to TDOT, which could affect their CDL's. TDOT is also working with NABCO Electric on a tunnel detection system that has an early warning system and cameras. This project could take a year to complete.
- Safe Routes to Schools – We have started the right-of-way process and hope to complete acquisition by December. The project was slowed down because of COVID.

We hope to get approval from TDOT by end of January, advertise for bid in March, receive bids in April, approve bids in May, notice to proceed in June and complete construction by end of December 2022.

- Multi-modal Project – We are waiting on a Notice to Proceed from TDOT in order to start the bid process. He stated we could use our allocation from the American Rescue Plan for stormwater.
- Paving – There have been delays with the paving on McDonald and Hilton because of the WWTa sewer rehab project close to Wally's off I-75. He thinks now we could start on this project.
- Survey at Stateline Road – Maps show the state line runs on the south side of Stateline Road, but the line actually goes down the middle of the road. We probably need an agreement with Catoosa County to close the road. We have not yet reached out to Catoosa County.
- Liquor Stores – He has spoken with the owner of the proposed liquor store next to CVS and he plans to be open by Thanksgiving. The other liquor store site has been bulldozed and some plans have been turned in.

Old Business:

Vice Mayor Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to take Discuss/Take Action on Dog Park off the table. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Mr. Chauncey stated he met with Harrison Forbes with the Dog Dash Grant and Codes Enforcement Officer Cameron McAllister, who was responsible for submitting the grant. He stated that Mr. Forbes told him the City Hall location would be a better location than the Springvale location. Vice Mayor Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt (for discussion purposes), to approve using the \$25,000 grant for construction of a dog park at City Hall. Ms. Witt stated the citizens that have contacted her want the park at Springvale. She believes the City Hall area is a business area and noise from barking dogs work affect workers at City Hall, plus there would be a parking problem. Councilmember Cagle stated citizens have called him worried about the dog "poop" smell in the City Hall area. It can kill the grass and draw flies and mosquitos. Ms. Witt also stated the City Hall location is our location for the National Night Out. Mr. Chauncey stated we could find an alternate site for that. Mayor Williams likes the idea of having two parks, one at City Hall with a town center concept and one at Springvale. Vice Mayor Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Mayor Williams, to table this item. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Chauncey - yes; Councilmember Cagle - no; Councilmember Witt - yes; Mayor Williams - yes. Motion approved.

New Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 1150 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO SET THE PROPERTY TAX RATE ABOVE THE CERTIFIED TAX RATE (1st reading) – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mr. Dorsey stated we received the certified tax rate from the tax assessor of \$.9929. He proposed amendments we needed for our budget, such as:

- \$20,000 reduction for personnel in the library budget
- \$30,000 for a part-time employee in Parks and Recreation
- \$51,000 reduction in Parks and Recreation for personnel

- \$51,800 for a Traffic Control Laborer
- \$125,000 for two criminal investigation officers for Police
- \$170,000 for Hamilton County EMS/Ambulance service
- \$200,000 Paving
- \$600,000 for Salary Pool Stabilization to be comparable to other cities. Since June, the cities of Red Bank, Signal Mountain, and Chattanooga have all funded a salary stabilization plan, which could possibly mean we would lose some of our employees to these cities. We have lost eight employees over the last four months. Mr. Dorsey handed out information on stabilization review that Human Resources Manager Sinigaglio has been working on. He stated it was important to have the Council's commitment to move forward with a salary stabilization plan.

Mr. Dorsey stated the certified tax rate is \$.9929 and the needed increase is \$.242 to cover the \$1.1 million in amendments. We will have a public hearing in two weeks at the next meeting regarding the tax increase. Vice Mayor Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Ordinance No. 1150 on first reading. Councilmember Cagle stated he missed the budget hearings due to illness, but he believes seniors cannot afford a tax increase at this time. He stated landlords, such as himself, would have to pass on the tax increase to renters.

Mr. Dorsey stated we have not raised taxes in over 10 years. He stated these are things that we need, such as police cars. He stated if we do not raise taxes, then Council will have to decide which services to cut. Mayor Williams stated no one can buy items at the same price they did 10 years ago. He stated we need a vehicle replacement plan, a fire engine, plus more officers and equipment. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Chauncey - yes; Councilmember Cagle - no; Councilmember Helton - yes; Councilmember Witt - yes; Mayor Williams - yes. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3175 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE APPROVING PHOTOGRAPHY BIDS FOR THE 2021 – 2022 SPORTS SEASON – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Director Wilson stated we received one bid from School Days Photography, with a 30% return to the City. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Chauncey, to approve Resolution No. 3175, awarding the bid to School Days Photography. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3176 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF _____ TO THE EAST RIDGE PLANNING COMMISSION (Mayor Williams) – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mayor Williams reappointed Dana Howe to the Planning Commission. The Mayor stated we will have another appointment at the next meeting for the resignation of one of the members. Vice Mayor Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 3176, with the appointment of Dana Howe. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3177 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF _____ TO THE EAST RIDGE HOUSING COMMISSION (Vice Mayor Chauncey) – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Vice Mayor Chauncey appointed

Amanda Jo Davis to the Housing Commission. He stated she has had an extensive career in property management. Councilmember Cagle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution 3177, with the appointment of Amanda Jo Davis. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3178 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF _____ TO THE EAST RIDGE HOUSING COMMISSION (Councilmember Cagle) – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Councilmember Cagle reappointed Kenneth Rogers to the Housing Commission. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Chauncey, to approve Resolution No. 3178, with the appointment of Kenneth Rogers. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3179 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE A TURFCO CR-8 WIDE SPIN TOP DRESSER FROM LADD’S OF MEMPHIS USING THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES STATE-WIDE CONTRACT LISTING #66045, PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED 12-3-1201(b) – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Director Wilson stated the current top dresser is 20 years old and needs repairs regularly. Vice Mayor Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 3179. The item is budgeted, and they will deliver it to the City. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3180 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PYRO SHOWS, INC. FOR A FIREWORKS DISPLAY FOR THE CITY’S CENTENNIAL - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. City Manager Dorsey stated the Chattanooga Red Wolves will sponsor the fireworks in conjunction with their soccer games. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to approve Resolution No. 3180. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3181 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND USE OF THE CAMP JORDAN RV PARK AND CAMPGROUND – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Director Wilson stated he has had requests to open up campsites in the RV Park and is requesting that Council amend Resolution Nos. 2917 and 2731 to allow RV camping for special events, tournaments, festivals, fairs, concerts, etc. Mr. Dorsey wants to make sure that campers come to the park for events, not just for general camping. He stated that some campers in Section 1 block people renting the picnic pavilion. We need to add screening, such as trees. Vice Mayor Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 3181. Councilmember Cagle does not want any tent camping in the park. Mayor Williams stated he is not against RV camping but at times, it looked terrible. If Council approves, he expects it to be managed. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3182 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH COMPASS AUCTIONS & REAL ESTATE FOR SELLING SURPLUS PROPERTY –

City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mr. Dorsey stated that Chief Allen would like to use Compass Auction for our online auctions to see how we do. There are no upfront costs, and any department can use them. Vice Mayor Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cagle, to approve Resolution No. 3182. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3183 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH CHATTANOOGA RED WOLVES ACADEMY (CWRA) FOR CAMP JORDAN SOCCER FIELD UTILIZATION AND PROGRAMMING – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mr. Dorsey has talked to Bob Martino, the owner, and Derek Green, the Vice President of the Red Wolves and they had questions they would like to discuss before this is approved. Mr. Dorsey is recommending Council postpone or table this item. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Chauncey, to table this item for two weeks. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Discussion of Tentative Agenda Items for the August 26, 2021 Council Meeting (see Attachment A)

Old Business:

Discussion of Centennial Celebration – Dana Howe and David Tyler, Co-Chairpersons of the Centennial will be here to promote the event.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1150– Certified Tax Rate Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 1150 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO SET THE PROPERTY TAX RATE ABOVE THE CERTIFIED TAX RATE (2nd and final reading) – no discussion

New Business:

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - RFP for Sanitation Disposal Services – Mr. Dorsey stated we opened the proposals last week. We are going through them, and we are going to check out the facilities, and bring back a recommendation to Council.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - RFQ for Engineering Services – This is for the areas at the entrances to the Red Wolves complex. We are still evaluating the RFQ's and will bring this to Council at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Appointment to Planning Commission (Mayor Williams) – This is an appointment to replace a member who resigned from the Commission due to health reasons.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Appointment to Zoning Appeals Board (Vice Mayor Chauncey) – This appointment is also to replace a member who resigned from the Commission due to health reasons.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Annual Bids for Street Department Materials – Mr. Dorsey stated we received the bids last week and we are still evaluating. We did not receive a bid on concrete blocks and brick.

City Manager Dorsey asked Human Resources Manager Sinigaglio to come forward and introduce our intern. Ms. Sinigaglio introduced Trent Mansfield, who works in Attorney Litchford's office. Mr. Mansfield attended Samford Law School and was in the top five in his class.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on August 26, 2021, 6:00 pm at East Ridge City Hall. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order.

Rev. Charles Cochran 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.

Dana Howe and David Tyler – Discussion of Centennial Celebration – Ms. Howe stated the Centennial committee has been working with the City Manager, Parks and Recreation personnel, and volunteers. Mr. Tyler stated there will be a 5k, a 10k, Alice in Wonderland Arts and Crafts, 80 vendors, local artists, 14 food and beverage trucks, a beer garden, yard games from Top Golf, a food pantry booth, and employees from Fire, Police, and Codes Enforcement. There will also be a fishing derby hosted by the scouts, a message from the Mayor, and fireworks sponsored by the Chattanooga Red Wolves. Ms. Howe stated volunteers are needed for set-up and more specific jobs that will be discussed at the second volunteer meeting. Mayor Williams stated the Speaker of the House will be there as well as County Commissioner Boyd. Ms. Howe and Mr. Tyler gave out prizes and t-shirts.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes August 12, 2021 Council Meeting
- B. Declaration of Surplus Property

Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Chauncey, to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Chauncey - yes; Councilmember Cagle - yes; Councilmember Helton - abstain; Councilmember Witt - yes; Mayor Williams - yes. Motion approved.

Communication from Citizens:

Mayor Williams stated there would be a public hearing on the tax rate later in the meeting.

Van Price stated he would wait until the public hearing.

Robert Gilreath stated he would wait until the public hearing.

Steve Paris, 1323 and 1327 Orlando Avenue, questioned the honesty and transparency of the Council at a previous meeting and still believes this. He stated the streetscape project has not been completed. He also discussed other issues, such as the Border Region.

Communication from Councilmembers:

Councilmember Cagle had nothing at this time.

Vice Mayor Chauncey thanked David Tyler and Dana Howe for their hard work on the Centennial.

Councilmember Helton and Councilmember Witt had nothing at this time.

Mayor Williams discussed the following:

- Red Wolves – 1st in USL standings. They are playing in Toronto this Friday against North Texas.
- Food City will have their new store open by early summer of 2022. It will have a bakery, deli, café, fireplace, smoker, pizza oven, floral designers, pharmacy, gas and go, Starbucks, and a Tennessee Valley Federal Credit Union. Hopefully, it will be a catalyst in that area.
- He thanked Dana Howe and David Tyler for their great presentation on the Centennial.

Communication from City Manager

- He thanked Dana Howe and David Tyler for their hard work on the Centennial.
- Update on the Multi-modal project - One of our delays on this project was moving poles on Ringgold Road. Most now have been moved. TDOT has notified us that we have a notice to proceed on this project.
- Parks and Recreation Director Wilson gave an update on the splashpad. We have started construction, plumbing is in, and next week the concrete pad will be poured. There has been a delay due to labor and ordering products. Mayor Williams stated that some things are out of our hands when it comes to dealing with TDOT and other entities.

Old Business:

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 1150– Certified Tax Rate Ordinance – Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. The following citizens spoke:

- Charles McCullough – 1214 Reeves Avenue – Opposes the tax increase. He stated 10 years ago we did not have Bass Pro or Southern Honda, etc.
- Van Price – 1901 McBrien Road – Does not have a problem with a tax increase but wants Fire and Police to get substantial raises.
- Robert Gilreath – 4902 Maryland Drive – He wants Council to table second reading and provide more information as to where the money would go.
- Randy Sewell – 5610 Hilton Drive – Suggested having a tax freeze for seniors. Mayor Williams stated the State has a tax relief program for seniors. Mr. Dorsey stated that a tax freeze would allow those seniors to never pay a higher amount. If the city needed extra revenue in the future, the burden would be on younger citizens to pay the difference to bring in the revenue. Mr. Sewell also stated that one of our hotels owes \$400,000 in delinquent taxes. City Attorney Litchford stated this is governed by the County.
- Buddy Griffith, 1512 Merrill Street, stated we do not need a property tax, but has no problem with raises.
- George Matter, 1608 Heather Street, is a caretaker for two disabled citizens. He stated we should bring in other revenue, and not raise taxes.
- Mickey Spencer, 713 S. Lovell Avenue, is disappointed and frustrated with City leadership. The Mayor stated it is not easy to raise taxes; he has struggled with it.

- Kay Vickery, 1110 Tamarack Trail – We should leave the rate at .99 or do a lesser amount.
- Councilmember Cagle read a letter from Susan Rector, 836 S. Germantown Road, opposing the tax increase.

No one else came forward to speak, so Mayor Williams closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCE NO. 1150 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO SET THE PROPERTY TAX RATE ABOVE THE CERTIFIED TAX RATE (2nd and final reading) – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. City Manager Dorsey gave out information on the tax rate and the amendments to the budget ordinance. He does not see a transparency issue, because since June, we have been discussing the needs of the City, such as personnel, equipment, paving, and salary stabilization. These discussions have been in open meetings and workshops with department heads, plus they were posted on the website.

We started out with \$4 million in needs and whittled that amount down to \$1.1 million. He stated the City of Chattanooga is planning to raise taxes to fund a salary stabilization plan for their employees. We are also going to pay for seven police vehicles with COVID funds from the State, but we still need 15 vehicles total. The Fire Department also needs a new fire engine. Mr. Dorsey stated that there has been no vehicle replacement plan over the years, so now we are dealing with vehicle maintenance issues. There are many things that have not been done because we have not raised taxes in 10 years. We want to be able to provide the quality of service that citizens need.

Mr. Dorsey discussed tax increases for other cities. He stated that over the past 10 years Chattanooga has raised taxes 3 times, Collegedale 3 times, Red Bank 3 times, Soddy Daisy 3 times, and Hamilton County last raised taxes in 2017. East Ridge has not raised taxes since 2011.

Mr. Dorsey discussed salary stabilization. This is not a raise for every employee in the City; it is to help stabilize the salaries of employees who are paid less than the County and surrounding cities. Mr. Dorsey stated that Human Resources Manager Sinigaglio has been studying and comparing East Ridge salaries with other cities. He asked Ms. Sinigaglio to go through an overview of her report. She stated this is for full-time employees. It does not include part-time, elected officials, or the City Manager. Following are salaries compared to neighboring and comparable municipalities:

- 16 out of 133 employees are paid less than \$15 per hour.
- Administration (includes Finance, City Recorder, Human Resources, IT) – average 27% below average
- Court – 3 positions 25% below average
- Building/Codes – Two positions 27% below average - One position 15% below average
- Library – Two positions are 28% and 32% below average
- Police – Records 25% below average. Patrol Officers start at \$20.87, below Chattanooga, Collegedale, and Cleveland
- Street – 3 positions under \$15 per hour, 2 others are 27% below average
- Building/Maintenance – 26% below average
- Fire – 11% less than the new Chattanooga rate, current rate is 15% below average

- Animal Shelter – 3 positions are 32% below average
- Parks and Recreation – 2 full time under \$15 per hour and 3 earn 15% below average
- Sanitation – CDL 8% below average (after a recent increase.) They will fall behind 22% when Chattanooga increases their rate by 42%.

Mr. Dorsey stated we have some of the best employees in the County and State and we want to keep them and keep the services at the level citizens deserve and expect. He thanked Ms. Sinigaglio for the comprehensive report. Vice Mayor Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Ordinance No. 1150 on second and final reading. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Chauncey - yes; Councilmember Cagle - no; Councilmember Helton - no; Councilmember Witt - yes; Mayor Williams - yes. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3183 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH CHATTANOOGA RED WOLVES ACADEMY (CWRA) FOR CAMP JORDAN SOCCER FIELD UTILIZATION AND PROGRAMMING (tabled 8/12/21) – City Manager Dorsey stated we are still working on this agreement and recommends we postpone this item. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Chauncey, to postpone Resolution No. 3183. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Discuss/Take Action on Dog Park (tabled 8/12/21) – Vice Mayor Chauncey stated the City officially received permission from the Dog Park Dash Grant representatives to change the location of the dog park. The Vice Mayor made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Helton, to use the Dog Park Dash Grant in the amount of \$25,000 towards the construction of the dog park behind City Hall. He stated there are more parking spaces at City Hall than at the original Springvale location. Mr. Chauncey stated that barking should be minimal and not be a problem for City Hall employees. Councilmember Witt stated she has been contacted by citizens that do not want the park at City Hall; they want it at Springvale. No one has contacted her that wants it at City Hall. Ms. Witt also stated we use this area for National Night Out and employee picnics and thinks putting the dog park there is a bad idea. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Chauncey - yes; Councilmember Cagle - no; Councilmember Helton - yes; Councilmember Witt - no; Mayor Williams - yes. Motion approved.

New Business:

RESOLUTION NO. 3184 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF _____ BY MAYOR WILLIAMS TO THE EAST RIDGE PLANNING COMMISSION TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF MICKEY SPENCE (Mayor Williams) - City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mayor Williams appointed Scott Cornelius. Vice Mayor Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Helton, to approve Resolution No. 3184. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3185 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF _____ BY VICE MAYOR CHAUNCEY TO THE EAST RIDGE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF MICKEY SPENCE (Vice Mayor Chauncey) – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Vice Mayor Chauncey appointed Eric Zitzow. Councilmember Helton made a motion, seconded by

Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 3185. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3186 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AWARDED ANNUAL BIDS FOR STREET DEPARTMENT MATERIALS FOR FY 2021–2022 – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. City Manager Dorsey stated he is recommending we award the bids to the companies listed on the attached sheet that are highlighted in yellow. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Chauncey, to approve Resolution No. 3186 with Mr. Dorsey recommendations. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3187 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CHATTANOOGA TRANSFER, LLC FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL/TRANSFER STATION SERVICES – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Chattanooga Transfer was best proposal at \$31.25 per ton with an eight-year contract, and yearly increases based on the CPI. Mr. Dorsey stated that disposal of recycling used to be free but now we are paying \$35.00 per ton. We are currently absorbing that fee and do not charge the citizens for recycling. Sanitation Supervisor Parker stated we are adding more routes and need more manpower, plus with the increase in recycling, we cannot handle it in two days; we will have to add more routes for that. Vice Mayor Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 3187. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3188 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ASA ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING, INC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE SURVEY, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT OF PROPOSED ROADWAY ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS FOR A 100-ACRE DEVELOPMENT SITE – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. City Manager Dorsey stated the City advertised a Request for Proposals and determined that ASA Engineering is the most appropriate firm for this project. Mayor Williams wanted to make it clear that this project is for the exterior access roads, not inside the stadium property. Councilmember Witt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Chauncey, to approve Resolution No. 3188. Mr. Cagle had questions about how this project would be funded. Mr. Dorsey stated it could go through tax increment funding (TIF) or reimbursed by the Border Region, which will be decided by Council. Kenny Custer, Sr. Project Manager for ASA Engineering stated the interior roads will be designed along with the exterior roads and will not dead-end. The goal is to have roads through the project where people can travel from one end of the development to the other, and drive golf carts if they wish. He also stated that EPB will let us use their 20-foot easement which means we would have to acquire and pay for less right of way. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3189 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH RJ YOUNG TO PROVIDE COPIER/PRINTER EQUIPMENT – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. City Recorder Middleton stated that we will be saving \$315.72 per month compared to the amount we currently pay. We will also have unlimited prints and copies.

Staff recommends a 48-month lease at \$1,960.17 per month. We will be able to “piggyback” off the Metro Nashville School Pricing contract for this lease. Vice Mayor Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Witt, to approve Resolution No. 3189. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3190 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE NINE (9) TRAFFIC DETECTION LOOPS FROM NABCO ELECTRIC AS A SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mr. Dorsey stated the loops need to be ready to install when TDOT does paving this fall. Councilmember Helton made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Chauncey, to approve Resolution No. 3190. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3191 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT RELATIVE TO THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5302 STONE STREET, EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AN ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY – City Attorney Litchford read on caption. Mr. Litchford stated he has been in discussions with Emerson Russell, owner of this property, who stated he would like to have a shared easement on the north side of the property for a dumpster location. Mr. Russell will pour the concrete pad and build the enclosure for the dumpster. This will free up space on the property for the Animal Shelter, but the City would have to abandon a portion of Stone Street, which is not a through street. This item would have to go through the Planning Commission and then come back to Council to consider approval. Vice Mayor Chauncey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Helton, to approve Resolution No. 3191. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Discussion of Tentative Agenda Items for the September 9, 2021 Council Meeting (see Attachment A)

3. B. Employee Recognition Awards for August 2021 – Mayor Williams stated we have possibly three employees who are due for awards.

9. **New Business:**

- A. **RESOLUTION NO. ____ – PEP “Driver Safety” Matching Grant Program FY 22 Application** – City Manager Dorsey stated we apply for this grant every year. We can apply now and have the resolution at the next meeting. It is a 50/50 grant which we may use for backup cameras, driver training, or GPS monitors.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.