

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

**September 9, 2021
6:00 pm**

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. A. Roll Call
B. Employee Recognition Awards for August 2021
4. Consent Agenda:
 - A. Approval of Minutes August 26, 2021 Council Meeting
 - B. Declaration of Surplus Property
5. Communication from Citizens
6. Communication from Councilmembers
7. Communication from City Manager
8. Old Business: None
9. New Business:
 - A. **RESOLUTION NO. 3193** – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE APPROVING A TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENTS BEER PERMIT FOR CHRIS SNELLGROVE REPRESENTING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ON BEHALF OF THE EAST RIDGE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
 - B. **RESOLUTION NO. 3194** – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE A POLICE K9 FROM SPORTWAFFEN OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
 - C. **RESOLUTION NO. 3195** – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC ENTITY PARTNERS JAMES L. RICHARDSON DRIVER SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM
 - D. Discussion of Tentative Agenda Items for the September 23, 2021 Council Meeting (see Attachment A)
10. Adjourn

**ATTACHMENT A
TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS
FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2021**

3. B. Citizen's Police Academy Alumni

9. **New Business:**

A. **RESOLUTION NO. ____ - A RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE TICKETS TO THE OPTIMIST CLUB BARBECUE**

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

**August 26, 2021
6:00 pm**

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. 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. She stated the barking would be a problem for employees 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.



BRIAN WILLIAMS
Mayor

JACKY CAGLE
Councilmember

ANDREA "AUNDIE" WITT
Councilmember

MIKE CHAUNCEY
Vice Mayor

ESTHER HELTON
Councilmember

CHRIS DORSEY
City Manager

City of East Ridge

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AGENDA MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
City Manager

FROM: Chief Stan Allen

SUBJECT: Surplus Property

DATE: September 1, 2021

The Police Department requests that the Council declare one (1) 1994 Jeep Cherokee VIN 1J4FJ28S8RL215575 as surplus. This vehicle is no longer usable as a police car.



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Janet Middleton
City Recorder

RESOLUTION NO. 3193

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council
City Manager

FROM: Janet Middleton

SUBJECT: Temporary Special Events Beer Permit

DATE: September 7, 2021

The City Manager's Office received an application for a temporary special events beer permit from Chris Snellgrove, representing the Knights of Columbus, to sell beer at a Beer Garden at the City's Centennial Celebration on September 25, 2021 at Camp Jordan.

No criminal record was found when background checks were done.

Staff recommends approval of this request.

RESOLUTION NO. 3193

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE APPROVING A TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENTS BEER PERMIT FOR CHRIS SNELLGROVE REPRESENTING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ON BEHALF OF THE EAST RIDGE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of East Ridge has the authority to issue one-time temporary special events permits to allow for the sale, consumption and/or possession of beer on any city-owned property and in public parks; and

WHEREAS, Chris Snellgrove, representing the Knights of Columbus, has filed an application, on behalf of the East Ridge Centennial Celebration, with the City Manager for a Temporary Special Events Beer Permit, relating to the Centennial Celebration, to be held at Camp Jordan on September 25, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of East Ridge, Tennessee, that the City Manager is authorized to issue a Temporary Special Events Beer Permit to Chris Snellgrove, representing the Knights of Columbus, on behalf of the East Ridge Centennial Celebration, to be held at Camp Jordan Amphitheater on September 25, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately after its passage, the public welfare of the City requiring it.

Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2021.

Brian W. Williams, Mayor

Attest:

Christopher J. Dorsey, City Manager

Approved as to Form:

Mark W. Litchford, City Attorney



EAST RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Stan Allen
Chief of Police

RESOLUTION NO. 3194

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council - City Manager

FROM: Chief Stan Allen

SUBJECT: K-9 Purchase

DATE: September 2, 2021

The Police Department is requesting to purchase a police K9 from Sportwaffen of Indianapolis, Indiana to replace the current dog that will be retiring soon. The total cost of the dog, certification in narcotics and patrol, the training for the handler/dog team, and shipping of the dog from Europe is \$15,000.00. The full amount will be paid from the drug fund.

RESOLUTION NO. 3194

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE A POLICE K9 FROM SPORTWAFFEN OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the current police K9, Axel, will be retiring soon from the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department is requesting authorization to purchase a new K9 from Sportwaffen of Indianapolis, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the dog, certification in narcotics and patrol, training for the handler/dog team, and shipping of the dog from Europe is \$15,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the total cost will be paid from the Drug Fund and will be considered a sole source purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, that the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase, and execute all documents necessary to purchase, a K9 police dog, with certification in narcotics and patrol, training for the handler/dog team, and shipping of the dog from Europe for a total amount of \$15,000.00, to be paid for from the Drug Fund and to be considered as a sole source purchase.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately after its passage, the public welfare of the City requiring it.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Brian W. Williams, Mayor

Attest:

Christopher J. Dorsey, City Manager

Approved as to Form:

Mark W. Litchford, City Attorney



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RESOLUTION NO. 3195

MEMO

TO: Mayor and Council; City Manager Dorsey
FROM: Amanda C. W. Bowers, Community Involvement Coordinator
DATE: August 23, 2021
RE: PEP “Driver Safety” Matching Grant Program FY 22 Application

The Public Entity Partners is offering again this year the James L. Richardson “Driver Safety” Matching Grant Program. This program is designed to assist members who have motor vehicle insurance with PEP to fund driver training, driver safety and improvement technology and other driver safety programs focused on reducing the liability exposure from vehicle operations as well as backup cameras for vehicles and equipment that may have blind spots to help employees prevent accidents while backing up in City vehicles.

The City would like to apply for this grant to purchase back-up cameras for City vehicles that need them as well as driver safety training for those that drive the vehicles/equipment. Also, we will look into getting GPS for city vehicles.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Brian Williams
Mayor

Mike Chauncey
Vice-Mayor

Jacky Cagle
Councilmember

Esther Helton
Councilmember

Andrea Witt
Councilmember

Chris Dorsey
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 3195

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC ENTITY PARTNERS JAMES L. RICHARDSON DRIVER SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the safety and well being of the employees of the City of East Ridge is of the greatest importance; and

WHEREAS, all reasonable efforts will be made to provide a safe and hazard-free workplace and to promote safe driving practices for the City of East Ridge employees; and

WHEREAS, the Public Entity Partners seeks to encourage the establishment of a safe workplace and driving practices by offering the annual James L. Richardson Driver Safety Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of East Ridge now seeks to participate in this important program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of East Ridge, Tennessee, the following:

Section 1. That the City of East Ridge is hereby authorized to submit an application for the James L. Richardson Driver Safety Grant Program through the Public Entity Partners, with items reimbursable at 50% of the total cost and license checks at 100% of those total costs.

Section 2. That the City of East Ridge is further authorized to provide a matching amount to serve as a match for any monies provided by his grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately after its passage, the public welfare of the City requiring it.

Adopted on this the _____ day of _____ 2021.

Brian W. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christopher J. Dorsey, City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark W. Litchford, City Attorney



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Office of the City Manager

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Christopher J. Dorsey, City Manager

SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF TICKETS FOR THE OPTIMIST CLUB
BARBECUE FUNDRAISER

DATE: September 7, 2021

For the past several years, the City has purchased \$300 in tickets for the Optimist Club Barbecue Fundraiser. The Optimist Club is requesting again this year that the City purchase these tickets.

Proceeds from the sale of tickets for this fundraiser will be used to help make a difference in the lives of children in East Ridge and the surrounding areas.

Brian Williams
Mayor

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Vice-Mayor

Jacky Cagle
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Councilmember

Chris Dorsey
City Manager