

**JOURNAL AND PROCEEDINGS
MURFREESBORO CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 9, 2023**

The Murfreesboro City Council met in a regular scheduled meeting Monday, January 9, 2023, at the Murfreesboro City Hall. Mayor Jim O'Neal called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Buddy Ray, from the Murfreesboro Church of Christ led the council in prayer.

Recorder/Treasurer Lamb called the roll. All council members were present.

The minutes from the Regular Meeting held on December 13, 2022, were presented to the Council. Member Barnes made a motion to accept the minutes as given and Member O'Neal made the second. The roll call vote approved the minutes.

The Treasurer's report was presented to the Council. Member Gills made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Member Bachmann made the second. The roll call vote approved the motion unanimously.

Financial, written, and/or verbal reports were given for the Parks Commission, Waterworks Commission, Advertising & Tourism Commission, Planning & Zoning Commission and Animal Control.

Mayor O'Neal nominated Member Jane Fugitt to be appointed to the Strategic Planning Council. Member Barnes made a motion to accept the appointment. Member Stone made the second. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mayor O'Neal nominated Member Mark Barnes and Member Kirk Stone to be appointed to the Murfreesboro Advertising and Tourism Commission. Member Fugitt made the motion to accept the appointments. Member Lewis made the second. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mayor O'Neal presented meeting dates for 2023. Member Gills made a motion to approve the dates. Member Barnes made the second. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mayor O'Neal nominated Rodney Fagan, Member Gills, Member Bachmann and himself to be appointed to the drainage ditch committee. Member Barnes made a motion to accept the appointments. Member Stone made the second. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mayor O'Neal made nominations for department committees for the city. The Building Committee nominees include Member O'Neal and Member Stone. The Police Committee nominees include Member Bachmann and Member Gills. The Sanitation Committee nominees include Member Fugitt and Member Stone. The Street Committee nominees include Member Bachmann and Member Barnes. Member O'Neal made a motion to accept the committee nominees. Member Barnes made the second. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mayor O'Neal announced his resignation, effective December 31, 2022, from the Murfreesboro Water Commission. Mayor O'Neal nominated Dick Carroll as his replacement on the

commission. Member Barnes made the motion to accept the nomination. Member O'Neal made the second. The roll call vote was unanimous.

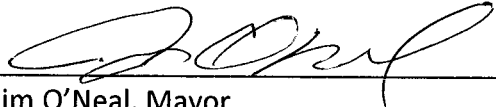
Member Bachmann made a motion to enter executive session to discuss the hiring of a city attorney. Member Stone made the second. The executive session began at 6:43 pm. The council exited executive session and Member Barnes made a motion to reconvene the city council meeting. Member Gills made the second. The executive session ended at 6:59 pm. Member Gills made a motion to hire Aaron Brasel as the new city attorney. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mayor O'Neal presented Resolution 2023-1 entitled "A Resolution Designating and Authorizing the Mayor and Recorder of the Murfreesboro System to Execute Certain Documents in Connection with Funding Administered by the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission". This resolution would allow the Water Department to apply for assistance to make improvements. Member Barnes made the motion to approve the resolution. Member Gills made the second. The roll call vote was unanimous.


A round table discussion was held after the agenda items. Member Fugitt spoke about a meeting of the Strategic Planning Council she had attended. There were no items to be brought to the attention of Mayor O'Neal or the council.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Date approved: 2/13/23



Jim O'Neal, Mayor



Penny Lamb, Recorder/Treasurer