

**JOURNAL AND PROCEEDINGS
MURFREESBORO CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 12, 2023**

The Murfreesboro City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at the Murfreesboro City Hall. Mayor Jim O'Neal called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council Member Kirk Stone led the council in prayer.

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

The minutes from the Regular Meeting held on November 13, 2023, were presented to the Council. Member Barnes made a motion to accept the minutes as given and Member Gills made the second. The roll call vote approved the minutes unanimously.

The Treasurer's report was presented to the Council. Member Fugitt 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 updated the council regarding the Weather Siren progress. The city is actively searching for a location for one of the new sirens.

Mayor O'Neal updated the council regarding the Park grant from Swepeco. A check in the amount of \$21,000 will be presented on Friday, December 15, 2023.

Mayor O'Neal updated the council regarding the Drainage ditch project. Contracts have been signed. Work is scheduled to begin December 21, 2023, and last 90 days to March 20, 2023 per contract.


Resolution 2023-7 entitled A Resolution of the City of Murfreesboro, Arkansas Adopting the Pike County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was read and introduced. Member Barnes made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-7. Member Gills made the second. The roll call vote approved the motion unanimously.

Bids for the Sidewalk project were accepted and opened at 11:00 am on December 12, 2023. Engineer, Trey Foster presented the results to the council. Bids were received from Greennecks Lawn Service, LLC, Benton, AR, Wooster Construction, LLC, Wooster, AR, and Branch Construction, LLC, Murfreesboro, AR. Branch Construction, LLC turned in the low bid in the amount of \$257,202.90, Council Fugitt made a motion to accept the bid from Branch Construction, LLC. Member O'Neal made the second. Council Bachmann abstained from the vote due to his family connection to Ricky Branch, owner of Branch Construction. The roll call approved the motion.

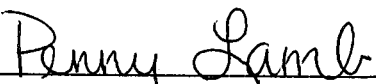
In the round table discussion, Mayor O'Neal discussed the loss of the Cash Saver grocery store. Council Stone commented on the Christmas parade.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Date approved: 1/8/24



Jim O'Neal, Mayor



Penny Lamb, Recorder/Treasurer