

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

The Murfreesboro City Council met in a regular scheduled meeting Monday, June 12, 2023, at the Murfreesboro City Hall. Mayor Jim O'Neal called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor O'Neal led the council in prayer.

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

The minutes from the Regular Meeting held on May 8, 2023, and the minutes from the Special Meeting held on May 19, 2023, were presented to the Council. Member O'Neal 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 Stone made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Member Gills 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.

The results of the 2020 and 2021 Financial and Compliance Report compiled by the Arkansas Legislative Audit was presented to the council. The report noted noncompliance with state law and accepted accounting practices in the office of the Advertising and Promotion Commission. The council was assured that all issues had been resolved. Member O'Neal made a motion to accept the Audit Report. Member Gills made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Gordon Hinds spoke to the council concerning the number of trucks that travel through Murfreesboro. Mr. Hinds claimed there were between 800 to 1200 trucks driving through town on a weekly basis. He believes there should be a way for the city to gain revenue from this activity. He proposed that a truck stop would be a suitable way to gain revenue. According to Mr. Hinds, land located in the "Y" between AR Highway 26 and AR Highway 27 is for sale and would be a great spot.

Ms. Charlotte McCauley from the Pike County Archives presented a request for funding for a new book on Pike County history. The last book was published in 1978. The new book will include family histories and information about the county not covered in the previous book. The Archives needs \$2500.00 to complete the book. Member Gills made a motion to approve \$2500.00 from the General fund for this purpose. Member Bachmann made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor O'Neal asked that Steve Turner be reappointed to a three (3) year term on the Water Commission. Member O'Neal made a motion to appoint Mr. Turner. Member Stone made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor O'Neal also asked that Joan Hooper be reappointed to a five (5) year term on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Member O'Neal made a motion to appoint Ms. Hooper. Member Gills made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor O'Neal asked the council to approve obtaining bids for a new roof for the City Hall located at 805 N Washington Ave. Member Barnes made a motion to obtain bids for both a metal roof and architectural shingles. Member Stone made a the second. The motion passed unanimously.

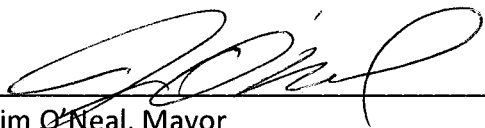
Mayor O'Neal requested, on behalf of Randy Miller (Murfreesboro Water Department) to appropriate \$65,000 of ARPA funds for the water department. The money will be used for projects on Kelley St and Village Circle. The Council had previously agreed to obligate the money for a matching grant. No grant has been available for the department to use. Upon completion of the projects, or until the department has expended funds matching the appropriation, whichever occurs first, the department will present an invoice to the Mayor and Recorder/Treasurer for reimbursement. This will satisfy the paper trail for the Federal Grant funds. Member Barnes made the motion for the appropriation. Member Gills made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

In Round Table discussion, Mayor O'Neal informed the council of the city's intent to split the cost of ten (10) portable bathrooms for the solar eclipse with the Murfreesboro Advertising and Tourism Department. The city's portion will be \$4250.00. The mayor also stated that South Central Electric had been to the park to remove and reset light poles. Only one pole was completed due to the condition of the old poles. While removing the first pole, it was noticed that the damage to the poles was worse than originally thought. The threat of the pole breaking while being removed was high. The company will return with additional trucks to ensure the safety of the crew. Mayor O'Neal referred to the special meeting held on May 19, 2023. He assured the council that all matters had been resolved. He also stated that there was no proof that the county treasurer was involved.

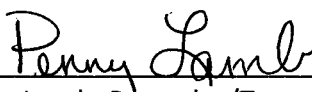
There were no other items to be brought to the attention of Mayor O'Neal or the council.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Date approved: 7/10/23



Jim O'Neal, Mayor



Penny Lamb, Recorder/Treasurer