

**OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
Municipal Building Courtroom

January 11, 2016

Minutes

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee convened at 7:00 p.m. on January 11, 2016 in the Courtroom of the Municipal Building with Mayor Warren L. Gooch presiding.

**INVOCATION**

Ms. Aleta Ledendecker, standing in for Julie Rogoish, of the East Tennessee Rationalists

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Councilmember Chuck Hope.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call the following councilmembers were present: Councilmember Trina Baughn; Councilmember Kelly Callison; Councilmember Rick Chinn, Jr; Mayor Warren L. Gooch; Councilmember L. Charles Hensley; Councilmember Charles J. Hope, Jr.; Mayor Pro Tem Ellen D. Smith.

Also present were Mark S. Watson, City Manager; Janice E. McGinnis, Finance Director; Bruce Applegate, Acting City Clerk; and Kenneth R. Krushenski, City Attorney.

Agenda Addition

Prior to Appearance of Citizens Councilmember Baughn moved, to add a proclamation designating January 17<sup>th</sup> as Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, seconded by Councilmember Chinn. Councilmembers discussed whether the item should be added.

The agenda addition was adopted by board vote Councilmembers Baughn, Chinn, Hope, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye", and Councilmembers Callison, Hensley, and Mayor Pro Tern Smith voting nay.

**APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS**

Mr. Martin McBride, 954 West Outer Drive, brought forth questions about the Department of Energy's (DOE) local hotel usage practices. City Manager Mark Watson provided an update on response to Senator Randy McNally's letter distributed to the DOE.

Mr. Joe Lee, 99 E. Pasadena Rd., expressed approval for the proposed new Department of Energy landfill, the benefits it would bring to the Oak Ridge community, and further stated there should be a formula or agreement with the DOE so the city can share in the financial benefits of having this work completed.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS**

*A proclamation designating January 31, 2016 as Dr. Elizabeth Rona Day.*

Councilmember Chinn moved seconded by Councilmember Baughn to adopt. The proclamation was unanimously adopted by board vote Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tern Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye".

*A proclamation designating January 17<sup>th</sup> as Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.*

Councilmember Baughn moved seconded by Councilmember Chinn to adopt. Councilmembers discussed the contents and meaning of the proclamation.

The proclamation was adopted by board vote Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye", and Mayor Pro Tern Smith voting nay.

## **SPECIAL REPORTS**

*Presentation from Neil Wilson of Realty Link, Main Street Project Update.*

Ray Evans standing in for Mr. Wilson provided an update on the developments at the Oak Ridge Main Street site, and addressed questions from Council.

*Transmittal of Report on Debt Obligation presented by Janice McGinnis, Finance Director*

Ms. McGinnis provided information on results of recent bond sales for debt restructuring and answered questions from Council.

*City Manager Evaluation Committee report, by Chair Charlie Hensley*

Councilmember Hensley seconded by Mayor Gooch to approve the report and adopt the resolution. Councilmember Hensley provided the City Manager Evaluation Committee's report and answered questions from Council.

Mr. Martin McBride, 954 W. Outer, suggested that inability to get Department of Energy representatives to the table reflected poorly on the City Manager and should be grounds not to increase his pay. Councilmembers provided follow up questions to Mr. McBride.

Joseph Lee, 99 E. Pasadena Rd., commented that the City has done very well under City Manager Watson, and the business community and city as a whole are beginning to prosper.

City Council provided comments on the City Manager's performance prior to voting on the resolution.

### **A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CITY MANAGER'S EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (APPROVED BY RESOLUTION 7-73-10 AND AMENDED BY RESOLUTIONS 7-72-11, 7-61-2012, 11-103-2013 AND 10-97-2014) TO PROVIDE FOR A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION AND AN EQUIVALENT TWO PERCENT (2%) SALARY INCREASE RETROACTIVE TO AUGUST 2, 2015.**

The resolution was adopted by board vote Councilmembers Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tern Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye", and Councilmember Baughn voting "Nay".

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of the December 14, 2015 City Council meeting minutes. Mayor Pro Tern Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Hope to adopt. The motion was unanimously adopted by board vote Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tern Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye".

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS QUALIFIED CONSULTANTS FOR AS-NEEDED ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$90,000.00.**

Councilmember Hope moved, seconded by Councilmember Baughn to adopt the resolution. The City Manager provided an overview and answered questions from Council. The resolution was unanimously adopted by board vote Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tern Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye".

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT PUMPS FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FROM ABBA PUMP PARTS AND SERVICE, BURLINGTON, ONTARIO, CANADA, IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$40,679.00 AND NEDROW & ASSOCIATES, INC., MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE, IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$39,700.00.**

Councilmember Hope moved, seconded by Councilmember Callison to adopt the resolution. Jack Suggs, Electric Department Director, provided an overview and answered questions from Council. The resolution was unanimously adopted by board vote Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tern Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye".

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH LDA ENGINEERING TO DEVELOP A POST REMEDIATION PLAN IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$65,000.00, AND AN AGREEMENT WITH LDA ENGINEERING FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO A SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT IN THE TURTLE PARK SEWER SHED IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$362,500.00.**

Mayor Pro Tern Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Callison to adopt the resolution. Jack Suggs, Electric Department Director, provided an overview and submitted a substitute resolution to amend the current resolution.

Mayor Gooch moved to amend previous resolution by replacing the third line of the original resolution with the third line from the substitute resolution, seconded by Councilmember Hope.

The motion to amend was unanimously adopted by board vote Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tern Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye".

City Manager responded to Councilmembers questions regarding the bidding process for engineering firms.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by board vote Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tern Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye".

**A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS AND AMENDING THE CONTRACT (COR 96-01) BETWEEN THE CITY AND WASTE CONNECTIONS OF TENNESSEE, INC., TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT TERM BY FIVE YEARS FOR A NEW TERMINATION DATE OF JUNE 30, 2026.**

Mayor Pro Tern Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Hensley to adopt the resolution. The City Manager provided an overview of the previous contracts, and the continuing contract with Waste Connections. The City Manager and Doug McGill provided information and responded to questions from Council.

Mayor Pro Tern Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Callison to defer the resolution to the February agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted by board vote Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tern Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye".

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE JOINT CITY/SCHOOLS PRESCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE DATED OCTOBER 20, 2015.**

Councilmember Baughn moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tern Smith to adopt the resolution. The City Manager and Keys Fillauer presented information and responded to questions from Council.

The resolution was adopted by board vote Councilmembers Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tern Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye", and Councilmember Baughn voting "Nay".

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 6-57-2015 REGARDING HEAVY EQUIPMENT RENTALS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 TO ADD ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR A NEW ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$110,000.00.**

Councilmember Hope moved seconded by Councilmember Callison to adopt the resolution. The resolution was adopted by board vote Councilmembers Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tern Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye", and Councilmember Baughn voting "Nay".

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

**FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES**

**ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING**

**Elections/Appointments**

Special meeting preceding work session next week for unfilled Board positions.

**Announcements**

Councilmember Hensley commented that additional resources should be put into Tuskegee drive disc golf course.

A previous request for update on 8<sup>th</sup> lane for rowing by councilmember Callison was addressed by city manager and additional related materials would be provided a the upcoming work session. Mayor Pro Tem Smith asked that the information brought to the work session also provide information on the effect work would have on the greenway.

Councilmember Chinn identified that the Oak Ridge Rowing Association had successfully signed an agreement to host the Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association regatta this year.

**Scheduling**

**COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS OR FUTURE BRIEFINGS**

**SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager addressed councilmember questions on the ongoing Department of Energy water rate contract.

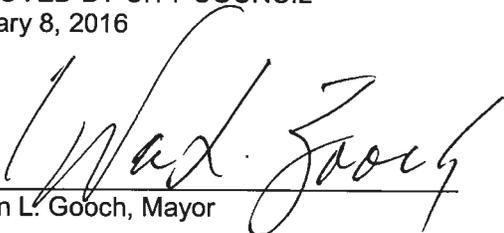
**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**ADJOURNMENT: 9:03 p.m.**



Bruce Applegate, Acting City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL  
February 8, 2016



Warren L. Gooch, Mayor