

**MINUTES OF THE
OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

July 27, 2015

The special meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge convened at 10:00 p.m. on July 27, 2015 in the Courtroom of the Municipal Building with Mayor Warren L. Gooch presiding.

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; Kenneth R. Krushenski, City Attorney; Janice E. McGinnis, Finance Director; and Diana R. Stanley, City Clerk.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND AN ORDINANCE

Resolution No. 07-80-2015

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CERTIFIED TAX RATE OF \$2.52 FOR THE RECENTLY COMPLETED GENERAL REAPPRAISAL OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED §67-5-1701.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Callison, to adopt the resolution.

As City Council began to consider the resolution, the City Attorney noted that the resolution being considered accepts the certified tax rate of \$2.52 from the Board of Equalization and that any amendment(s) from City Council regarding a tax rate should be considered as part of consideration of the ordinance that sets the property tax rate for the City of Oak Ridge.

The motion was approved by unanimous board vote with Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye."

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2015 (JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015) AS \$2.52 PER \$100.00 OF ASSESSED VALUE.

Councilmember Hensley moved, seconded by Councilmember Callison, to approve the ordinance on first reading.

The City Attorney noted that the second reading of the ordinance was scheduled to occur one week later.

Councilmember Chinn moved, seconded by Councilmember Baughn, to reduce the property tax rate to a revenue neutral rate of \$2.50 based on actual property tax collections in FY2015. The motion failed by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Nay," and Councilmembers Baughn and Chinn voting "Aye."

The original motion to approve the ordinance, as presented, was approved by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye," and Councilmembers Baughn and Chinn voting "Nay."

Resolution No. 07-81-2015

A RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE DUE DATE AND DELINQUENCY DATE SCHEDULE FOR PROPERTY TAXES FOR TAX YEAR 2015 (JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015).

Councilmember Baughn moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smith, to adopt the resolution.

The City Manager noted that in accordance with the presented resolution property taxes will become due and payable on September 1, 2015 and delinquent after October 31, 2015.

The motion to approve the resolution was approved unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting “Aye.”

Resolution No. 07-82-2015

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT A LETTER OF SUPPORT OF THE OAK RIDGE ROWING ASSOCIATION’S EFFORTS TO BRING THE 2016 AMERICAN COLLEGIATE ROWING ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS TO OAK RIDGE.

Councilmember Chinn moved, seconded by Councilmember Baughn, to adopt the resolution.

The motion to approve the resolution was approved unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Baughn, Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting “Aye.”

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Signature on File
Diana R. Stanley, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
September 14, 2015

Signature on file
Warren L. Gooch, Mayor