

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

April 9, 2018

Minutes

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee convened at 7:00 p.m. on April 9, 2018 in the Courtroom of the Municipal Building with Mayor Warren L. Gooch presiding.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Elder Annette Flynn with First United Methodist Church.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Isaiah Wilder, a student at Oak Ridge High School.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call the following Councilmembers were present: Councilmember Kelly Callison; Mayor Pro Tem Rick Chinn, Jr.; Councilmember Jim Dodson; Mayor Warren L. Gooch; Councilmember Charles J. Hope, Jr. and Councilmember Ellen Smith. Councilmember Hans Vogel was absent.

Also present were Mark S. Watson, City Manager; Kenneth R. Krushenski, City Attorney, Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk; and Janice McGinnis, Finance Director.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS**

Public Recognitions

Proclamations

*A proclamation recognizing the Robertsville Middle School cube satellite launch.*

At the request of Councilmember Dodson, this proclamation was deferred until the May 14, 2018 due to student scheduling conflicts.

*A proclamation recognizing the Oak Ridge High School Science Bowl Team.*

Councilmember Hope moved for approval of the proclamation, and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn seconded. The proclamation was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye." Councilmember Vogel was absent.

*A proclamation designating April 15, 2018 as Holocaust Remembrance Day.*

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the proclamation, and Councilmember Smith seconded. The proclamation was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye." Councilmember Vogel was absent.

*A proclamation designating April 16-20, 2018 as The Week of the Young Child.*

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the proclamation, and Councilmember Dodson seconded. The proclamation was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye." Councilmember Vogel was absent.

*A proclamation designating April, 2018 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.*

Councilmember Dodson moved for approval of the proclamation, and Councilmember Hope seconded. The proclamation was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope,

Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting “Aye.” Councilmember Vogel was absent.

*A proclamation designating April, 2018 as Fair Housing Month.*

Councilmember Smith moved for approval of the proclamation, and Councilmember Dodson seconded. The proclamation was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting “Aye.” Councilmember Vogel was absent.

### **SPECIAL REPORTS**

*Capital Improvements Program Transmittal*

Planning Commission Chairman Stephen Whitson formally transmitted the Capital Improvements Program that has been approved by the Oak Ridge Municipal Planning Commission. Hard copies were previously distributed to Councilmembers. The report was received for the record.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the Consent Agenda, and Councilmember Callison seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting “Aye.” Councilmember Vogel was absent.

Approval of the April 9, 2018 City Council regular meeting minutes

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2, TITLED “THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE,” BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP WHICH IS MADE A PART OF THE ORDINANCE BY CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT OF PARCEL 9.00, TAX MAP 106, FORMERLY KNOWN AS PARCEL G (APPROXIMATELY 20.96 ACRES), FROM FIR, FEDERAL INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH DISTRICT, TO IND-2, IMDO INDUSTRIAL MANHATTAN DISTRICT OVERLAY, SAID PARCEL BEING LOCATED ON BETHEL VALLEY ROAD SOUTH OF COMMERCE PARK.

Councilmember Dodson moved to open the public hearing, and Councilmember Smith seconded. Seeing no citizens wishing to speak, Councilmember Dodson moved to close the public hearing, and Councilmember Hope seconded. The motion to close the public hearing passed unanimously by voice vote.

Councilmember Hope moved for approval of the ordinance, and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn seconded. Community Development Director Wayne Blasius provided an overview of the ordinance and answered questions from Council.

Councilmember Smith inquired as to why the proposed rezoning was for Manhattan District Overlay (MDO) as opposed to IND-2. Mr. Blasius stated that he would get some clarification prior to the second reading of the ordinance.

The ordinance was approved unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting “Aye.” Councilmember Vogel was absent.

### **FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES**

#### **Public Hearing**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2, TITLED “THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, BY DELETING SUBSECTION 1.C.(1) OF SECTION 14.12, TITLED “SIGNS FOR COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICTS,” AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR A NEW SUBSECTION 1.C.(1) TO CORRECT A CONFLICT REGARDING WALL SIGNS IN COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICTS FOR BUILDINGS WITH STREET FRONTAGE ON MORE THAN ONE STREET.

Councilmember Hope moved to open the public hearing, and Councilmember Smith seconded. Seeing no citizens wishing to speak, Councilmember Callison moved to close the public hearing, and Councilmember Hope seconded. The motion to close the public hearing passed unanimously by voice vote.

Councilmember Dodson moved for adoption of the ordinance, and Councilmember Smith seconded. Community Development Director Wayne Blasius provided an overview of the ordinance and answered questions from Council.

After some discussion, Councilmember Smith moved to defer action on this ordinance until the May meeting in order for staff to clarify some issues and consult with the Planning Commission if necessary, and Mayor Gooch seconded. The motion to defer was approved by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye" and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "No." Councilmember Vogel was absent.

Final Adoption

**Ordinance No. 5-2018**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 10, TITLED "ANIMAL CONTROL," CHAPTER 1, TITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, BY DELETING SECTION 10-118, TITLED "IMPROPER CARE OF ANIMALS PROHIBITED," IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR A NEW SECTION 10-118, TITLED "IMPROPER CARE OF ANIMALS PROHIBITED," TO SET FORTH SPECIFICATIONS FOR DOGHOUSES AND SIMILAR SHELTERS TO PROVIDE INSULATION AND PROTECTION FROM THE ELEMENTS.

Councilmember Callison moved for adoption of the ordinance, and Councilmember Hope seconded.

The ordinance was adopted unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye." Councilmember Vogel was absent.

**Ordinance No. 6-2018**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 2, TITLED "BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, ETC.," CHAPTER 1, TITLED "MISCELLANEOUS," SECTION 2-101, TITLED "MEMBERSHIP TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS; RESIDENCY REQUIRED," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO WAIVE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR THE TRADE LICENSING BOARD UPON CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Councilmember Dodson moved for adoption of the ordinance, and Councilmember Smith seconded. City Attorney Ken Krushenski provided an overview of the ordinance and answered questions from Council.

The ordinance was adopted by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye" and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "No."

**Ordinance No. 7-2018**

AN ORDINANCE ABANDONING A PORTION OF WEST MADISON LANE RIGHT-OF-WAY UPON CERTAIN CONDITIONS BEING MET BY THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER.

Councilmember Smith moved for adoption of the ordinance, and Councilmember Callison seconded. The ordinance was adopted unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye." Councilmember Vogel was absent.

**Ordinance No. 8-2018**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2, TITLED “THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE,” BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP WHICH IS MADE A PART OF THE ORDINANCE BY CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT OF PARCEL 1.30, TAX MAP 30, (APPROXIMATELY 5.88 ACRES) FROM FIR, FEDERAL INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH DISTRICT, TO IND-2, IMDO INDUSTRIAL MANHATTAN DISTRICT OVERLAY, SAID PARCEL BEING LOCATED AT 615 AMERICUS AVENUE.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for adoption of the ordinance, and Councilmember Callison seconded. City Manager Mark Watson provided an overview of the ordinance and answered questions from Council.

The ordinance was adopted unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting “Aye.” Councilmember Vogel was absent.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 4-22-2018**

A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT (FY2018-137) TO ADAMS & SONS, INC., SEVIERVILLE, TENNESSEE, FOR THE TENNESSEE AVENUE WATERLINE AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$939,670.00.

Councilmember Dodson moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Callison seconded. Public Works Director Shira McWaters provided an overview of the resolution and answered questions from Council.

The resolution was adopted unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting “Aye.” Councilmember Vogel was absent.

**Resolution No. 4-23-2018**

A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT (FY2018-142) TO ROGERS GROUP, INC., KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, FOR STREET MILLING AND RESURFACING OF DESIGNATED CITY STREETS IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$576,783.25.

Councilmember Dodson moved for approval of the resolution, and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn seconded.

Councilmember Hope requested that further discussion be held with the Budget and Finance Committee regarding any emergency funds that could be put toward this project, as the budget will only cover about four miles out of the 210 miles the City has within its limits.

The resolution was approved unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting “Aye.” Councilmember Vogel was absent.

**Resolution No. 4-24-2018**

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING HUGH B. WARD, JR., TO THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER AND APPROVING THE ASSOCIATED FOUR-YEAR AGREEMENT.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Smith seconded. City Manager Mark Watson provided an overview of the resolution.

The resolution was approved unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting “Aye.” Councilmember Vogel was absent.

**Resolution No. 4-25-2018**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FORTY-EIGHT MONTH LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CLUB CAR, LLC, EVANS, GEORGIA, TO LEASE GOLF CARTS FOR TENNESSEE CENTENNIAL GOLF COURSE IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$88,536.00 PER YEAR.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Smith seconded. City Manager Mark Watson provided an overview of the resolution.

The resolution was approved unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye." Councilmember Vogel was absent.

**Resolution No. 4-26-2018**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF APPROXIMATELY \$34,377.00 FROM THE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) CHEVROLET TAHOE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT UTILIZING STATE CONTRACT PRICING.

Councilmember Smith moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Callison seconded. Oak

Ridge Fire Chief Darryl Kerley provided an overview of the resolution and answered questions from Council.

The resolution was approved unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye." Councilmember Vogel was absent.

**Resolution No. 4-27-2018**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) TO AMEND THE GREEN POWER PROVIDERS PROGRAM.

Mayor Pro Tem Chinn moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Callison seconded. Electric Department Director Jack Suggs provided an overview of the resolution.

The resolution was approved unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Dodson, Hope, Smith, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Chinn voting "Aye." Councilmember Vogel was absent.

**APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS**

Sharon Crane, 587 W. Outer Drive, Oak Ridge, addressed Council regarding the upcoming Highland View District Neighborhood Watch cleanup of the Emery Road Bridge on April 28, 2018.

**ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING**

**Elections/Appointments**

**Announcements**

Councilmember Dodson read a prepared statement in support of the need for school resource officers at each of the middle schools in Oak Ridge. His comments came in response to a student petition organized by Robertsville Middle School student Thomas McWaters. Councilmember Dodson also asked that his written comments be made a part of the official record. They are attached at the back of these minutes. Mayor Gooch asked if this could be discussed at an upcoming work session and budget meetings. Mayor Pro Tem Chinn stated he would like to know how other communities are handling this issue.

**Scheduling**

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

**SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

City Manager Mark Watson stated that he will be representing the City of Oak Ridge at the upcoming Energy Communities Alliance meeting in Washington.

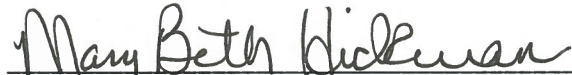
Mr. Watson also stated that there may need to be some special called meetings coming up in regard to budgetary items.

Mr. Watson stated that there is a new sculpture in Jackson Square presented by ORNL Credit Union as part of the Dogwood Arts Festival’s Art in Public Places Program.

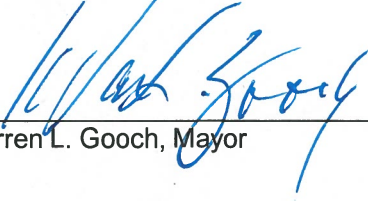
Mr. Watson also discussed the progress of the Blankenship Field renovations and stated that Barge Wagoner is coordinating with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation to submit a required map that would encompass the boundaries of the grant. He also discussed the status of the repair of a 10-foot deep valve leak in the parking lot of Subway on Oak Ridge Turnpike.

**CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:25 p.m.

  
Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL  
May 14, 2018

  
Warren L. Gooch, Mayor