

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

November 14, 2016

Minutes

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee convened at 7:00 p.m. on November 14, 2016 in the Courtroom of the Municipal Building with Mayor Warren L. Gooch presiding.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Pastor Curtis McClane, Highland View Church of Christ.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The colors were presented by cadets from the Oak Ridge Composite Squadron Color Guard, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Warren Gooch.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS**

Martin McBride, 954 W. Outer Drive, Oak Ridge, addressed Council regarding the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Oak Ridge schools becoming the first system in the South to desegregate and the need to send a message to the Department of Energy that the Oak Ridge City Council will not tolerate racist housing practices.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS**

Proclamations

*A proclamation designating November 17, 2016 as World Pancreatic Cancer Day.*

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

*A proclamation designating November 27-December 3, 2016 as Civil Air Patrol Week.*

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

*A proclamation designating November 29, 2016 as Secret City Gives Day.*

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

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

*2016 Annual Report from the Oak Ridge Heritage Railroad Authority*

Gordon Fee, Chairman of the Oak Ridge Heritage Railroad Authority, provided the 2016 Annual Report. At the conclusion of his report, Mayor Pro Tem Smith asked if the loss of state funding had anything to do with the Southern Appalachian Railway Museum's loss of its permit to operate on the tracks owned by Energy Solutions. Mr. Fee said no and that that decision was based on a liability issue. The report was received for the record.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Hensley moved for adoption of the Consent Agenda, and Councilmember Hope seconded.

The Consent Agenda was unanimously adopted by voice vote with Councilmembers Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Gooch voting "Aye."

Approval of the October 10, 2016 City Council regular meeting minutes

Approval of the October 18, 2016 City Council special meeting minutes

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 11-77-2016**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT WITH THE OAK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR CERTAIN FACILITIES, INCLUDING BLANKENSHIP FIELD.

Councilmember Chinn moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Hope seconded.

The resolution passed unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Smith voting "Aye."

**Resolution No. 11-78-2016**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (FY2016-147) WITH LUNA LAW GROUP, PLLC, FOR LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO AN APPEAL BEFORE THE STATE OF TENNESSEE BOARD OF WATER QUALITY, OIL & GAS IN THE REED CASE.

Councilmember Chinn moved for approval of the resolution, and Councilmember Callison seconded. City Attorney Ken Krushenski provided an overview of the resolution.

The resolution passed unanimously by board vote with Councilmembers Callison, Chinn, Hensley, Hope, Mayor Gooch and Mayor Pro Tem Smith voting "Aye."

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

First Reading of Ordinances

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 13, TITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REGULATIONS," CHAPTER 6, TITLED "OAK RIDGE LAND BANK CORPORATION," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, BY AMENDING SECTION 13-604, TITLED "BOARD OF DIRECTORS," SUBSECTION (C), TO GRADUALLY CHANGE THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR DIRECTORS FROM TWO YEARS TO THREE YEARS.

Councilmember Hensley moved for approval of the ordinance, and Councilmember Callison seconded.

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

### **FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES**

#### **Ordinance No. 12-2016**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 21-82, AS AMENDED, BY DELETING THE PROVISION OF SECTION 13 PERTAINING TO THE SCHEDULE OF WASTEWATER RATES IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR A NEW SCHEDULE OF WASTEWATER RATES.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved for adoption of the ordinance, and Councilmember Callison seconded.

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

### **ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING**

#### **Elections/Appointments**

##### **Announcements**

Councilmember Hensley reported that the Land Bank is transferring a lot on Hillside to a developer for building a single-family home and that no borrowed money was being used.

Councilmember Hope announced that he and Mayor Gooch will be traveling to New Orleans November 15-18 for the Energy Communities Alliance Intergovernmental meeting with the Department of Energy. One of the topics of discussion will be the transition from one presidential administration to the next.

##### **Scheduling**

City Manager Mark Watson reported that Anderson County is expected to certify the municipal election results on November 18, 2016 and Roane County will do the same on November 28, 2016. He stated that the ceremonial swearing in will take place at the December 12, 2016 City Council meeting.

The City Manager also informed Council that there will be no work session in November, and reminded them that the Budget and Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 16 in the Mayor’s Office.

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

Councilmember Callison asked for an update on the YWCA property. City Attorney Ken Krushenski stated that the property is in receivership and awaiting a judge’s decision as to who will assume control of the property.

### **SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

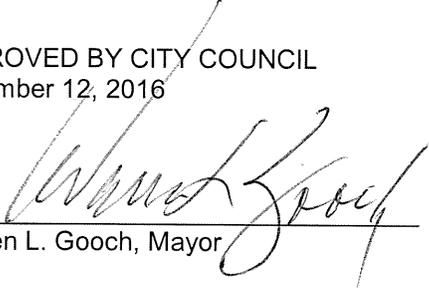
#### **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

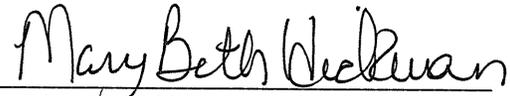
City Manager Mark Watson reminded Council of the December 9<sup>th</sup> deadline for applications to boards and commissions to be submitted to the City Clerk’s office in case they know of any citizens that wish to apply. He also provided a timeline for moving the Senior Center to the Oak Ridge Civic Center. He stated there would be a meeting of the Senior Advisory Board on November 21 to discuss this issue. He also advised that the target date is January for a design proposal to come forward for the Sessions Court movement to the Daniel Arthur building.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:52 p.m.**

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL  
December 12, 2016

  
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Warren L. Gooch, Mayor

  
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Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk