The City Council of the City of Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, Tennessee, met in regular session in the Business Center at the Murfreesboro Municipal Airport at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, with Mayor Shane McFarland present and presiding and with the following Council Members present and in attendance, to wit:

Madelyn Scales Harris
Rick LaLance
Ronnie Martin
Bill Shacklett
Kirt Wade
Shawn Wright

The following representatives of the City were also present:

Craig Tindall, City Manager
Adam Tucker, City Attorney
Jennifer Brown, City Recorder/
Finance Director
Darren Gore, Assistant City Manager
Angela Jackson, Executive Director/
Community Services
Sam Huddleston, Executive Director/
Development Services
Raymond Hillis, Executive Director/
Public Works
Mark Foulks, Fire and Rescue Chief
Trey Duke, City Schools Director
Erin Tucker, Budget Director
Cathy Smith, Purchasing Director
Kim Williams, City Schools Finance Director
Matthew Blomeley, Assistant Planning Director
Joshua Miller, Administrative Assistant

Mayor McFarland commenced the meeting with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Mayor Scales Harris updated everyone on her medical issues and asked for prayers. Councilmember Bill Shacklett led those present in prayer for the Vice-Mayor.

The Consent Agenda was presented to the Council for approval:

1. Purchase of Rock Salt (Street)
2. Asphalt and Concrete Purchase Report (Street)
3. Main Street Banner Request to Hang Across East Main Street to promote Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day to be displayed January 13-24, 2022 (Street)

Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Vice-Mayor Scales Harris seconded the motion and all members of the Council voted “Aye”.

Mayor McFarland commended the Street Department for the excellent job done in keeping the roads clear and salted during the winter weather the City received last week.

The following letter from the Budget Director was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated January 12, 2022 here with regards to Bond Premium Proceeds.)
Mrs. Erin Tucker, Budget Director, presented the request to allocate the Fiscal Year 2021 Bond Premium in the amount of $4.8 Million for construction costs related to the Fire Rescue Administrative Building and approve use of the Fiscal Year 2022 State of Tennessee Direct Allocation Grant for Rucker Lane Road improvements in the amount of $1,036,807.

Mr. LaLance made a motion to approve allocating the Fiscal Year 2021 Bond Premium in the amount of $4.8 Million for construction costs related to the Fire Rescue Administrative Building and approve use of the Fiscal Year 2022 State of Tennessee Direct Allocation Grant for Rucker Lane Road improvements in the amount of $1,036,807. Vice-Mayor Scales Harris seconded the motion and all members of the Council voted “Aye”, except Mr. Martin who voted “Abstain”.

The following letter from the Assistant City Manager was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated January 12, 2022 here with regards to Town Creek Phase II Proposals.)

Mr. Sam Huddleston, Executive Director of Development Services, presented the request to approve the Proposals with Robbi Kitchen, Rhett Turner, and Volkert, Inc. for appraisal services, appraisal reviews, and negotiations and relocation services related to the daylighting of Town Creek between South Church Street and Front Street, funded through Federal Stimulus Funds.

Mr. Shacklett made a motion to approve the Proposals with Robbi Kitchen, Rhett Turner, and Volkert, Inc. for appraisal services, appraisal reviews, and negotiations and relocation services related to the daylighting of Town Creek between South Church Street and Front Street, funded through Federal Stimulus Funds. Mr. LaLance seconded the motion and all members of the Council voted “Aye”.

The following letter from the City Recorder/Finance Director was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated January 12, 2022 here with regards to approval of minutes of City Council Meetings from December 2, 2021 through December 16, 2021.)

Mr. LaLance made a motion to approve the minutes as written and presented for the public comment meeting held on December 2, 2021; the regular meeting held on December 2, 2021; the regular meeting held on December 8, 2021; and the regular meeting held on December 16, 2021. Mr. Wright seconded the motion and all members of the Council voted “Aye”.

The following letter from the City Recorder/Finance Director was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated January 12, 2022 here with regards to Fiscal Year 2022 City Manager approved Budget Amendments.)
Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the City Manager approved Budget Amendments as presented for Other General Government, Parks and Recreation, and Purchasing. Mr. LaLance seconded the motion and all members of the Council voted “Aye”.

The following letter from the Planning Director was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated January 12, 2022 here with regards to approval of expenses for On-Call Plans Review Services by Griggs and Maloney.)

Mr. Matthew Blomeley, Assistant Planning Director, presented the request to approve the expenditure of an estimated $80,000 for consulting services with Griggs and Maloney for on-call plans review services, funded by the Department’s Budget.

Mr. Wade made a motion to approve the expenditure of an estimated $80,000 for consulting services with Griggs and Maloney for on-call plans review services, funded by the Department’s Budget. Mr. LaLance seconded the motion and all members of the Council voted “Aye”.

The following letter from the Assistant Planning Director was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated January 12, 2022 here with regards to rescheduling public hearings for February 3, 2022 for an annexation petition and plan of services [2021-512] for approximately 19 acres located along Florence Road, zoning application [2021-423] for approximately 16.7 acres and 2.1 acres along Florence Road, annexation petition and plan of services [2021-511] for approximately 25 acres along New Salem Highway, and zoning application [2021-422] for approximately 2.8 acres located along New Salem Highway.)

The following RESOLUTION 21-R-PH-41.1 was read to the Council and offered for adoption upon motion made by Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Wright. Upon roll call said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Aye:    Madelyn Scales Harris
        Ronnie Martin
        Bill Shacklett
        Kirt Wade
        Shawn Wright
        Shane McFarland

Nay:    None

Abstain: Rick LaLance

(Insert RESOLUTION 21-R-PH-41.1 fixing the time for Public Hearings to consider (1) adoption of a Plan of Services for and annexation of approximately 19 acres located along Florence Road and (2) zoning of approximately 16.7 acres to be zoned Single-Family Residential Six (RS-6) District and approximately 2.1 acres to be zoned Commercial Fringe (CF) District, located along Florence Road; which have been proposed to be annexed to the City of Murfreesboro Sharon Arnette, Cynthia Williams, Deborah Cohen and Alcorn Properties, Inc., applicant(s) [2021-512 & 2021-423].)
The following RESOLUTION 21-R-PH-42.1 was read to the Council and offered for adoption upon motion made by Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Wright. Upon roll call said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Aye: Madelyn Scales Harris
Ronnie Martin
Bill Shacklett
Kirt Wade
Shawn Wright
Shane McFarland

Nay: None

Abstain: Rick LaLance

(Insert RESOLUTION 21-R-PH-42.1 fixing the time for Public Hearings to consider (1) adoption of a Plan of Services for and annexation of approximately 25 acres located along New Salem Highway and (2) zoning of approximately 2.8 acres located along New Salem Highway to be zoned Highway Commercial (CH) District and approximately 22.2 acres to be zoned Single-Family Residential Eight (RS-8) District; which have been proposed to be annexed to the City of Murfreesboro, Salem Properties, Inc., applicant [2021-511 & 2021-422].)

The following letter from the Budget Director was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated January 12, 2022 here with regards to Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Amendment Ordinance.)

An ordinance, entitled "ORDINANCE 21-O-43 amending the 2021-2022 Budget (3rd Amendment)," which passed first reading on December 16, 2021, was read to the Council and offered for passage on second and final reading, upon motion made by Mr. LaLance, seconded by Mr. Wade. Upon roll call said ordinance was passed on second and final reading by the following vote:

Aye: Madelyn Scales Harris
Rick LaLance
Ronnie Martin
Bill Shacklett
Kirt Wade
Shawn Wright
Shane McFarland

Nay: None

(Insert ORDINANCE 21-O-43 here.)

The following letter from the Assistant City Manager was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated January 12, 2022 here with regards to 2021 Sanitary Sewer Allocation Report.)

Mr. Darren Gore, Assistant City Manager, presented the annual report of the sanitary sewer allocation 2021 assessment for the City and the model that the Water Resources Department has developed to continuously monitor sewage flow, which allows the department to determine the number of available sanitary sewer connections. He explained the difference between the “as is” model, which produces the total number of uncommitted
sanitary sewer connections available, and the "to be" model which produces the total number of uncommitted sanitary sewer connections available and incorporates the planned upgrades to the system. Mr. Gore stressed to the Council that the sanitary sewer rehabilitation project has been very successful and that upgrading or constructing new pumping stations are solutions that the Department is researching. Council engaged in discussion with Mr. Gore regarding meetings with TDEC that he had attended and the progress that had been made regarding the City’s National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitted limitations.

The following letter from the Budget Director was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated January 12, 2022 here with regards to Fiscal Year 2022 Mid-Year Budget Review.)

Mrs. Erin Tucker, Budget Director, presented Council with an overview of the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget, highlighting revenues, expenditures, debt service, and other expenses, answering questions from Council throughout the presentation.

The following letter from the Budget Director was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated January 12, 2022 here with regards to November 2021 Dashboard packet.)

The November 2021 Dashboard update, which included Financial, Building & Codes, Risk Management, Construction Data, City Schools Cash Flow Statements, and Revenue & Expenditure Budget Comparison Reports, was presented to Council with no discussion taking place.

The following letter from the City Recorder/Finance Director was presented to the Council:

(Insert letter dated January 12, 2022 here with regards to Beer Permit Applications for 615 District, 1950 S Church St. and A and M Tobacco and Beer, 2075 Lascassas Pk. #A.)

Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the Beer Permits for 615 District, 1950 South Church Street (New Location) and A and M Tobacco and Beer, 2075 Lascassas Pike #A (Ownership Change), pending Building and Codes approval. Mr. Wade seconded the motion and all members of the Council voted "Aye".

The following statement was presented to the Council with the recommendation of the City Manager and City Recorder/Finance Director that its payment be approved:

From 2019 CIP:

Rutherford County Circuit Court Clerk $ 30,039
Rutherford County Circuit Court Clerk $ 8,773
Mr. Wade made a motion to approve payment of the statements as recommended by the City Recorder/Finance Director. Mr. LaLance seconded the motion and all members of the Council voted "Aye".

Mr. Craig Tindall, City Manager, stated that on January 20, 2022, there would be a special Council Meeting held at the airport to discuss topics relating to MTSU. Council discussed what representatives from MTSU would be present at the meeting and who to extend invitations to after the MTSU Board of Trustees declined to attend.

There being no further business, Mayor McFarland adjourned this meeting at 1:09 p.m.

SHANE MCFARLAND – MAYOR

ATTEST:

JENNIFER BROWN - CITY RECORDER