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, March 9, 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

Vice-Mayor Scales Harris arrived late to the meeting.

The following representatives of the City were also present:

Craig Tindall, City Manager  
Jennifer Brown, City Recorder/Finance Director  
David Ives, Deputy City Attorney  
Darren Gore, Assistant City Manager  
Gary Whitaker, Assistant City Manager  
Angela Jackson, Executive Director/Community Services  
Sam Huddleston, Executive Director/Development Services  
Erin Tucker, Budget Director  
Greg McKnight, Planning Director  
Nate Williams, Parks and Recreation Director  
Randolph Wilkerson, Employee Services Director  
Russell Gossett, Solid Waste Director  
Trey Adams, Golf Director  
Joshua Miller, Administrative Assistant

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

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

(Insert letter dated March 9, 2022 here with regards to Golf Course Renovation for Old Fort Golf Club.)

Mr. Trey Adams, Golf Director, presented the request to approve the Agreement with Watermark Golf/Nathan Crace Design, in the amount of $54,000 plus travel expenses, funded by reallocated Bond proceeds, for consultant services related to the renovation of the Old Fort Golf Course.

Mr. Shacklett made a motion to approve the Agreement with Watermark Golf/Nathan Crace Design, in the amount of $54,000 plus travel expenses, funded by reallocated Bond proceeds, for consultant services related to the renovation of the Old Fort Golf Course. Mr. Wade seconded the motion and all members of the Council present voted “Aye”.

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

(Insert letter dated March 9, 2022 here with regards to Chlortec Hypochlorite Cell Replacement.)
Mr. Darren Gore, Assistant City Manager, presented the request to approve the sole source-purchase with De Nora Water Technologies, LLC, in the amount of $64,496, funded by the Department’s Working Capital Reserves, for replacement of a Chlortec Hypochlorite Cell.

Mr. Wade made a motion to approve the sole source-purchase with De Nora Water Technologies, LLC, in the amount of $64,496, funded by the Department’s Working Capital Reserves, for replacement of a Chlortec Hypochlorite Cell. Mr. Martin seconded the motion and all members of the Council present voted “Aye”.

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

(Insert letter dated March 9, 2022 here with regards to Overall Creek Pump Station Expansion Award of Contract.)

Vice-Mayor Scales Harris arrived during the presentation of this item.

Mr. Darren Gore, Assistant City Manager, presented the request to award the Construction Contract to Blakey Construction Services, LLC, in the amount of $4,963,947, funded by the Department’s Working Capital Reserves, for expansion of the Overall Creek Pump Station.

Council discussed with staff bids coming in over the estimated cost amount and the increase in construction costs due to the current construction cost market and shortages.

Mr. LaLance made a motion to award the Construction Contract to Blakey Construction Services, LLC, in the amount of $4,963,947, funded by the Department’s Working Capital Reserves, for expansion of the Overall Creek Pump Station. Mr. Wade seconded the motion and all members of the Council voted “Aye”.

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

(Insert letter dated March 9, 2022 here with regards to SRWTP Switchgear Improvements Bid Award.)

Mr. Darren Gore, Assistant City Manager, presented the request to award the Construction Contract to PowerTek, LLC, in the amount of $1,513,454, funded by the Department’s CIP, for improvements to the Switchgear at the Stones River Water Treatment Plant.

Mr. Shacklett made a motion to award the Construction Contract to PowerTek, LLC, in the amount of $1,513,454, funded by the Department’s CIP, for improvements to the Switchgear at the Stones River Water Treatment Plant. Mr. LaLance seconded the motion and all members of the Council voted “Aye”.

The following letters from the Golf Director and Parks and Recreation Director were presented to the Council:
Mr. Craig Tindall, City Manager, presented Council with the request to increase the City’s full-time position head count by ten. He explained that the full-time positions would be replacing current part-time positions that the City is struggling to fill in the current labor market.

Mr. LaLance made a motion to increase the City’s full-time position head count by ten. Mr. Wright seconded the motion and all members of the Council voted “Aye”.

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

Mr. Craig Tindall, City Manager, presented Council with the request to approve the transfer of property and control over Evergreen Cemetery from the City to the newly formed Evergreen Cemetery, Inc.

Vice-Mayor Scales Harris made a motion to approve the Bill of Sale and transfer property from the City and control over Evergreen Cemetery to Evergreen Cemetery, Inc. Mr. Shacklett seconded the motion and all members of the Council voted “Aye”.

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

Mr. Darren Gore, Assistant City Manager, introduced Mr. Mark Brown, WastAway CEO, who gave a presentation on WastAway services and how they can be used to reduce dependence on landfills. Mr. Gore and Mr. Brown answered questions from Council regarding TVA regulations, industries that are interested in WasteAway fuel, and potential partners and industries that exist in the City and County.

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

The January 2022 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:
Mr. Wade made a motion to approve the Special Event Beer Permits for Children's Museum Corporation dba Discovery Center on 5/14/22, 6/3/22, 6/4/22, 6/5/22, and 9/24/22 at 502 SE Broad St.; Charity Circle of Murfreesboro on 4/30/22, 8/19/22, 9/8/22, and 12/9/22 at 2261 Oakleigh Dr., 2914 Cherry Blossom Ln., 1728 Shagbark Trl., and 1529 Avellino Circle; and Interfaith Dental of Nashville on 3/24/22 at 210 Robert Rose Dr.)

Mr. Wade made a motion to approve the Special Event Beer Permits for Children’s Museum Corporation dba Discovery Center on 5/14/22, 6/3/22, 6/4/22, 6/5/22, and 9/24/22 at 502 Southeast Broad Street; Charity Circle of Murfreesboro on 4/30/22, 8/19/22, 9/8/22, and 12/9/22 at 2261 Oakleigh Drive, 2914 Cherry Blossom Lane, 1728 Shagbark Trail, and 1529 Avellino Circle; and Interfaith Dental of Nashville on 3/24/22 at 210 Robert Rose Drive. Mr. LaLance seconded the motion and all members of the Council voted “Aye”.

The City Recorder/Finance Director stated that there were no statements to be paid.

Mayor McFarland requested that the Future Land Use Plan return to Council for discussion before the Planning Commission votes to approve it.

Council Member LaLance discussed with staff removing some requirements for public hearings regarding matters that have already had a public hearing at the Planning Commission with no attendance.

There being no further business, Mayor McFarland adjourned this meeting at 1:01 p.m.

SHANE MCFARLAND – MAYOR

ATTEST:

JENNIFER BROWN – CITY RECORDER