

**Minutes of the
City Council Work Session
Eagleville City Hall, Eagleville, TN
Thursday, October 12, 2023 – 7:00 PM**

1) MAYOR'S WELCOME and CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chad Leeman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2) ROLL CALL

Roll was called by City Recorder Christina Rivas.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Mayor Chad Leeman
Vice-Mayor Bill Tollett
Councilman Jason Blair
Councilman Ryan Edwards
Councilman Brandon Emamalie arrived at 7:02 p.m.
Councilman Chris Hendrix

ABSENT:

Councilman Craig Campbell

STAFF

Hellyn Riggins, City Manager
Christina Rivas, City Recorder

Stephen Aymett, City Attorney
David Breniser, Police Chief

GUESTS

Jason Pickering

3) DISCUSSION

a. Review of Emergency Services Provided by the City

City Manager Hellyn Riggins explained that this item was added to the agenda in anticipation of follow up discussion after the Special Session held on September 25, 2023.

b. Review of Grant Awarded to City – Violent Crime Intervention Fund Grant for Up to \$76,7011.00 for the Purchase of a New Police Vehicle and Other Officer Protective Gear

City Manager Hellyn Riggins stated that the grant would reimburse the City this fiscal year. It was noted that the funds would pay for the cost of a vehicle for the police department as well as protective gear. She stated that funds were allocated in the budget for protective gear, thus the grant would allow the City to save those funds.

Councilman Blair noted his approval for the colors of the vehicle: Black with white detailing. Ms. Riggins stated that the fleet would be painted this way to be more noticeable. She noted that the savings provided by the grant would fund painting the fleet.

Councilman Blair also thanked staff for endeavoring to support the City budget through grants.

Ms. Riggins acknowledged Chief Dave Breniser for his efforts in acquiring the grant. Chief Breniser noted that having quality equipment would assist in recruitment.

Discussion ensued regarding the status of various City vehicles noting that:

- The Ford Explorer will either be sold or repaired.
 - If repaired, it could be used as a staff vehicle.
- The Ford Crown Victoria was acquired from a seizure. As such, the City is required to sell it after 5 years.
- The HUMVEE is part of the lease program for a \$200 fee.
 - It cannot be sold and must be returned to the government.
 - To return it is a process which can be discussed at a future Council meeting.
- The new Emergency Services Center will have a secured fenced lot in back of the fire department.
 - It will have a storage shed and some parking spots for seized vehicles.

Mayor Leeman noted that Council was in agreement that the car and the grant were a good idea. He stated that he didn't want anyone to feel rushed, however the grant had an impending deadline, requiring a timely decision.

c. Review of Proposed Changes to Eagleville City Bank Accounts

Ms. Riggins reviewed the findings of the research conducted by staff:

- Apex Bank has been competitive in their offers and willingness to work with the City.
- Proposing to move approximately \$1.3M to the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP).
 - Interest rate will vary in the LGIP.
- The Money Market account with Apex will allow funds to be drawn readily and without penalty for up to 10 withdrawals per month.
- Certificates of Deposit (CD's) will continue to be monitored.
- LGIP funds can be moved without penalty.

It was noted that the City's Financial Advisor, Mike Walker was requesting Council approval to move funds in order to utilize City funds to earn money. Ms. Riggins explained that:

- a 5% return on \$1M equated to \$50,000; potentially earning \$150,000.
- This is a start to having money earn money and acclimate to moving funds around.
- Important to earn money while interest rates are high.
- The budget is healthy.

Councilman Edwards stated his concerns as to whether there were concessions required of the City in order to obtain the high interest rate with LGIP. Ms. Riggins noted that there were not, nor were there any penalties.

Mayor Leeman and Council concurred that it was unnecessary to meet again with Financial Advisor Mike Walker, regarding the LGIP.

d. Ordinance 2023 – 009 ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAGLEVILLE, TENNESSEE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE STATE TRAFFIC OFFENSES AND RULES OF THE ROAD AND AMEND TITLE 15, CHAPTER 1.

City Manager Hellyn Riggins stated that City Clerk Catherine Sanderson met with an attorney from Municipal Technology Advisory Service (MTAS) that advises cities regarding municipal court. It was explained that the City's Municipal Code needed to be amended to include new traffic laws. Ms. Riggins requested that Council consider adopting the new laws.

e. **Discussion of City Seal**

Councilmen Blair and Edwards stated their support for the seal as presented.

It was queried whether to have the founding year of the City in gold or white.

Ms. Riggins noted that the maroon City entrance signs needed to be replaced. She questioned if Council was considering putting the seal on City signage.

Councilman Hendrix noted that the signs had lasted five years; citing that they may need to be replaced every five years.

Councilman Emamalie noted that there were new signs in the City's storage unit. He suggested that signage could be made with a vinyl wrap that could easily be replaced; mitigating fading.

Ms. Riggins suggested scheduling this topic for discussion at the next Council Work Session.

Councilman Emamalie stated that he would inquire about the possibility of putting the seal on City signs. He also noted that the park sign was in disrepair. Ms. Riggins stated that she was waited to replace signs until a decision had been made regarding the seal. She noted that electronic signage had also been discussed and awaited direction from Council.

Ms. Riggins noted that signs at the field that were in memorial had been replaced and thanked Chief Breniser for his assistance in the endeavor.

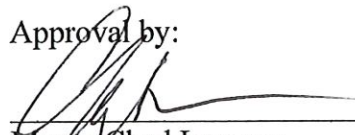
Mayer Leeman noted that dirt was needed for the fields. Ms. Riggins acknowledged stating that dirt for fields 1 and 2 was in the budget and would be addressed at the beginning of 2024.

Chief Breniser noted Fastsigns had made an error on the sign to replace the damaged field memorial sign for John Redmond. He stated that the City had an additional sign that could be given to the family of the deceased, however he did not know how to reach them. Councilman Hendrix stated that he knew the family and would give the sign to them.

4) **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Leeman confirmed that there was no further business and adjourned the Work Session at 7:30 p.m.

Approval by:



Mayor Chad Leeman



City Recorder Christina Rivas

Date minutes approved: November 16, 2023