REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE

September 10, 2026
6:00 p.m.

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to the meeting notice on September 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the East Ridge City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Brian Williams called the meeting to order.

Patrick Hampton with Crosspath Church gave the invocation. All joined in for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Brian Williams, Vice Mayor David Tyler, Councilmember Jacky Cagle, Councilmember Jeff Ezell, Councilmember Andrea Witt, City Manager Brian Koral, City Attorney Mark Litchford, Finance Director Diane Qualls, City Clerk Jennifer Deitrick

Public Attendance: Approximately 13 members of the public were present.

Milestone Award

Mayor Williams recognized Fire Department employee Chris Peters for 15 years of service with the City.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilmember Witt moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Vice Mayor Tyler seconded. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – abstain due to absence from the August 27, 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

Communication from Citizens

Mayor Williams opened the floor for comments. No citizens came forward to address the Council.

Communication from Councilmembers

Vice Mayor Tyler and Councilmembers Ezell and Witt reported no comments.

Councilmember Cagle asked that Ms. Henson be kept in their thoughts and prayers.

Mayor Williams reported the passing of Mac Pendley and asked that the family be remembered in thoughts and prayers. He noted that Mr. Pendley had served on the Industrial Development Board and the Board of Zoning Appeals. He invited Parks and Recreation Director Skiles to announce the Parks and Recreation events and programs and the upcoming East Ridge Fall Festival and Community Thanksgiving. Mayor Williams then highlighted several upcoming programs and activities offered through the East Ridge Library.

Communication from City Manager

City Manager Koral introduced Kanita Stojnic as the new Venue Manager and reported that several staff members joined Mayor Williams and Vice Mayor Tyler at the Hamilton County elected officials' swearing-in ceremony. City Manager Koral reminded everyone that the Optimist Club would host its annual 9/11 Memorial Luncheon on September 11, 2026, and shared a "Top of the Ridge" story expressing appreciation for the assistance provided by members of the East Ridge Fire & Rescue Department and Police Department.

Vice Mayor Tyler reminded everyone of the 48th Annual Jones Memorial Barbeque and Bake Sale.

Old Business

No old business was presented.

New Business

RESOLUTION NO. 3851 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO BROWN BROTHERS, INC. FOR THE MANA LANE EMERGENCY CULVERT AND SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution caption. City Manager Koral reviewed the deteriorated culvert conditions, potential impacts to nearby residential access, repair cost and the construction timeline. Vice Mayor Tyler moved to approve Resolution No. 3851. Councilmember Witt seconded. Following brief discussion, Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3853 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH ACE HARDWARE OF EAST RIDGE, INC., RELATING TO A PROJECT IN THE BORDER REGION RETAIL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATING THERETO

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution caption and explained that the proposed agreement would provide the developer with 80% of eligible Border Region revenue until the agreed-upon incentive amount is reached. Councilmember Ezell moved to approve Resolution No. 3853. Vice Mayor Tyler seconded. Following brief discussion, Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3854 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT FOR THE SALE, POSSESSION, AND CONSUMPTION OF BEER AT THE GUNS AND HOSES EVENT TO BE HELD AT CAMP JORDAN ARENA ON OCTOBER 30, 2026

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution caption. City Clerk Deitrick reviewed the hours during which alcohol sales would occur and explained that the permit would be issued to the event organizer, with alcohol sales to be conducted by the Camp Jordan concessionaire. Councilmember Witt moved to approve Resolution No. 3854. Vice Mayor Tyler seconded. Following brief discussion, Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3855 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THIRTEEN TROY INDUSTRIES PATROL RIFLE PACKAGES FOR THE EAST RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM TROY INDUSTRIES, INC. AS A SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution caption. Police Chief Uselton reviewed a request to purchase thirteen (13) patrol rifle packages for frontline officers to replace aging equipment. He noted that the purchase price of $25,064 was included in the approved budget. Vice Mayor Tyler moved to approve Resolution No. 3855. Councilmember Ezell seconded. Following brief discussion, Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Cagle – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Tentative Agenda for the September 24, 2026 City Council Meeting (See Attachment A)

ATTACHMENT A
TENTATIVE AGENDA
September 24, 2026

New Business

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - Award of a bid to provide trophies for various sports programs for the Parks and Recreation Department

Parks and Recreation Director Skiles stated that bids were opened on September 9, 2026, and staff will present a recommendation for award at the next Council meeting.

City Manager Koral requested that discussion of the Springvale Park Improvement Project be added to the September 24, 2026 agenda. He explained that the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget allocated $500,000 for the project. After accounting for engineering and design costs, approximately $446,000 remains available for construction. He reported that the base bids received ranged from approximately $519,000 to $913,000, while bids including all alternates ranged from approximately $760,000 to $1.3 million.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the September 10, 2026 Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of East Ridge was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

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The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to the meeting notice on September 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the East Ridge City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Brian Williams called the meeting to order.

Daniel Beard of Action Church gave the invocation. All present joined in for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Brian Williams, Vice Mayor David Tyler, Councilmember Jeff Ezell, Councilmember Andrea Witt, City Manager Brian Koral, City Attorney Mark Litchford, Finance Director Diane Qualls, City Clerk Jennifer Deitrick

Public Attendance: Approximately 36 members of the public were present.

Special Proclamation

Mayor Williams and members of Council offered remarks honoring the life and service of Councilmember Jacky Cagle following his recent passing. Councilmembers reflected on his dedication to the City of East Ridge, his friendship, and his years of public service. Family members were invited forward as a special proclamation was presented in his honor. State Representative Esther Helton-Haynes also presented the family with a flag that flew over the Capitol in Nashville and a proclamation from the House of Representatives.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilmember Witt moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Vice Mayor Tyler seconded. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Communication from Citizens

Mayor Williams opened the floor for comments. Jason Trew 520 S Lovell Ave addressed the Council regarding the intersection of Moore Road and Fike Drive and Oakdale Road. Mr. Trew also requested sidewalks along the entirety of McBrien Road.

Communication from Councilmembers

Vice Mayor Tyler reported attending the Fall Festival and thanked City staff for their efforts in making the event successful.

Councilmember Witt announced the Optimist Club River Rescue event scheduled for October 3, 2026.

Councilmember Ezell reported no comments.

Mayor Williams invited Parks and Recreation Director Skiles to announce upcoming Parks and Recreation events and programs and to provide a review of the East Ridge Fall Festival. Mayor Williams then shared upcoming East Ridge Library programs and events and announced the upcoming National Night Out event.

Communication from City Manager

City Manager Koral provided updates on the citywide stormwater system review and ongoing efforts to remove obstructions from Spring Creek and Chickamauga Creek. He also reported on his attendance at the Tennessee City Managers Conference and provided updates on residential traffic calming and street-cut policy initiatives. Mr. Koral then read a thank you letter regarding a police escort provided by the East Ridge Police Department and shared a "Top of the Ridge" recognition highlighting East Ridge firefighters who assisted a wheelchair user in safely crossing Ringgold Road during heavy traffic.

Old Business

No old business was presented.

New Business

RESOLUTION NO. 3856 - A RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID FOR A TROPHY VENDOR TO SUPPLY TROPHIES FOR VARIOUS SPORTS PROGRAMS FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution caption. Parks and Recreation Director Skiles presented the bid recommendation for Awards of Excellence to provide trophies, medals, plaques, and related awards. Vice Mayor Tyler moved to approve Resolution No. 3856. Councilmember Ezell seconded. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3857 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF A SURPLUS 60-INCH SPARTAN ZERO TURN LAWN MOWER TO EAST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution. Street Department Supervisor Vaughn presented the request to donate a surplus mower to the East Ridge High School. Councilmember Witt moved to approve Resolution No. 3857. Vice Mayor Tyler seconded. There being no discussion, Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3858 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH STRUCTURAL REPAIRS TO THE SOCCER BUILDING LOCATED AT CAMP JORDAN PARK, FIELDS 4 AND 5

City Attorney Litchford read the resolution caption. Parks and Recreation Director Skiles presented an emergency request for foundation repairs to the soccer concession and office building located near Fields 4 and 5 at Camp Jordan Park. The building has experienced additional settling and cracking. Ram Jack was recommended to perform stabilization work under a lifetime warranty. Vice Mayor Tyler moved to approve Resolution No. 3858. Councilmember Witt seconded. Following discussion, Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote. Vice Mayor Tyler – yes; Councilmember Ezell – yes; Councilmember Witt – yes; Mayor Williams – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of the Springvale Park Improvement Project

City Manager Koral presented an overview of the proposed Springvale Park Improvement Project and reviewed the bid results received for the planned enhancements. He explained that the project is partially funded through a grant and noted that all bids received exceeded the funds currently budgeted for construction. Council discussed the various project alternatives. Council members expressed support for moving forward with the project and reached a consensus to proceed with the base project, including the dog park, walking track, restroom facility, one-half pavilion, and additional parking improvements.

Discussion of Tentative Agenda for the October 8, 2026 City Council Meeting (See Attachment A)

ATTACHMENT A
TENTATIVE AGENDA
October 8, 2026

New Business

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - A resolution approving an interlocal agreement for the City of East Ridge, Tennessee to provide fire and police services to the City of Ridgeside, Tennessee

City Manager Koral stated that this item represents the City's annual interlocal agreements with the City of Ridgeside for fire and police services. He noted that the agreements have historically included a four percent (4%) annual increase and anticipates the same increase for the upcoming agreement.

Discussion of City Council Vacancy

City Manager Koral and City Attorney Litchford reviewed Charter provisions regarding filling the vacancy. Mayor Williams stated he had spoken with Donna Cagle regarding serving the remainder of Councilmember Cagle's term; she respectfully declined. Councilmembers expressed support for leaving the seat vacant until the November 3, 2026 election, at which time a new council member will be elected by the voters.

Mayor Williams asked if there were any additional items that should be added to the October 8, 2026 agenda.

Finance Director Qualls reported that the FY2027 budget includes funding for each East Ridge school and that principals have been contacted regarding proposed uses of the funds. She stated that a response had been received from Spring Creek Elementary School and that staff would continue working with the remaining schools so that resolutions could be presented to Council.

City Manager Koral stated that the Springvale Park bid award recommendation would also be included on the October 8, 2026 agenda.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the September 24, 2026 Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of East Ridge was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

APPROVED:

Brian Williams
MAYOR

Jennifer Dietrick
CITY CLERK