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## Transcript

00:00:00 Speaker 1

I'd like to call to order the meeting for the city of Ridgetop, mayor of Board of Mayor and Alderman for June the 9th, 2026.

00:00:11 Speaker 1

It's six, it's 12:15, 30 p.m.

00:00:17 Speaker 1

Early.

00:00:18 Speaker 1

Brother Dan, maybe you can leave us in the invocation.

00:00:23 Speaker 2

Lord, we thank you for this thing you've given us.

00:00:26 Speaker 2

Thank you for the ability

00:00:28 Speaker 2

be present to be here tonight to do the business of the city we pray God that you'll keep us that we'll have uh one mind one accord that you'll guide this board mayor of Baltimore Lord I pray that you'll bless and guide me bless our city God that there be a unity of focus God may we uh please you in all we do we pray your blessings on the city your blessings on this board your blessings on this uh people we ask you in Jesus name amen

00:00:57 Speaker 2

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

00:01:10 Speaker 1

Ms.

00:01:18 Speaker 1

Kelly, roll call.

00:01:19 Speaker 3

Mayor Shaw.

00:01:20 Speaker 1

Here.

00:01:21 Speaker 3

Alderman Gregory.

00:01:22 Speaker 2

Here.

00:01:22 Speaker 3

Alderman Martin.

00:01:24 Speaker 3

Vice Mayor Gilmore.

00:01:25 Speaker 4

Here.

00:01:26 Speaker 3

Alderman Senate.

00:01:27 Speaker 2

Here.

00:01:27 Speaker 3

Attorney Russell Freeman.

00:01:28 Speaker 1

Here.

00:01:30 Speaker 1

Okay, if everyone could take a couple minutes and read the minutes from our last meeting of May the 19th, 2026.

00:02:10 Speaker 5

I make a motion we approve the meeting minutes at the meeting of May 19th, 2026.

00:02:16 Speaker 2

I'll second.

00:02:17 Speaker 1

Any comments?

00:02:20 Speaker 1

All in favor.

00:02:22 Speaker 2

Aye.

00:02:29 Speaker 1

Okay, any citizens comments?

00:02:33 Speaker 1

Don't look at me.

00:02:36 Speaker 2

Nothing.

00:02:38 Speaker 2

I have a headache.

00:02:42 Speaker 5

It just wouldn't feel the same.

00:02:43 Speaker 5

I'm giving you a right?

00:02:48 Speaker 1

See, you're throwing the whole meeting off now.

00:02:55 Speaker 6

The fact that he has no comment is what disturbed me.

00:02:59 Speaker 6

I'm wondering, I'm wondering what's really going on.

00:03:01 Speaker 6

Yeah, I want to pray.

00:03:03 Speaker 2

After my three minutes to the next meeting.

00:03:06 Speaker 2

Tonight, your three minutes are eternal, so...

00:03:08 Speaker 2

The floor is yours.

00:03:13 Speaker 2

I'll give him that.

00:03:15 Speaker 2

Yeah, all right, while he said that.

00:03:16 Speaker 2

That was a joke, I don't have the authority to give him that.

00:03:19 Speaker 2

While he said no, let's move ahead.

00:03:24 Speaker 1

Okay, commission reports.

00:03:25 Speaker 1

Finance and administration.

00:03:28 Speaker 1

We're winding up the budget process as we speak.

00:03:32 Speaker 1

We should be submitting that by the end of this month.

00:03:36 Speaker 1

Everything is going along well in that particular area.

00:03:42 Speaker 1

So that's all I've got currently on finance.

00:03:47 Speaker 1

Public works and streets.

00:03:50 Speaker 1

Streets we have gotten Upper Highland

00:03:53 Speaker 1

Paved, looks really good, as well as Pioneer Park was paved, and that looks fantastic.

00:04:06 Speaker 1

I think Dale will report on Ridgestop Station here in just a little bit.

00:04:10 Speaker 1

But there's been a lot of things going on right here at the end of the year that we're trying to get in and get accomplished, and we've gotten quite a bit done.

00:04:22 Speaker 1

Parks and Recreation.

00:04:24 Speaker 4

Well, I have basically moved in to Station Park.

00:04:32 Speaker 4

We had an event, well I say we, Green Ridge Chamber of Commerce had a Touch the Truck event this past weekend and I have heard nothing but good reports from it.

00:04:44 Speaker 4

And in fact, we got a lot of credit for it because people thought we put it on.

00:04:48 Speaker 4

So I've actually had people telling me what a good job we did.

00:04:53 Speaker 4

We did do a good job.

00:04:55 Speaker 7

Make a credit for it.

00:04:58 Speaker 4

I have been.

00:05:00 Speaker 4

So we'll let Mitzi know that it was appreciated by our citizenry.

00:05:08 Speaker 4

I don't really know where to begin with all the things I got going over there.

00:05:14 Speaker 4

30 to meet with the

00:05:17 Speaker 4

Wi-Fi people, we have Wi-Fi.

00:05:21 Speaker 4

And I had electricians over there all day again today.

00:05:29 Speaker 4

30 till about 3:30 this afternoon.

00:05:32 Speaker 4

And we have two electrical breaker boxes that are antiquated, and that's where our problems are coming from.

00:05:41 Speaker 4

We're going to have to be looking into putting in two new breaker boxes in the house.

00:05:47 Speaker 4

We put a new light out at the flagpole today.

00:05:50 Speaker 4

We've had trouble with that light.

00:05:53 Speaker 4

In fact, Cecil JB welded it together a year ago and we got an extra year out of it.

00:06:00 Speaker 4

It finally gave up.

00:06:01 Speaker 4

We got a new light out there.

00:06:03 Speaker 4

We have lights on both porches now.

00:06:07 Speaker 4

The chandelier light out on the front porch is operable again now.

00:06:11 Speaker 5

Good.

00:06:12 Speaker 4

We got that going today.

00:06:16 Speaker 4

We did have a very good day as far as that goes, but the bottom line was they come out at the end and said good news, bad news.

00:06:25 Speaker 4

So we are looking at replacing those two boxes.

00:06:28 Speaker 4

The good thing is those are cheap.

00:06:32 Speaker 2

What year are we in?

00:06:36 Speaker 2

That was sarcastic.

00:06:37 Speaker 5

Electric panel boxes, arc fault breakers, oh my goodness.

00:06:41 Speaker 4

We're looking at any time when the weather breaks and I'm going to have to trust this to Alderman Zenith about the pickleball court ceiling and painting.

00:06:52 Speaker 4

That will be in your court, so to speak.

00:06:55 Speaker 4

You'll have to let us know when you see a break in the weather and we're ready to go out there and do it.

00:07:01 Speaker 4

And we had a board last night

00:07:04 Speaker 4

looked at the possibility, you know, we're going to have to put at least a four foot sidewalk alongside of it to get folks up to the shelter.

00:07:12 Speaker 4

And as a board last night, we talked about making that six foot sidewalk and painting a shuffleboard onto it.

00:07:20 Speaker 4

So we're just adding a couple feet of concrete, which basically is going to be minimal expense.

00:07:27 Speaker 4

But some of us, not so young folks any longer like shuffleboarding and we don't play pickleball.

00:07:35 Speaker 5

But it's in a covered area.

00:07:37 Speaker 2

Wet, it'll be, you know.

00:07:38 Speaker 4

Covered area.

00:07:39 Speaker 4

It gives us another activity because even the young folks will plan.

00:07:46 Speaker 4

Now, July 3rd is on top of us.

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And Stephanie is an angel sent from above because she has gone way above putting this thing together.

00:08:00 Speaker 4

And she's still got some things to do.

00:08:03 Speaker 4

We need volunteers.

00:08:05 Speaker 4

If you know your cousin, your uncle, your uncle's nephew, we need all the volunteers we can get to put this on and pull it off.

00:08:15 Speaker 7

And Mayor Tim's already approved giving them service hours for their transcripts for college.

00:08:23 Speaker 4

And Mayor Shaw put in an order.

00:08:26 Speaker 4

We have some very nice safety vests now that actually state the city of Ridgetop.

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park event, I believe.

00:08:34 Speaker 4

I can't remember just exactly how it is, but we have safety vests for all volunteers.

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We will look professional this year.

00:08:42 Speaker 4

So again, it's about to get here and we need all the help we can get.

00:08:50 Speaker 4

And right now, I guess that's all the time I need to take tonight.

00:08:57 Speaker 4

And the caboose, I forgot the caboose has been painted.

00:09:02 Speaker 4

We still need to get the decals put back on it.

00:09:07 Speaker 4

Probably going to wait until after July 1 because with all the electrical issues that's come up through the house, I think I have shocked the budget.

00:09:19 Speaker 4

The mayor's got a big switch and he says I may have to wait three or four weeks on that one.

00:09:26 Speaker 2

Did Kelly say no?

00:09:29 Speaker 5

It's not my switch.

00:09:33 Speaker 4

Let it be noted, I have been duly switching.

00:09:39 Speaker 7

Hey Dale, do we have to have the Ronald's approval to have Ken Parsons as our Ridgetop Citizen of the Year or Veteran of the Year?

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I forgot all about that.

00:09:54 Speaker 4

We as a board have nominated Ken Parsons to be our honorary

00:10:01 Speaker 4

a military veteran and won't want to issue him with that.

00:10:07 Speaker 4

Well, I'll let you go ahead and--.

00:10:09 Speaker 7

Well, you know, I just had this, I don't have very many bright ideas, but I had a bright idea one day about--.

00:10:18 Speaker 4

That's what my mommy said.

00:10:20 Speaker 5

Oh, no, no, no.

00:10:22 Speaker 5

Uh-oh.

00:10:24 Speaker 5

Here we go.

00:10:24 Speaker 5

We're not supposed to still be escorted.

00:10:26 Speaker 7

We're not falling into that track.

00:10:29 Speaker 7

thought that it would be nice to recognize our veterans in the city.

00:10:34 Speaker 7

And so I thought, well, you know, maybe there's something that we could do to honor any veterans that were present at the Fourth of July celebration.

00:10:42 Speaker 7

And then I thought, well, maybe take it a step further and recognize Kim Parsons, who has done a lot for this community for Ridge Hop and has served on the board.

00:10:54 Speaker 7

He basically started the

00:10:58 Speaker 7

train museum.

00:10:59 Speaker 7

I mean, in collaboration with a lot of other people and donated a lot of trains.

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And he is a decorated war veteran from Vietnam.

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Is that right?

00:11:10 Speaker 7

From Vietnam.

00:11:11 Speaker 7

And so I thought, well, I really wasn't thinking anything past this particular 4th of July celebration.

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But I thought, well, maybe if there was a key to the city or if there was some other something that we could

00:11:28 Speaker 7

honor him he's he's very sick you know I don't know how if he would be another year much less another month so anyway I thought that um we I don't know if we would like made any official declarations but I don't know if we need to as far as passing it amongst the.

00:11:53 Speaker 2

Board we also talked about

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that this would be a first annual, and then we could have nominations from the city that people connected to the city to do this every year, to give one or two of them a big memorial or a big special recognition.

00:12:17 Speaker 2

And we're going to have something for all the veterans that are there, all the military that are there.

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There will be a little trinket

00:12:24 Speaker 2

for everybody.

00:12:24 Speaker 2

We're going to get some coins.

00:12:26 Speaker 7

They're a veteran.

00:12:28 Speaker 7

Thank you.

00:12:30 Speaker 2

It was brought up to what if somebody else gets upset because they didn't get nothing.

00:12:34 Speaker 2

But we'll make it so that there will be an ongoing thing that they can get nominated and whatever.

00:12:43 Speaker 1

Now, Russell, would that be something that we need to bring forward?

00:12:48 Speaker 6

Yeah, it sounds to me like basically this being the first time sort of you're going to honor

00:12:53 Speaker 6

any and all veterans that are there and you would give them the thank you for your service coin and that sort of thing.

00:13:01 Speaker 6

But certainly I think if we want to give Mr.

00:13:04 Speaker 6

Parsons some special recognition, I think somebody can make a motion that the 4th of July give the board authority to find what place in time and how that fits into their daily event program to

00:13:23 Speaker 6

get him there and make a presentation or whatever I don't know if it would be before the you know right before the fireworks or something you know y'all decide that and just grant him that opportunity to be um participate and be given that nomination as the designee veteran designee be honored to be honored at the 4th of July celebration.

00:13:53 Speaker 1

All right, planning and zoning.

00:13:55 Speaker 2

Real quick before we get off of parks, back to the thing that Green Ridge had.

00:14:02 Speaker 2

Mitchie was very pleased with it, was hoping for a little bit bigger turnout, but I thought it was fairly well for the first one.

00:14:10 Speaker 2

And she is interested in doing it as of right now, making it an annual event here at our park.

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And I'd like to thank Mr.

00:14:17 Speaker 2

John Neely for staying up there all day as something that was not our event.

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to help park cars, so.

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Thank you, John.

00:14:28 Speaker 5

Thanks a lot, you sit here too.

00:14:30 Speaker 2

Hey, I was under the trees trying not to get sunburned.

00:14:33 Speaker 7

His legs are burnt.

00:14:37 Speaker 5

Russell, do we need to make a motion?

00:14:39 Speaker 6

On- I think we'll just bring that down to new business.

00:14:41 Speaker 6

We'll just bring that to new business.

00:14:45 Speaker 1

All right, planning and zoning.

00:14:46 Speaker 5

Planning and zoning, since our last meeting, there's been four permits pulled, one mechanical.

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one accessory building, pool.

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You also have a report at your desk.

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And actually one new home construction coming up on Carver.

00:15:01 Speaker 5

So planning and zoning meeting did take place May 28th, 2026.

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First one this year.

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And so we had an election of new officers, William Johnson as chair, Sam Ryder, vice chair, Sean Trent, secretary.

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There was just one plat review, just an adjustment of a boundary line, which was handled pretty easily.

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But then a discussion of further things coming up.

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We've got some development, possibly commercial, coming up here on 41 and Betts Road.

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Where is that, what is that, 257?

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257.

00:15:33 Speaker 5

We need to get possibly some traffic settings and some infrastructure things done before that commercial development takes place.

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There was a discussion on Airbnbs.

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Right now with Nashville, Nashville is pushing further and further north

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We had a discussion on Airbnbs.

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Nothing is settled, but trying to decide as a city how we would handle that.

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So that was something that's gonna be ongoing.

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We're bringing an attorney in, I think was a suggestion, and different cities, how they deal with Airbnbs.

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They don't want, you know, I know down in Nashville, Sam Ryder specified that there's actually entire blocks of the city.

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where corporations have come in, purchased, and built townhomes, and it's strictly Airbnb's.

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It's all rentals in this area.

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And us being a small bedroom community up there in Ridgetop, you know, we can't stop that, but we can try to monitor and regulate a little bit.

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So we don't have...

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Go ahead, brother.

00:16:37 Speaker 6

I can certainly chime in if you want.

00:16:40 Speaker 6

Certainly, I don't think Airbnb's, that Ridgetop

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its environment is very conducive to Airbnbs.

00:16:48 Speaker 6

The only one that benefits from Airbnbs is the one that's getting the rental money and lives in another state usually.

00:16:54 Speaker 6

What I would suggest is that we find a particular zoning district, so we can't totally exclude them, you're right, but we find a particular zoning district and they'd be allowed in that district only, which would probably be one of your commercial

00:17:10 Speaker 6

service type districts.

00:17:12 Speaker 5

We had there already are a couple that are think operating.

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Well, unfortunately, they're going to be grandfathered in.

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So the sooner we can get to there and get an ordinance, so we'll look at that pretty quick to get before planning and zoning meeting next month.

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I guess we have to get planning and zoning to make a recommendation procedurally.

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to amend the zoning ordinance and then present it.

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So it's at least a two-month process.

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So what day you're meeting again?

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Fourth, the 4th Tuesday.

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Fourth July.

00:17:52 Speaker 6

Okay.

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Thursday.

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Thursday, I'm sorry.

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Fourth Thursday, not Tuesday.

00:17:56 Speaker 5

Got too many Tuesdays on the ground?

00:17:58 Speaker 6

Yeah.

00:17:59 Speaker 6

That'd be my thought.

00:18:02 Speaker 6

Get with me, remind me on that when you and I get together and get something for the presentation.

00:18:06 Speaker 5

Yeah, we're looking for some guidance.

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We want to make sure that the city is

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in a good position.

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So there's also, there's discussion about these data centers.

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This isn't a data center, but we were contacted about putting in a relay station for a fiber optic telecommunication.

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They want like a 10 by 10 plot, I think, wasn't it 10?

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Yes.

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And it's typically that goes in an industrial commercial area, it's fenced.

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They're actually looking at putting it in a residential, which obviously

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require zoning appeals approval, but right now we're looking into that as well.

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We'll be discussing that as we go on in the week as well.

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These are all new things coming at us, and so we want to make sure that we are properly prepared for that, Russell.

00:18:57 Speaker 5

So I thank- Well.

00:18:58 Speaker 6

Don't forget, BZA requires particular statutory findings to be able to make a determination that

00:19:09 Speaker 6

It's their variances warranted.

00:19:12 Speaker 6

It's not just a, yeah, it seems like a good thing to do.

00:19:16 Speaker 6

I'll get that statutory guidance back out, because I know that board's changed a little bit.

00:19:22 Speaker 5

Well, we like that, I think really the commercial, the commercial industrial is where if that were to come in, it's already, the state allows it.

00:19:29 Speaker 5

So they can come into a commercial industrial area if they can find that 10 by 10 plot.

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So that's where we need to really keep that.

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We're not wanting this in our residential areas at all.

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I wouldn't think so.

00:19:42 Speaker 5

I think that's about it.

00:19:45 Speaker 1

Okay.

00:19:49 Speaker 1

Community and economic development, Alderman Martin isn't here this evening.

00:19:54 Speaker 1

Utilities, Brian is in a class this week and he's doing extremely well.

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and wasn't able to get me a report for this month.

00:20:07 Speaker 1

Fire and police.

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Caller responded to during the period of May 1st, 2026 through May 31st, 2026.

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Had one structure fire, two brush fires, one vehicle fire, two false calls, 31046, nine EMS assist, nine first responders and eight miscellaneous for a total of 35 total calls 22

00:20:33 Speaker 2

inside the city, 13 outside the city, and three mutual aid.

00:20:36 Speaker 2

And we've also got, a little bit later, we will be just passing a grant for some tools.

00:20:45 Speaker 2

Can I say one thing?

00:20:47 Speaker 2

Also, our fire department had a truck out there Saturday for a touchy truck, the ladder, the old truck.

00:20:54 Speaker 2

Yeah, we appreciate that.

00:20:57 Speaker 1

All right, business reports.

00:21:00 Speaker 1

Ms.

00:21:00 Speaker 1

Kelly.

00:21:01 Speaker 3

No report.

00:21:03 Speaker 1

And Attorney Russell Freeman.

00:21:06 Speaker 6

Since fine centers around the LNG construction issue out on Shedden Road, I would suggest I be moved basically for new business.

00:21:17 Speaker 6

We'll go over that handout and look for a motion and discussion from the board.

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Okay.

00:21:27 Speaker 1

Mayor's comments, don't have any this evening.

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So we'll move into whole business.

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First item up is ordinance 2026-103.

00:21:44 Speaker 1

This is an ordinance of the city of Richtop, Tennessee adopting the annual budget and tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30th.

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This is our second reading.

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Ms.

00:22:05 Speaker 1

Kelly, you have anything on this?

00:22:07 Speaker 3

We'll need to close the meeting and open it for public hearing.

00:22:12 Speaker 1

All right, I'll make a motion to close the city meeting for June the 9th, 2026.

00:22:22 Speaker 5

I'll second.

00:22:23 Speaker 1

Any questions?

00:22:26 Speaker 1

All in favor?

00:22:29 Speaker 1

and make a motion to open.

00:22:33 Speaker 3

I'll ask if anybody wants to speak.

00:22:36 Speaker 1

Oh, as far as...

00:22:38 Speaker 3

Oh, I'm sorry, you'll open the public hearing, I'm sorry.

00:22:42 Speaker 6

Yeah, but same thing, just anybody want to speak on the budget?

00:22:46 Speaker 1

Okay.

00:22:46 Speaker 1

Are there any comments or anything, concerns regarding our annual budget?

00:22:57 Speaker 2

What percentage is the tax increase going to be?

00:23:01 Speaker 1

That one is, go ahead.

00:23:03 Speaker 3

No, there's no tax increase.

00:23:05 Speaker 5

No tax increase.

00:23:06 Speaker 1

Okay, how about we pass it?

00:23:13 Speaker 5

No further discussion needed.

00:23:14 Speaker 5

There he is.

00:23:18 Speaker 4

I'd like to speak to it again.

00:23:21 Speaker 1

Yes sir.

00:23:22 Speaker 4

Last month I voted no onto it and I'm probably gonna have to consider it again this month.

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for the fact that I still have never seen an activity sheet from our Sheriff's Department.

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They're requesting \$202,000 this year, and I've yet to see an activity sheet.

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And we're supposed to have some protection here just because we're in the county.

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And with the agreement that we have with them, we're supposed to get up to 80 additional hours.

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Now I don't know what normal cities get for protection, whether they get 10 hours, 15, 20 hours.

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And just for the sake of argument, I'll say 20 hours a week that we should have county protection.

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Well, for \$202,000, we're supposed to get up to 80 additional hours.

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Well, that would put us at 100 hours a week.

00:24:28 Speaker 4

I see I don't understand why we can't get an activity sheet that when the county car enters bridge top city limits.

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Why don't they go 10-8 Ridgetop, which means they're on duty Ridgetop.

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Why don't they say running traffic, sitting in front of the fire hall from 2 o'clock to 4 o'clock or whatever.

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I have nothing that tells me I'm getting anything from my money.

00:25:02 Speaker 4

Again, I see the cars over here from time to time.

00:25:06 Speaker 4

The last couple weeks of school, I actually seen them on the old highway in their school zone, which I didn't see a whole lot of through the year, but the last couple weeks of school, they were over there.

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But I don't know how many hours are here in town.

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How many citations are they riding out here on this highway?

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Are they for speeding?

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Are they picking up drug traffickers going through?

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and I'm sure they are.

00:25:36 Speaker 4

But I don't have anything that tells me what they've done.

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And without an activity sheet, I just, there's no way I can vote for a budget to give them \$202,000, because I don't think they're earning their money.

00:25:55 Speaker 3

So the, can I ask?

00:25:58 Speaker 3

Okay, so the budget

00:25:59 Speaker 3

is has a placeholder for that but you're not voting for the contract of the sheriff's department.

00:26:06 Speaker 3

You're voting we did put that money in the budget but we the contract is not up for

00:26:12 Speaker 3

for approval tonight, just the budget.

00:26:14 Speaker 3

So it's just holding the money if you were to approve the budget in the future?

00:26:18 Speaker 4

Okay so this is not actually okay and then their money is just it's available should we?

00:26:25 Speaker 3

Should you approve that that's correct.

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That's correct.

00:26:28 Speaker 4

Okay so I can actually vote for the budget without voting for without.

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Correct.

00:26:36 Speaker 4

Thank you for that clarification.

00:26:37 Speaker 3

You're welcome.

00:26:38 Speaker 5

Now I want to clarify one thing you say just a statement.

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You said you don't think that they're doing their job.

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I don't know that.

00:26:45 Speaker 5

You don't know.

00:26:46 Speaker 5

That's what I'm saying.

00:26:47 Speaker 5

So you want to see what they're actually doing?

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Yes.

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Some kind of activity report.

00:26:52 Speaker 5

So you are assured that they're earning that.

00:26:57 Speaker 5

Is that something that is possible?

00:27:00 Speaker 1

We will have a sheriff in here next month to address questions, concerns.

00:27:08 Speaker 1

that, you know, we may have as well as citizens might have.

00:27:12 Speaker 6

So that's because the contract's not even up until we'll give you that day, Kelly.

00:27:17 Speaker 3

February.

00:27:17 Speaker 6

February.

00:27:18 Speaker 6

Yeah.

00:27:21 Speaker 1

Yes.

00:27:22 Speaker 4

So we will have the sheriff present so we can ask him these questions.

00:27:26 Speaker 4

Correct.

00:27:27 Speaker 3

Correct.

00:27:29 Speaker 1

Yes.

00:27:30 Speaker 4

Okay.

00:27:30 Speaker 4

Thank you.

00:27:32 Speaker 1

Okay.

00:27:33 Speaker 1

Any other questions, concerns?

00:27:39 Speaker 1

Okay, I guess I need to reopen the meeting.

00:27:43 Speaker 1

Make a motion to reopen the meeting for June the 9th, 2026.

00:27:49 Speaker 4

Second.

00:27:50 Speaker 1

Any questions?

00:27:53 Speaker 1

All in favor?

00:27:54 Speaker 1

Aye.

00:27:57 Speaker 1

So first item up on old business is

00:28:01 Speaker 1

Ordinance 2026-103, an ordinance of the city of Ridgetop, Tennessee, adopting the annual budget and tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 through June the 30th, 2027.

00:28:17 Speaker 5

Make a motion we approve ordinance 2026-103, an ordinance of the city of Ridgetop, Tennessee, adopting the annual budget and rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30th, 2027.

00:28:31 Speaker 4

And I will second that.

00:28:33 Speaker 1

Okay.

00:28:34 Speaker 1

Any questions?

00:28:36 Speaker 3

Just so that it's put on record, I want to make sure there is a 5% payroll increase in this budget.

00:28:41 Speaker 1

Correct.

00:28:42 Speaker 3

Okay.

00:28:46 Speaker 1

All right.

00:28:47 Speaker 1

All in favor?

00:28:52 Speaker 1

Next item up for old business is ordinance number 2026-104.

00:28:58 Speaker 1

This is the ordinance

00:29:01 Speaker 1

of the city of Ridgetop, Tennessee, amending the budget ordinance 2025-104 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, ending June 30, 2026.

00:29:16 Speaker 1

And this is our second reading on this particular one.

00:29:21 Speaker 1

And these are all the budget amendments that we went over last month.

00:29:31 Speaker 1

all the uh basically the increases that we've had to do to the various departments.

00:29:42 Speaker 2

Actually this is for our for the budget from last what's fixing to be last year correct correct.

00:29:51 Speaker 1

Last year was a rather expensive year a motion made and we have a lot of things to do

00:29:59 Speaker 1

in addition to our normal budget.

00:30:01 Speaker 2

I make the motion we accept ordinance number 2026-104, an ordinance of the city of Ridgetop, Tennessee amending budget ordinance number 2025-104 for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 2025 and ending June 30th, 2026.

00:30:20 Speaker 5

I'll second it.

00:30:22 Speaker 1

Any questions?

00:30:25 Speaker 1

All in favor.

00:30:27 Speaker 5

Aye.

00:30:32 Speaker 1

Okay, new business.

00:30:34 Speaker 1

The first item on our new business is a bid approval of a sewer chemical vendor.

00:30:40 Speaker 1

This was an error, so I'd like to make a motion to defer this bid approval for the sewer chemical vendor until our July meeting.

00:30:57 Speaker 1

bid has not gone out as of yet and it was just an error or error in posting.

00:31:07 Speaker 2

So we defer yes need a second move somebody move.

00:31:14 Speaker 5

Oh make a motion to defer this bid approval of sewer chemical vendor I'll second.

00:31:20 Speaker 1

Any questions all in favor aye

00:31:34 Speaker 1

okay item second next item is resolution 26-05 this is a resolution authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement between the city of Ridgetop Tennessee and Robertson County Tennessee and emergency communication district of Robertson County Tennessee in reference to the city of Ridgetop's program

00:32:00 Speaker 1

contribution to the funding of emergency dispatch by the district for emergency responding personnel services.

00:32:09 Speaker 1

This is an annual agreement that we have with the county for our emergency dispatch and services.

00:32:23 Speaker 5

That's the 911, right?

00:32:25 Speaker 2

Yeah, this is our 911.

00:32:26 Speaker 1

Yes.

00:32:27 Speaker 6

It's basically a housekeeping resolution

00:32:31 Speaker 6

Obviously, you have to provide dispatch.

00:32:33 Speaker 6

I don't think Rootstop could do it for what's y'all's bill?

00:32:41 Speaker 6

No.

00:32:42 Speaker 6

32,130,76, I believe that is an increase from last year, correct?

00:32:46 Speaker 6

That's right.

00:32:55 Speaker 5

I make a motion we approve on resolution number 26-05.

00:33:01 Speaker 5

Bear with me.

00:33:02 Speaker 5

The resolution authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement between the city of Ridgetop, Tennessee and Robertson County, Tennessee and the Emergency Communication District of Robertson County, Tennessee in a reference to the city of Ridgetop, Pro Rata, contribution to the funding of emergency dispatch by the district for emergency responding personnel and services.

00:33:21 Speaker 5

I'll keep working over.

00:33:24 Speaker 5

I'll second.

00:33:26 Speaker 1

Any questions?

00:33:29 Speaker 1

All in favor?

00:33:34 Speaker 1

Okay, next item up, I'd like to make a motion to add the approval for heavy duty battery rescue tools for our fire department.

00:33:49 Speaker 2

That should actually be battery operated rescue tools, because they're battery operated.

00:33:55 Speaker 2

They're not rescue tools for batteries.

00:34:01 Speaker 2

They're cordless Milwaukee tools, so they don't have to break out hoses and other equipment.

00:34:10 Speaker 1

Yes.

00:34:10 Speaker 2

Hoses and generators and such.

00:34:14 Speaker 2

And this is a, this is a, I'm trying to say, this is a grant that's paying for this.

00:34:23 Speaker 2

So this is not causing us anything.

00:34:27 Speaker 4

We already got the grant.

00:34:28 Speaker 2

Yes.

00:34:29 Speaker 6

So there's no back.

00:34:33 Speaker 2

This is just approving to purchase from purchase these tools with that.

00:34:40 Speaker 1

So if I could get a motion to add this to the agenda?

00:34:45 Speaker 2

I make a motion we add the bid summary for the heavy duty battery operated rescue tools for the fire department to the agenda.

00:34:55 Speaker 5

I'll second.

00:34:56 Speaker 1

Any questions?

00:34:58 Speaker 1

All in favor.

00:35:00 Speaker 2

Aye.

00:35:02 Speaker 2

Now I make a motion that we accept the bid summary from High Tech Rescue in the amount of \$34,620 for the heavy duty battery operated rescue tools.

00:35:18 Speaker 5

I'll second that.

00:35:19 Speaker 1

And in response to what Monty had mentioned, we have received the grant for these items.

00:35:29 Speaker 1

already so um these are things that definitely will help our fire department so any any questions all right all in favor aye okay now I'd like to make another motion to add another item to the agenda and this is the um

00:35:57 Speaker 1

contractual offer to LNG Construction regarding the bridge on Shedden Road settlement offer.

00:36:18 Speaker 6

Some motion to add.

00:36:19 Speaker 1

Yes.

00:36:21 Speaker 1

I can get a motion to add that to the agenda.

00:36:24 Speaker 5

I make a motion to add the LNG settlement offer and contract given the Shedden Road Bridge.

00:36:30 Speaker 5

Yes.

00:36:32 Speaker 5

to the agenda.

00:36:35 Speaker 4

I'll second that.

00:36:36 Speaker 1

Any questions?

00:36:39 Speaker 1

All in favor?

00:36:41 Speaker 1

Aye.

00:36:44 Speaker 1

Okay, we have an offer that was drawn up by Russell and Tom Summers to finalize this contract and

00:37:00 Speaker 1

send out to LNG Construction with our final offer to close the project out.

00:37:07 Speaker 6

I'd be glad to detail that for anyone.

00:37:10 Speaker 1

Yes, sir.

00:37:11 Speaker 6

All right, and we did meet the mayor and Ms.

00:37:14 Speaker 6

Reiner and I did meet with Tom Summers to go over and review how to go about the finalization of the number that we thought

00:37:25 Speaker 6

he was owed pursuant to the contract price of \$421,728.20.

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He's been paid.

00:37:33 Speaker 6

Formal 482570 is approved based on the performance of the work and Tom Summers reviewing and authorizing the release of those funds that left.

00:37:47 Speaker 6

If you're wondering what that 5445 is, basically that's an adjustment for an engineering, I don't know what to call it, sort of an engineering mistake over the overall project.

00:37:59 Speaker 6

So he was actually paid that outside of the contract.

00:38:01 Speaker 6

So that, even though it's paid to him, has to be added in the back end.

00:38:05 Speaker 6

It's only 5445, but keep it accurate with public money.

00:38:11 Speaker 6

The next group of items you see there are items that were bid priced on the

00:38:17 Speaker 6

list of the scope of the work that he was to perform that he did not perform.

00:38:24 Speaker 6

The largest being the road approach.

00:38:26 Speaker 6

The road approach is consist of basically where he went in and he asked to grade the side back to the contour as to how it existed prior to the construction project, which if anybody's been out there at the

00:38:46 Speaker 6

Ryder property unfortunately it has basically a 90 degree drop off you can't maintain and they had a gradual slope out there now rather than argue and try to get him out there to do it bring all his equipment back Ben has been obtained for \$6,500 so basically

00:39:11 Speaker 6

He would not be paid the 13-5, but for purposes of the calculation, it's if he's not being paid 7,000, not the 13,005, because we're going to move that 6,500 directly somewhere else if it's approved by, obviously, the board.

00:39:33 Speaker 6

So then there was the fencing he did not do, drums, signage, permanent signs removal, sod.

00:39:39 Speaker 6

The sum was \$10,342.56, again, not including the \$6,500 that's being projected to be paid to the third party, the company called TenPoint to do the work.

00:39:57 Speaker 6

Technically then we would owe him \$6,559.94.

00:40:01 Speaker 6

Included in the contract was an extra charge for what was called leveling concrete.

00:40:08 Speaker 6

Leveling concrete, I understand from Tom, is when you're dealing with a creek and the rock bed and how it's uneven sometimes, or there's voids, you have to come in before you can put your bridge walls in, you have to come in and level that up with concrete.

00:40:26 Speaker 6

Well, in the case of TNG, he decided to pour a complete slab from one side of the creek channel to the other, which Tom Summer says was totally unnecessary, and he determined that he'd need 10.7 yards and \$280 a yard, which is the price is \$296, \$2,996.

00:40:46 Speaker 6

So the sum after the concrete would be \$9,555.94.

00:40:54 Speaker 6

However,

00:40:55 Speaker 6

He also had a construction zone he was to stay within.

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And it looks like, it's just sort of coincidental, that the Ryder property again was severely impacted because he not only sold the trees for logging and were hauled off to be logged and profitable to him for that within the construction zone, which he had a right to do.

00:41:20 Speaker 6

He went outside of the construction zone and cut down an enormous amount of trees off the right of property and sold and logged them.

00:41:30 Speaker 6

I think after discussing it with Kelly and Sam and what we know about the trees and the size and the specie, \$8,500 is a pretty good deal to him.

00:41:46 Speaker 6

to get this resolved, we would pay him \$1055.94 and require \$100,000 maintenance bond.

00:41:54 Speaker 6

End result is Ten Points paid \$6,500.

00:42:00 Speaker 6

Ryder's paid \$8,500 for the trees that were deducted, but we're not giving that money to him.

00:42:11 Speaker 6

That's for full disclosure.

00:42:13 Speaker 6

And of course, he doesn't have to know that.

00:42:15 Speaker 6

We're just going to tell him we're not paying him for that.

00:42:17 Speaker 6

I mean, we're deducting that for that cost.

00:42:20 Speaker 6

That's just a deduction.

00:42:22 Speaker 6

And then the letter would go to T&G, required maintenance bond of \$100,000, and that he'd be paying \$1,055.94.

00:42:33 Speaker 6

I have no idea if he'll take it, but that's the recommended start.

00:42:38 Speaker 6

The wild card in any negotiations is the leveling concrete.

00:42:44 Speaker 6

You know, to argue with Tom a little bit, I used to pour concrete, believe it or not, in my day.

00:42:54 Speaker 6

10.7 yards a time, not a lot of concrete, really.

00:42:57 Speaker 6

I rent a truck.

00:43:01 Speaker 6

But he insists that he only needed this much, but even if that was doubled, you would only be paying another \$2,900, basically.

00:43:11 Speaker 6

on top of that.

00:43:12 Speaker 6

But we ain't got to that point yet.

00:43:13 Speaker 6

I think we're going to hit him with this and see what happens.

00:43:18 Speaker 6

Again, just full disclosure and knowing the slope is going to be corrected because he didn't do it, but we're using the bid money to do it.

00:43:29 Speaker 6

I mean, the contract price money to do it was within the budget and then the payment for the terms.

00:43:38 Speaker 5

He hadn't finished the job.

00:43:39 Speaker 5

Someone else is going to come in and finish the job, and we're paying them out of the funds that we're holding for him.

00:43:46 Speaker 5

He doesn't get, we pay the new contractor, and we settle with him.

00:43:50 Speaker 6

Yeah, because the real number there, I don't know if yours is in color, the 10,342 fifty-six, having done the job and done it correctly outside of this leveling concrete, we'd already owe him 16,848.

00:44:06 Speaker 6

Gotcha.

00:44:06 Speaker 6

\$16,848.56.

00:44:06 Speaker 6

So, and that may have been a 50, I don't know.

00:44:15 Speaker 6

But regardless, he didn't do it.

00:44:17 Speaker 6

56, thank God.

00:44:21 Speaker 6

Could be a typo.

00:44:22 Speaker 6

But so end result is, is, you know, he would have gotten all his \$16,684 and we'd have paid him for the leveling of the concrete.

00:44:34 Speaker 6

And instead we're going to pay a third party 10 point.

00:44:37 Speaker 6

And again, again, quite honestly, we had this discussion, you know, we're not using, you know, it's the riders would have to go after him individually.

00:44:57 Speaker 6

I don't think they can.

00:44:59 Speaker 6

In other words, we can't sue on their behalf.

00:45:03 Speaker 6

They would have to join in.

00:45:06 Speaker 6

any kind of a lawsuit against him.

00:45:09 Speaker 6

My gut feeling is he's going to get that he wants the deal.

00:45:12 Speaker 6

He may not take this number, but he'll take some.

00:45:15 Speaker 5

Has he ever hit us with a final bill?

00:45:17 Speaker 6

He just barks a lot.

00:45:19 Speaker 5

So he's never said, hey, this is the balance that you owe.

00:45:21 Speaker 6

No, he won't.

00:45:23 Speaker 6

He poured 80 yards of concrete.

00:45:27 Speaker 5

Well, I heard an astronomical amount of concrete.

00:45:29 Speaker 6

Yeah, he's had the trucks back up and open up the chute and just, you know.

00:45:34 Speaker 6

Made it easy for him, but it was more expensive was necessary.

00:45:39 Speaker 1

And he billed us for that additional 50 yards of concrete that, as Russell stated, it was poured to make the job easier for him.

00:45:52 Speaker 5

Gotcha.

00:45:53 Speaker 5

At \$280 a yard.

00:45:55 Speaker 1

Yes.

00:45:56 Speaker 1

Yes.

00:45:57 Speaker 2

So would that have put it over his bid?

00:46:00 Speaker 1

Yes.

00:46:01 Speaker 6

Yeah, but the leveling concrete was an expense in addition to the 421,728.

00:46:08 Speaker 1

There was a stipulation in the contract.

00:46:10 Speaker 6

Because you just don't know how much you're going to need.

00:46:14 Speaker 6

But Tom said it needed 10.7 yards, not 60.

00:46:19 Speaker 2

60, 60 came in.

00:46:20 Speaker 5

Okay.

00:46:23 Speaker 1

Yeah, his number was 13,000 something.

00:46:28 Speaker 2

Did we already make that up?

00:46:30 Speaker 6

14K.

00:46:32 Speaker 6

14K plus, yeah.

00:46:36 Speaker 2

So we just need to make a motion to accept this.

00:46:40 Speaker 6

Well, to allow me to send a settlement letter and obviously on behalf of the city.

00:46:54 Speaker 5

I make a motion that we approve the settlement amount and allow our attorney, Russell Freeman, to present this settlement offer to LMG.

00:47:04 Speaker 2

I'll second.

00:47:06 Speaker 1

Any questions?

00:47:09 Speaker 1

All in favor.

00:47:11 Speaker 5

Aye.

00:47:14 Speaker 2

Shedden Road bridge just will not go away.

00:47:17 Speaker 2

It's a gift that keeps on giving.

00:47:21 Speaker 1

But I will tell you this, one over there today after this rain.

00:47:28 Speaker 1

The bridge works extremely well.

00:47:35 Speaker 1

It was done appropriately.

00:47:40 Speaker 1

All right.

00:47:43 Speaker 1

Oh, yes.

00:47:45 Speaker 4

Go ahead.

00:47:46 Speaker 4

I'd like at this time if we could make a motion that we would honor Ken Parsons for his service to our country at our July 3rd celebration that we're having and make this the first annual

00:48:05 Speaker 4

But I'd like that we honor Ken Parsons this year.

00:48:11 Speaker 1

And that was a motion to add it to the agenda.

00:48:14 Speaker 2

Add it to the agenda.

00:48:16 Speaker 2

I'll second.

00:48:17 Speaker 1

Any questions?

00:48:20 Speaker 1

All in favor.

00:48:21 Speaker 2

Aye.

00:48:24 Speaker 1

Aye.

00:48:25 Speaker 4

Aye.

00:48:25 Speaker 4

At this time I would like to make a motion that we honor Ken Parsons on our July 3rd celebration.

00:48:34 Speaker 4

at Ridge Stop Station Park, honor Ken Parsons for his service to our country and to our city, and make this the first annual with details to come for future events.

00:48:50 Speaker 2

I'll second.

00:48:52 Speaker 1

Any questions?

00:48:54 Speaker 1

All in favor?

00:48:56 Speaker 1

Aye.

00:49:02 Speaker 4

At this time, I'd like to make a motion if we adjourn this meeting.

00:49:07 Speaker 2

I'll second.

00:49:08 Speaker 1

Any questions?

00:49:11 Speaker 1

All in favor?