

Minutes: City Council Meeting
July 9, 2018
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 9, 2018 at 7:00 PM with Mayor Jackie Boyd Weathers presiding.

City Council members present: Michael Case; Doug Gibson; David Haley; Danny Laster; Frank McReynolds; and, David Powell.

Others present: Jeffrey Traughber, City Attorney; Laura Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer; Terry Frogue, Utility/Street Superintendent; Brian Atkinson, Police Chief; Derrell Waggoner, Fire Chief; Daniel Smith, Assistant Fire Chief; Charlotte Myers; and, Lori Camera.

Mayor Weathers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Haley gave invocation.

After reviewing the June 21, 2018 special council meeting minutes, Mr. Haley motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

After reviewing the June 25, 2018 special council meeting minutes, Mr. Gibson motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers called for approval of the bills payable and financial reports. After review, Mr. Haley motioned to approve the bills payable and financial reports, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers welcomed our guests and announced Ms. Lori Camera would like to speak. Ms. Camera thanked everyone and stated she lives on North Main Street in Elkton and reported the creek behind her house has various debris like limbs and mattresses in it causing water to backup on her property. Mayor Weathers explained this is private property, however we might be able to seek funding to help clean the debris out. The city has gotten grants in the past to clean out the creek. Mayor Weathers asked Ms. Camera to leave her phone number and she will keep her updated on the progress.

Clerk Brock reported the city has received two loan invitations from Kentucky Infrastructure Authority. One is for a water improvement project totaling \$170,000 and the other is for a sewer rehabilitation project totaling \$3.4 million. Mr. Frogue explained that the water project is to replace three undersized lines in the city. All three of the lines are 4" diameter and should be 6" and the water flow is less than it should be. The three lines include a main along Poplar Street, a line along West Main Street running from the hydrant on the corner of Weathers Drugs down to Weathers Lane, and the line in the alley beside the Police Department from the fire hydrant on Public Square running south to Jefferson Street. The sewer project will be the construction project that follows our existing planning loan through KIA. Once the planning is complete, a sewer line rehabilitation project will be proposed to improve water infiltration into the sewer system. We still do not know if we will qualify for 50% loan forgiveness. After discussion, Mr. Haley motioned to apply for both projects, seconded by Case, and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock presented Resolution 2018-06, "Authorizing Resolution of Legal Applicant for Filing of Loan Application and Appointing Appropriate Local Government Official and Successors-in-Title as Official Project Representative of Federally Assisted Wastewater Revolving Fund (State Revolving Loan Program) Project" for the sewer rehabilitation project. Haley motioned to approve, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock presented Resolution 2018-07, "Authorizing Resolution of the City of Elkton for Filing of Loan Application and Appointing Appropriate Local Government Official and Successors-in-Title as Official

Project Representative of an Infrastructure Revolving Fund (State Revolving Loan Program Project)” for the water improvements project. Haley motioned to approve, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock presented the final pay request for the West Main Street Sidewalk Project. She reported that she, Mayor Weathers, contractor, and engineer did a walk through inspection of the project area and all items on the punch list have been satisfactorily completed. The inspector from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has also inspected the project and signed off on the project completion. The final pay request includes an invoice from McGhee Engineering for \$2,480.00 and Knight Construction and Excavating for \$8,418.03. After discussion, Mr. McReynolds motioned to approve the final pay request, seconded by Mr. Laster, and carried unanimously. Clerk Brock did report that changes to the culvert in front of the Health Department need to be made, but the Transportation Cabinet will pay the expense since the design of the culvert should not have been approved.

Mr. McReynolds requested the city approve an \$800 contribution to the Todd County Aging Council, the same amount as last year. Mr. McReynolds read the list of council board members. Mr. Case asked if this donation was in the budget and Clerk Brock confirmed it was. Powell motioned to approve the contribution, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously. McReynolds would like to present the donation at the August 1st board meeting.

Mayor Weathers presented a request from Pennyryle RC and D for the city’s annual contribution of \$300. Clerk Brock confirmed it was in the budget. Laster motioned to approve the donation, seconded by Gibson, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weather reported on recent discussion regarding the city joining the “Call 811” program. There is no membership fee for participating, however there will be a charge of \$1.50 per call they receive for city utilities. Based on previous year numbers, this would cost the city about \$200 per year for marking both water and sewer lines. Frogue reported the city does spend a little time already marking utility lines and the numbers are increasing as more people learn they are supposed to call before they dig. Haley motioned that the city participate in the program, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock presented Resolution 2018-08, “RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT.” Brock stated this resolution is required to authorize using BMS, LLC as the new company to administer the city’s HRA benefit to employees. Case motioned to approve, seconded by Haley, and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock reported that she still has not received an answer regarding the FEMA assistance the city received for the flood of 2016. The deadline to make the repairs is August 23, 2018. The city received about \$3,400 in assistance to make repairs in three areas. Industrial Drive repairs have already been made at a cost of \$8,000. The creek bank erosion project was recently bid at a cost of \$16,800. The Elk Fork Road pavement and slope repair bid came in at \$58,600 plus additional asphalt at \$265 per ton. There has been discussion about applying for additional funding to help pay the total cost of the repairs. Frogue stated the creek bank erosion is much more critical to repair now and we may not meet the August 23rd deadline. Haley motioned to rebid the creek bank erosion project again and seek out more local contractors. Motion seconded by Gibson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers reported the next item on the agenda was for Ms. Camera’s request. There was more discussion regarding the city’s previous project to clean out the creek. Case stated he had read recently that the county received federal or state funding to clean illegal dumps. Brock reported the last time the city cleaned the creek we had to procure federal funding first and then we were eligible for additional state funding. The Mayor will research available funding. Terry Frogue also reported complaints from property owners on West Main Street that the waterway running behind the laundromat, Dairy Mart, etc. is grown up and blocked. Frogue stated it does seem that West Main Street floods more than normal in the last few years.

Mayor Weathers presented a request to approve the promotion of Sargent Jason Clardy to Captain. She reported Clardy has been doing the work of the Captain since January when Captain Meyers resigned. Clerk Brock reported that the cost of the promotion for salaries and retirement expense would be about \$2,600 and the reason approval is needed from the council is that the funds are not in the budget. Mr. Haley motioned to approve the promotion of Clardy to Captain and to amend the budget as necessary. Motion seconded by Powell and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers reported she would like to table the committee appointments until she can speak with new Todd County Judge Executive Todd Mansfield. Shelbie Knuckles term on the Recreation Commission will expire in August and the county needs to appoint a member to the Planning Commission after Barbara Rogers resigned.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Haley called for a report from Chief Atkinson, who thanked the council for the promotion of Sergeant Clardy. Haley and Atkinson reported on the accidents that occurred in the Police Department last month, including a fire extinguisher that fell off the wall releasing the agent inside the building. About an hour after that happened, a water line being repaired upstairs broke and leaked down to the second floor. Everything has been repaired and cleaned.

Mr. Haley reported that residents of Murrey Court have complained that the street sign is spelled incorrectly as “Murray Court.” After discussion, Haley motioned to change the street name to the correct spelling of Murry Court, seconded by McReynolds, and carried unanimously.

Laster and Frogue reported the utility department would like to clean up around the sewer plant and Groves building properties and presented a list of items that he would like declared surplus and sold. After discussion, Laster motioned to declare the list of items presented surplus property and sell them, seconded by Gibson, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Powell called for a report from the fire department. Smith reported the new fire truck is in our possession and presented a request to declare the old tanker truck, a 1998 Ford F800, surplus property and sell it. Smith also stated since the truck is being replaced by FEMA funding it cannot be sold to anyone who intends to utilize it in an emergency response capacity. Powell motioned to declare the 1998 Ford F800 surplus property and sell it, seconded by Laster and carried unanimously.

Case reported the fireworks show on July 3rd was a success and the park made about \$800 selling drinks. Baseball has ended for the year. Mrs. Emily Carroll organized a children’s parade that was held in the park on July 4th. The new fire truck was used to cool the kids off after the parade. Traughber reported that Ms. Carroll stated it was such a huge success that she may request it is held on the street next year.

Haley asked if plans for a parade at HarvestFest were being made. Mayor Weathers stated it was decided that a parade would be too unsafe with all the vendors and people walking on the Square.

Fire Chief Waggoner reported a request to paint fire hydrants that are faded. He reported Frogue suggested they might paint the hydrants different colors based on the flow rate. Smith reported you do get some points for a better ISO rating, but spending the extra money on paint may not be worth it.

Gibson reported everyone is happy with the new paving on South Streets Avenue that was completed recently. Also, widening the entrance on Commerce Street was completed. Frogue reported Scotty’s needs to come back and install more rip rap in the ditch.

Gibson stated regarding the creek cleaning, the city really needs to look into getting the “sinks and rise” outside the city limits cleaned up. Traughber showed a picture of where the water “sinks” into the ground with all kinds of trees and debris blocking the “sink” just like a clogged up drain. This is where the water is

causing some of the backup in the city. Mayor Weathers will talk to the County Judge Executive about potential projects.

Case reported there is a bad pothole on the alley behind Weathers Drugs (Weathers Lane) that needs repaired. Gibson stated this road needs to be placed on the next list of streets to be resurfaced.

McReynolds reported several inquiries about when the sidewalks on South Main Street would be repaired. Frogue stated the city had discussed potentially hiring a few employees experienced in concrete work to do much of the repairs, but nothing has been decided.

McReynolds also asked about when the cleaning of headstones will resume now that Assistant Clerk Ashley Coffman has resigned. Clerk Brock stated the focus now is on running City Hall. Mr. Haley suggested starting a "Friends of the Cemeteries" committee to get people to volunteer to help clean the headstones. Mayor Weathers stated Ashley Coffman offers to teach someone how to clean the headstones.

Haley inquired about an ordinance regarding shooting fireworks. Clerk Brock stated the city has an ordinance only allowing fireworks from July 2nd through July 6th and must end at 10 pm each night.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Weathers reported an opportunity to advertise Elkton in the Christian County Chamber of Commerce promotional magazine. The cost ranges from 1/4th page ad cost of \$949 to the back page cost of \$2,495. When asked if money is available in the budget, Clerk Brock stated there is money for advertising, but something like this is somewhat out of the ordinary for the city so it is hard to know if it will cause us to go over budget. Mayor Weathers reminded the council that tourism and restaurant tax would pay to promote the city through projects like this. Mr. Gibson stated he has been asked by someone hoping that the restaurant tax issue is just tabled and will be discussed again in the future. Also, someone with Kentucky Outdoor Advertising requested the city consider renting a billboard ad on Highway 68 to bring more people into town. She complimented how quaint Elkton was and stated that we should do more to try and get people off the highway and come into our quaint and inviting town. Haley suggested we ask for a free trial period to see how much it helps.

Mr. Gibson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Jackie Boyd Weathers, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer