

Minutes: City Council Meeting
September 10, 2018
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 10, 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; Jason Clardy, Police Captain. Derrell Waggoner, Fire Chief; Glenn Slack, Todd County Chamber of Commerce; and, Paisley Case.

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

After reviewing the August 13, 2018 council meeting minutes, Gibson motioned to approve, seconded by Case and carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Weathers welcomed all guests and called on Mr. Glenn Slack for comments. Mr. Slack invited everyone to attend the Historic Todd County, Inc. barbecue dinner and auction this Saturday, September 15th. On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Mr. Slack thanked the council for allowing the organization to use the Historic 1835 Courthouse Welcome Center as office space, free of charge, while the group gets up and running. Slack reported the Chamber is currently soliciting new members and encouraged the city to participate in the Chamber organization. He explained the different levels of memberships. There was no action taken.

Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2018-1917, "AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF N WEATHERS LANE TO MR. GUY MALLORY LANE," sponsored by Councilmember Case. McReynolds motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Case, and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Mayor Weathers reported a public hearing was held to discuss the proposed property tax rates for the year 2018, with no one attending and no comments received.

Clerk Brock read first reading of Ordinance 2018-15, "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE UPON THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE, PERSONAL PROPERTY, MOTOR VEHICLES AND WATERCRAFT WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY, FOR THE YEAR 2018." Case motioned to approve after first reading, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Mayor Weathers reported the city bid out leaf collection services last year and awarded the contract to Ricchuite Enterprises. The contract can be renewed for one more year, or we will need to bid out the service again. Clerk Brock confirmed the contract price is \$22,000. After discussion, Gibson motioned to renew the contract for one more year, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock reported bids were received for the sale of the surplus 1998 Ford F800 Tanker Truck today at 3 PM and presented the list of bids received: Roger L. Turnbaugh, \$3,075.00; John J. Tabor, \$5,176.00; Michael D. Gibbs, \$3,133.00; Scott Shakelford, \$8,800.00; Todd County Stone, \$5,251.00; and, Melvin Byler, \$3,010.00. Mr. Haley motioned to accept the bid of Scott Shakelford, seconded by Gibson, and carried

unanimously.

Mayor Weathers and Clerk Brock reported one bid has been received from Ensience in the amount of \$2,350.00 to collect soil samples in the switchgrass area on the Elkton Die Casting property. A bid was sought from Ensafe, who reported they would have to submit a proposal to prepare a proposal to do the sampling. Laster motioned to accept the bid from Ensience, seconded by Case, and carried unanimously.

Brock reported a request from the Todd County Chamber of Commerce to be a sponsor of the Bale Trail. There is a \$250 non-member/\$200 member level to get your logo on the back of a t-shirt and on the Bale Trail map and website. Or, a \$100 non-member/\$75 member level that just gets your name listed on the t-shirt, map and website. Discussion then went back to membership levels. There was some concern that no city residents are on the Todd County Chamber Board of Directors. Slack stated several were asked, but none would commit. However, several Elkton businesses are represented on the Board. Slack stated the city had been joining the Todd County Community Alliance at the \$1,000 level and Brock confirmed that would be in the budget again for this year. After discussion, Haley motioned to join the Chamber at the \$1,000 level, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously. Case then motioned to sponsor the Bale Trail at the \$75 level, seconded by Gibson, and carried unanimously.

Brock updated everyone on the planning of HarvestFest, which will be held on Saturday, October 6th on the Square. Bands have been confirmed for the event and three sponsors are supporting the free children's area: United Southern Bank, Weathers Drugs/L&R Soda Shop, and Elkton Bank and Trust, Co. The children's area will include four inflatable bouncers and a video game trailer. Booth spaces are still available for rent.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Haley reported the residents of East Ruth Drive are concerned about that road being used as access to the new church being planned behind their property, which also has access to Pond River Road. It is currently a dead-end street, but many people were using it to access the church property during a recent event. Mr. Traugher stated that if the road borders the church property we probably cannot deny access. Terry Frogue stated he will research information at the courthouse to see where the right-of-way is actually located. Haley reported the church does not plan to start construction until the year 2020. This item will be tabled until Frogue can research the properties involved.

Laster asked if the water loss report had been prepared and Clerk Brock confirmed loss was at about 25% last month. Frogue stated a few leaks have been repaired and Kentucky Rural Water was in the city one night recently using listening devices to find leaks, with no major leaks found.

Frogue reported the utility department had an accident with two of their vehicles involved, damaging one truck's bed. The Todd County Water District offered to sell the city a brand new truck bed they were not selling at about half the cost, which will be purchased and installed.

Frogue is continuing to work on sidewalk repairs trying to find local contractors to bid on the repair work. Frogue wants to make sure the repairs are done according to ADA guidelines. The city has about \$70,000 in the budget for various repairs and McGhee Engineering quoted a price of about \$10,000 to prepare bids specifications and make sure the repairs are completed correctly.

Frogue also reported the contractor filming inside sewer lines has begun work, with several sewer lines being found that were not mapped. The crew has been working on new sewer taps on B White Road and beginning to run new lines to areas on West Main Street recently annexed.

Frogue also reported one of the large items the council recently declared surplus, the Flo-Trend Sludge Mate roll off container, was recently sold on GovDeals.com bringing in about \$15,203 to the sewer department.

Mr. Powell reported he has been working to complete some of the CDBG citizen surveys for the fire department grant. Chief Waggoner stated all the equipment ordered under the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant has been received.

Powell also reported a concern from a resident on N Perry Street regarding tree limbs growing in the powerlines and confirmed Pennyrile Electric needed to be contacted.

Mayor Weathers and Powell will be working with the volunteer firemen to complete citizen surveys to determine the city's eligibility to apply for grants to either build an additional bay at the existing fire hall or to make repairs to the Elkton Die Casting property for a new fire hall and municipal building. Mayor Weathers called for the council to be considering if they would want to use the Die Casting building for this purpose. There was discussion about selling the Die Casting building. The surveys will be completed first to see if the city is even eligible for the grant and then this item will be discussed later.

Mr. Case reported the park recently awarded contracts to remove a tree and trim some trees in the park. Baseball and soccer are set to begin soon.

Case reported a citizen concern about the iron fence in Glenwood Cemetery that needs repaired. Mr. McReynolds presented a picture of the fence. Brock stated she believes a large tree limb fell on the fence. She will contact Brad Sharp who repaired the fence last year and get a quote for these repairs.

Haley requested the iron gate at the main entrance of Glenwood Cemetery be cleaned from mud around the ground. This will cause the gate to erode. Mayor Weathers will work with Raymond Williams and his crew to get this done.

Haley and McReynolds reported three residents they spoke with on Morningside Drive were in favor of the speed bumps on their street. Brock stated she sent a letter to all property owners and residents on that street and only had responses from two last time she checked. Responses will be compared and reviewed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Weathers reported during an economic development meeting in Elkton last week, she learned about the Western Kentucky Reentry Council for this area that helps people that have been incarcerated reintegrate into the community. She requested the council consider allowing her to work on a local meeting to educate local businesses and the community about this program.

Mayor Weathers will be meeting with the volunteer firemen this week to show them how to administer the citizen surveys for the grant for the fire hall addition. She asked the other city council members to consider volunteering to help administer the surveys as well.

Brock reminded everyone that the next regular city council meeting will be held on Monday, October 15, 2018 at 7 pm due to the Columbus Day holiday falling on Monday, October 8th. She suggested the council consider changing our ordinance to allow the regular meeting to be held on the following Tuesday after a holiday rather than the following Monday. Haley suggested an ordinance be prepared for the next meeting.

Mr. Gibson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:16 pm.

Jackie Boyd Weathers, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer