

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

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 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; and, Justin Moberly, Zoning Administrator/Citation Officer.

Mayor Weathers called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Haley gave invocation.

After reviewing the November 12, 2018 council meeting minutes, Haley motioned to approve, seconded by Gibson, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers called for approval of the bills payable and financial reports. Clerk Brock reported one addition to the Add to Bills Payable from Ricchuite Enterprises, who was low bidder and completed the repairs of the iron fence in Glenwood Cemetery and submitted an invoice this afternoon for \$2,600. McReynolds and Gibson reported inspecting the work and they did an excellent job. After review, Haley motioned to approve the bills payable with the Ricchuite Enterprises addition and financial reports, seconded by Powell and carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Clerk Brock stated a Summary of Ordinance 2018-18, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TEXT OF SECTION 152.15 (RECREATION COMMISSION; ESTABLISHMENT) OF THE CITY OF ELKTON CODE OF ORDINANCES" was prepared by City Attorney Jeff Traughber. Haley motioned to read the Summary in lieu of the full ordinance, seconded by McReynolds, and carried unanimously by show of hands. Clerk Brock read second reading of Summary of Ordinance 2018-18. Case motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Haley, and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Clerk Brock stated a Summary of Ordinance 2018-19, "AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY" was prepared by City Attorney Jeff Traughber. Laster motioned to read the Summary in lieu of the full ordinance, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously by show of hands. Clerk Brock read second reading of Summary of Ordinance 2018-19. McReynolds motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Haley, and carried unanimously by show of hands. Haley stated the public needs to be notified of the new demolition permit requirements and suggested including something with the utility bills. Brock stated one insert would not increase postage, so the only cost would be for copies. Haley motioned to include the new requirements including potential fines in the next utility bills, seconded by Gibson, and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock reported the Kentucky League of Cities performed a safety liability scorecard assessment of the city and we scored 27.78% out of 100. The scorecard includes recommended safety procedures including safety committee meetings, etc. The low score does not increase our insurance premium, however if we can improve our score to 40% before next year, we can get a 3% general liability premium discount. There has been a safety committee established by resolution, but it has not been meeting. The committee did start meeting last month and will continue to meet quarterly.

Municipal Order 2018-02, "MUNICIPAL ORDER AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES" was presented. Clerk Brock reviewed each amendment, which includes new wording due to the implementation of a new timeclock system and several suggestions from the liability scorecard, including mandatory annual motor vehicle records checks and a new policy about distracted driving. After review, Laster motioned to adopt Municipal Order 2018-02, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Brock reported the city was awarded a KLC Safety Grant, which the council approved applying for at the last meeting. Precision Concrete has already completed the work to grind down trip hazards on the sidewalks on West Main Street and South Main Street at a cost of \$6,000 and the city received \$3,000 from KLC to cover half of the expense.

Mayor Weathers reported bids were received for the Elkton Die Casting Roof Repairs on November 19, 2018 with the following bids received for the base bid project: R & T Contracting, \$80,830.75; and, Bluegrass Commercial, \$29,901.18. There was discussion about the wide range of bids. Frogue reported several companies expressed interest in bidding, but did not submit a bid. Frogue stated the city did include in the bid a 6 month warranty that would require any additional leaks to be fixed during that time and that may have increased the price. After discussion, Case motioned to reject all bids and rebid the project at the end of February, seconded by McReynolds, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers reported a request from a citizen for an "Autistic Child in Area" sign to be installed in her neighborhood. Case stated if the city puts this sign up it may open the city up to multiple special requests. Officer Clardy stated at a recent training they advised that parents of autistic children put the "puzzle piece" symbol on their mailbox. Frogue stated he has attended training that says cities should not even put up "Slow Children at Play" signs because if they are not placed everywhere in the city it might open the city to liability if an accident occurs where there are no signs. It was the consensus the signs not be installed by the city.

Terry Frogue reported a request to change the speed limit on Pond River Road from Highway 68 to the end of the city limits going north to 35 mph. It is currently 45 mph. There was discussion about many complaints of speeding on Pond River Road. After much discussion, Haley motioned to establish the speed limit on the south side of Pond River Road from Highway 181 to Highway 68 to 25 mph and on the north side of Pond River Road from Highway 68 to 35 mph, seconded by Laster and carried unanimously. Haley motioned to put this change of speed limit in with the utility bills at the next mailing, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously. It was also suggested by Frogue to submit this information to the Todd County Standard to notify everyone in the county of the change.

Haley stated he would like for part-time employees John Service and Raymond Williams to be made full time. These employees are budgeted for 1200 hours per year to keep from paying retirement expenses and they are running out of hours by the end of the year. Haley motioned to make Service and Williams full time. Motion died due to the lack of a second. After more discussion, Haley motioned to look into the total cost of making Service and Williams full time, seconded by Gibson, and carried unanimously.

Frogu reported the city is currently accepting bids on sidewalk repairs in the three areas of town that were damaged by the home demolitions and also expanding the concrete pad for the new generator at the main lift station. Both bids are due on January 8, 2019.

Mayor Weathers reported Amy Kearns has submitted her resignation from the Recreation Commission. Since the city has decreased our number of appointed positions from 4 to 3, there is no need to appoint a replacement.

Elkton Gospel Church has requested a new street light in front of their property on Allensville Street. Officer Clardy confirmed this area is dark and may need a light. There was considerable discussion on what pole the light would be installed on. No action was taken until installation location could be determined and reported at the next meeting.

Haley motioned to amend his previous motion regarding the cost of moving two employees from part-time to full time to include this should be reported at the next council meeting, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously.

Moberly reported code enforcement action taken by him in the month of November and included the number of violations that have been corrected. Everyone thanked Moberly for the work he did and for the report.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Haley questioned whose responsibility it is to make sure people working in the city have a business license. Moberly stated he spoke with Assistant Clerk Amy Bryant today and he will be checking this from now on. Clardy also stated the police department assists with checking licenses.

Haley asked about the speed bump progress. Frogue reported the bumps have been installed on Morningside Drive. Brock reported 80 letters were sent to residents and owners on Duke, Olive, Marion, and College Street and only 9 responses were received. 8 approved of the bumps and 1 voted no. On Elaine Court, 27 letters were mailed with 9 responses received. 6 approved of the speed bumps, 2 voted no, and one person said they agreed if everyone else did. The council discussed the lack of responses and felt like more people should respond and that we should see how the bumps are received on Morningside Drive.

Haley asked if there is an issue with a group of young men bullying and fighting in the city. Clardy confirmed there are some issues that are being worked on.

Clardy reported he has enjoyed working with outgoing council member Haley. Haley stated he has enjoyed working with the police department and everyone in the city.

Laster called for a report from Frogue. Frogue reported the crew videoing sewer lines has left town for the time being. After the first of the year, GRW Engineering would like to begin analyzing the videos made so far.

Powell reported Waggoner and Smith were absent because of state fire training being conducted tonight. Mayor Weathers also reported Chief Waggoner continues to work on the surveys needed to establish eligibility for a CDBG grant to expand the fire hall.

Gibson stated it has been a pleasure to work with Haley and he likes the way he “tells it like it is.” Haley thanked Gibson for the comments.

McReynolds complimented the welding work completed by Ricchuite Enterprises on the cemetery fence and stated he should be given the opportunity to bid on future projects. Haley stated more work needs to be done on the iron fence as several sections on the very bottom are deteriorating and need to be replaced. Gibson also stated the gate at the main entrance of the cemetery needs to be cut down at the bottom where it is also starting to deteriorate. Mayor Weathers reported the fence in Elkton Cemetery has been painted by Raymond Williams and the inmate crew.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Weathers stated it has been a pleasure to work with all the city council members and that she is extremely proud of all employees. She stated this is the best job she has ever had.

Powell and Laster presented council member David Haley and outgoing Mayor Weathers with an award and thanked them for their service to the community.

Haley motioned to adjourn, seconded by Gibson and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:32 pm.

Jackie Boyd Weathers, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer