

Minutes: City Council Special Meeting
April 29, 2019
5:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in special session on Monday, April 29, 2019 at 5:00 PM with Mayor Arthur Green presiding.

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

Others present: Laura Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer; Terry Frogue, Utility/Street Superintendent; Police Captain Jason Clardy; Fire Chief Derrell Waggoner; Assistant Fire Chief Daniel Smith; and, Justin Moberly, Zoning Administrator.

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Frank McReynolds gave invocation.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation
4. Code Enforcement
5. Resolution 2019-01 – Approving TAP Application
6. FY2020 Budget Work Session
7. Adjourn

Mayor Green reported he understands several council members and others are getting emails regarding a dilapidated property located at 528 N Main St with complaints that the city is not doing anything to clean up the property. Mayor Green wanted everyone to be on the same page and stated the city is following the code enforcement process and looking at our ordinances and even other agencies to see what else can be done.

Resolution 2019-01, “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM” was presented. Mayor Green explained this project would widen Goebel Avenue for a bicycle lane and install new sidewalks connecting to existing. To accommodate the project, additional right-of-way would need to be acquired and some utility lines would need to be moved. The final cost has not been calculated but should be about \$500,000 with TAP providing 80% of the total cost and the city required to fund the remaining 20%. Case motioned to approve Resolution 2019-01, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green presented the draft working budget for FYE June 30, 2020. Clerk Brock began reviewing the budget highlighting any changes and major differences from the previous year.

- Police Captain Clardy presented some goals and requests for next year, including submitting a grant for new ballistic vests and Tasers. Also, he asked that the city continue its plan to purchase a new vehicle every two years and requested a new 2020 Ford Explorer be purchased next year. The Department recently scored only 31 out 100 possible points on the KLC Law Enforcement Review. He suggested several ways to increase the score, including adding a training officer program and implementing a health and wellness program and suggested officers receive pay incentives in each program. Also, several policies and procedures need to be reviewed and implemented. He requested the city hire a certified evidence tech to inspect and audit the evidence room and institute an evidence tech program. Clardy would also like to pursue accreditation for the department. The total additional cost of these programs would be about \$6,250 next year.
- Fire Chief Derrell Waggoner reported Assistant Chief Daniel Smith is working on a proposal to purchase a ladder truck. This truck has been requested by Novelis, the new industry locating in

Guthrie and would serve the entire county. Turnout gear and SCBA devices are much needed and the department plans to write grants and use State Fire Aid to make these purchases over the next several years.

- Clerk Brock and Mayor Green pointed out a new Department has been created in the budget where existing line items have just been moved from Administrative expenses to the new Culture and Recreation department. One new item in this Department is an expenditure for the Elkton Bicentennial celebration next year and a “Zip Code Day” celebration. Mayor Green requested the council submit to him names of volunteers to serve on a committee to help plan the bicentennial and zip code day celebrations.
- Utility Superintendent Terry Frogue presented a list of items and projects needed for the water, sewer, and street department. Proposed for next year’s budget is a KIA water line replacement project. The Morningside water tank is in need of painting or removal with each option discussed. The city’s meter reading software will need to be replaced with a proposed cost for new Badger software and equipment costing approximately \$13,400. The city has been approved for a KIA sewer project as a result of the planning loan project, but a final project cost is being determined. Other items were discussed and will be considered for the budget proposal.

Mayor Green asked everyone to review the draft working budget and to contact him with any concerns or questions over the next few weeks. Once all concerns are considered, a budget proposal will be prepared and presented at a future meeting.

Case passed out a document prepared by Kentucky League of Cities titled, “The Basics of Kentucky Cities” and recommended everyone look over the report.

Laster motioned to adjourn, seconded by Gibson, and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:08 pm.

Arthur Green, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer